

Grant Funding Opportunities

Email Notifications

By signing up with the following list serves, you will be continually informed of new grants that are available:

- www.grantsalert.com
- www.grantwrangler.com/health_physed.html
- www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp
- www.healthinschools.org/News-Room/Grant-Alerts.aspx (see available grants)
- www.healthinschools.org/About-Us/Subscribe.aspx#listserv (sign up for email alerts)
- www.illinoisresource.net
- www.grants.gov/search/subscribeAdvanced.do
- www.clocc.net/partners/seed/seedgrants.html
- fonline.foundationcenter.org
- www.fundsnetsservices.com
- www.govbenefits.gov

Examples of Existing Grants

ING Run for Something Better- School Awards Program

ING Run For Something Better, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs. The school awards program will provide (50) \$2,000 grants to schools that desire to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. Awards are available to programs that target grades 4th through 8th in public elementary or middle schools.

<http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/grants/grants/ING/index.cfm?cid=00001>

General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids

The General Mills Foundation, in partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness, developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year since inception, the General Mills Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

<http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

Hidden Valley Ranch: Love Your Veggies Campaign

The makers of Hidden Valley® Salad Dressings are committed to helping educators grow their students' knowledge of and interest in vegetables at school. The Love Your Veggies™ grant program works to support increased access to, and consumption of, fresh produce during school meals. This year, the grant program will award \$10,000 grants to 10 elementary schools nationwide who demonstrate creativity and innovation in their proposed vegetable programs, as well as a financial need. With support from its partner the School Nutrition Foundation (SNF), the grant program will once again seek to help schools execute innovative programs that will increase the access to, and consumption of, fresh fruits and vegetables in the lunchroom. Grant awards will be based on proposals that demonstrate need, innovation, greatest likelihood of sustainable impact on the students they are serving and potential for community involvement. Funding must be spent on any of the following efforts: fresh produce, a vegetable station, kitchen equipment, program staffing, nutrition education supplies and food safety training.

<http://loveyourveggies.com>

Saucony Run for Good

The Saucony Run for Good program was created to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children. The grants are open to communities and non-profit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids.

<http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/>

National Football League (NFL)- Keep Gym in School

*To improve physical education programs and to raise awareness for the important role that PE plays in the lives of our nation's children, NFL Network is providing ten \$1,000 grants to middle schools across the country. Creating and improving fitness programs, purchasing equipment, funding salaries and helping with needed facility improvements, NFL Network's Keep Gym in School will provide ten in-need middle schools with the resources they need to deliver quality physical education to their students. Nominations are only accepted online at keepgyminschool.com. NFL Network will select 20 schools from the initial national nomination process to formally apply for the grants. **The grant application will only be provided to those schools invited to apply.** **<http://www.keepgyminschool.com/grant-overview.html>***

US Dept. of Education – Physical Education for Progress (PEP) Grant

The Secretary is authorized to award grants to local educational agencies and community-based organizations to pay the Federal share of the costs of initiating, expanding, and improving physical education programs (including after-school programs) for kindergarten through 12th-grade students. Programs must be designed to provide funds for training and education of teachers and staff, and for equipment and support, to enable students in one or more grades, kindergarten through 12, to participate in physical education activities. Approximately 93 grants ranging from \$150,000 to \$500,000 are available each year. The project period includes 36 months.

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/applicant.html>

The National Gardening Association- Healthy Sprouts Awards

*To encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, NGA recognizes outstanding programs through the **Healthy Sprouts Awards**, sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company. These awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States.*
<http://www.kidsgardening.org/healthysprouts.asp>

The National Gardening Association- Midwest School Garden Grant

The Grandchildren of Helene and Mark Eisner will sponsor 11 schools in Midwestern states through the National Gardening Association's Adopt a School Garden® program. Elementary, middle, and high schools serving low- to middle-income students located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are eligible. Educators should be planning to use the garden to teach students life skills, reinforce academics, develop environmental stewardship, and encourage students to make positive choices for themselves and the planet. Both established and start-up garden programs are encouraged to apply. Winners will receive \$1,000 in materials and funding to lay the foundation for their garden program.
<http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/MidwestASG.asp>

Grant Writing Help

Sample K-12 School Grant Proposals

http://www.k12grants.org/samples/samples_index.htm

University of Illinois Extension

The UIC Grant Resource Center provides focused searches for local organizations who need grant funding. A monthly Grant Alert is e-mailed to organizations who are interested in obtaining grants. Editing and proofreading as well as grant writing services are also offered.

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/crawford/grant/index.html>

Flaghouse

Flaghouse has a grantwriter on staff who will help you write a successful proposal for FREE!

<http://www.flaghouse.com/grantWriting.asp>

Proposal Help

Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups. Their guides are designed to assist you through the grant-writing process.

<http://www.npguides.org/>

How to Write a Letter of Inquiry / Letter of Intent

A growing number of major foundations ask potential grant recipients to first submit a two-page letter of inquiry before receiving an invitation to submit a full proposal. Learn how to compose this important document here:

<http://www.grantproposal.com/inquiry.html>

Grant Writing Made Easy

This grant writing guide was designed to help organizations who are interested in securing additional funding for healthy lifestyle/obesity prevention promotion. It focuses on developing skills necessary to better understand the relationship between a funder and the grant recipient and provides tools to help describe the organization and programs from a funder's point of view.

<http://www.clocc.net/partners/GrantWritingGuide2009.pdf>

General Grant Info for Schools

This website offers grant-writing tips, grant opportunities, and even sample proposals.

<http://Schoolgrants.org>