

# GRANT NEWS

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## HIGHLIGHTED GRANTS

### **UnitedHealth HEROES Grants (Deadline: October 22)**

UnitedHealth HEROES Grants Support Youth-Led Innovative Solutions to Leading Health Educators, service-learning coordinators, and students in the health professions are eligible to apply for the UnitedHealth HEROES service-learning project grants. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that combines meaningful service to the community with school-based curriculum or program-based learning.

Grant recipients will receive up to \$1,000 in support for service-learning projects that focus on childhood obesity, engage youth ages 5-25 in the planning and implementation process, and take place during Semester of Service 2010 (MLK Day, January 18, to Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25).

The grant cycle opens August 1. To access the application, complete our Eligibility Quiz. If you are eligible, you will be given access the application materials.

To create a service-learning project around childhood obesity, check out "First Responders: Youth Addressing Childhood Obesity Through Service-Learning."

<http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/UnitedHealthHEROES/tabid/318/Default.aspx>

### **Kids In Need Teacher Grants (Deadline: September 30)**

Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The Kids In Need Foundation helps to engage students in the learning process by supporting our most creative and important educational resource - our nation's teachers. LOFT Loves Teachers, in conjunction with LOFT Cares, is proud to be a national sponsor of the Kids In Need Foundation Teacher Grants Program. LOFT is committed to supporting you, the educator, in your efforts to make a difference for our nation's children. LOFT Loves Teachers has pledged \$50,000 in grant funding. Teachers in all 50 states are eligible.

<http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants>

### **Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants (Deadline: October 16)**

Lowe's will donate \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups - at more than 1,000 different public schools per school year. How would you improve your school? Increase parent involvement? Build stronger community spirit? Create a new school tradition? The ideas are endless. Whatever goals and dreams you have for your school, we can help you fulfill them! At a time when schools and community groups are struggling to make ends meet, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation recognizes that we must increase our focus on basic, one-time project needs. This year, we challenge ourselves to seek ways to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact. In 2009, basic needs will take priority.

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

## HIGHLIGHTED GRANTS CONTINUED

### Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program (Deadline: Rolling through December 31)

Big Green Grants provide resources to schools and community-based organizations to support environmentally friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) be active and live healthily; and/or (3) engage in community service. Adults complete the application. Kids include essays and/or artwork explaining why this project is important to them and their school, club, after-school program or community. Eligible schools and community-based organizations can apply for one of two funding opportunities. (1) A \$2,500 grant for an environmentally-friendly project. (2) A \$5,000 grant for an environmentally-friendly project. To request \$5,000, applicants must provide a 1-to-1 dollar-to-dollar match (\$10,000+ total project budget). To be considered for the program, applicants must explain how the proposed project will benefit or enhance the learning experience of kids, as well as its relevance to the environment, being active and living healthy, and/or community service. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year with a particular focus around Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play (September 26, 2009).

<http://www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm>

### Target Field Trip Grant

Apply Now for 2009-2010 Field Trip Grants. Target will award 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each for the upcoming school year. So put on your thinking caps and complete an application online anytime between now and Nov. 3, 2009. **Deadline:** November 3

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

### Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grant Program for Public Schools and Public Libraries

Applications are accepted from public schools and libraries anywhere in the United States. The mini-grant is for \$500. Creative programs funded in the past have included:

- Ongoing pen-pal projects bringing disparate communities together
- Multi-cultural portrait projects
- Art projects culminating in art shows, murals, or quilts
- Bookmaking
- Creation and performance of puppet shows
- Inter-generational journals.

Only one application will be considered from each library or school. **Deadline:** September 15

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html>

### The Verizon Foundation

The Verizon Foundation is in the business of improving lives in literacy, knowledge and readiness for the 21st century. Schools seeking grants from the foundation must be prepared to track and report program outcomes as well as specific results that demonstrate measurable human impact. The foundation only accepts electronic proposals through its Apply Online process.

**Deadline:** Unsolicited proposals reviewed on a continuous basis from January 1 through October 31, annually.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml?>