

Funding Free Press

Target Field Trip Grant

It's become increasingly difficult for schools to fund learning opportunities outside the classroom. Target launched Field Trip Grants in 2007 making it possible for many classrooms to take a field trip. Some of the best learning opportunities can happen outside the classroom. Field trip grants bring students once-in-a-lifetime learning experiences through field trips they'll never forget.



The program is open to schools nationwide. Each grant is valued up to \$700. Target accepts grant applications from Aug. 1 through Sept. 30.

Due Date: Online application open from August 1 to September 30.

Website: <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

2015 ELMER'S TEACHER TOOL KIT APPLICATION

This grant makes it possible for you to replicate in your own classroom the creative projects that have been funded in the past. Select a project from more than 1,400 Winning Project Ideas on their website (WWW.KINF.ORG). These projects, previously funded, make creative use of common teaching aids, approach curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities.



Grants range from \$100 to \$500. Awards are based on financial need, determined by the percentage of the schools' students enrolled in the federal free and reduced lunch program, and if the selected project meets the educational needs of the students. In addition, special consideration is given to first year teachers.

Due Date: September 30, 2015

Website: <http://www.kinf.org/grants/elmers-teacher-tool-kit-grant/>

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2015 KIDS IN NEED/ DOLLAR GENERAL® LITERACY FOUNDATION READING SCHOLARS TEACHER GRANTS



The purpose of this grant is to improve the literacy of Pre-K to 12th grade students. It is a quick online application that is open to all Pre-K-12th grade teachers.

The project should be your original creation (or your teaching teams) and should be conducted within the 2015-16 academic year. Your project must be designed to improve the literacy of the students participating in the project.

Kids in Need WILL CONSIDER FUNDING: supplies or materials for students to do such things as create a product, conduct an experiment, grow or tend living things, learn a new skill; and written materials or software to be used in the activities of the project. The project should engage studies in hands-on activities that lead to new knowledge, awareness, or self-discovery in the area of literacy.

Awards range from \$100-\$500.

Due Date: September 30, 2015

Website: <http://www.kinf.org/grants/dollar-general-literacy-grant/>

American Immigration Council Community Grants



The American Immigration Council awards grants to fund a limited number of kindergarten through 12 grade-level projects that provide education about immigrants and immigration. Applications for immigration-themed projects will be considered for all subject areas, although special consideration will be given for proposals that relate to the following categories: innovative use of technology; underrepresented minorities; community outreach and partnerships with community-based organizations; mathematics, science, and the arts; teaching and learning of fundamental constitutional rights (due process) and border issues; and service learning.

Classroom-based proposals will receive strong consideration, and the foundation encourages projects that can be replicated in other classrooms. A summary lesson plan and sample materials must be submitted in hard copy and electronically to the Immigration Council's Community Education Center and become the property of the Council for use on the Council's website and in print materials.

Awards range from \$100 to \$500.

Due Date: October 5, 2015

Website: <http://www.communityeducationcenter.org/community-grants>

YouthTouch STEM Grants



The Goldenrod Research Corporation supports hands-on technology in the classroom through its YouthTouch Grant. Hands-on technology education tools bring mathematics and science to life for schools that then become pilot or referral sites for YouthTouch. The grant program provides an opportunity to affordably integrate hands-on robotics and fluid power technology into grades 3 through 8 classrooms.

A 1-to-1 match is required. Grants cover 50 percent of the cost of a comprehensive YouthTouch Technology Integration Program. Schools are responsible for matching the other half. Goldenrod regularly works with those awarded to find the funding if needed. Applications must be submitted by postal mail or fax.

Due Date: Applications are due February 28, May 30, and September 30, annually.

Website: <http://www.goldenrodresearch.com/grants.htm>

Whole Foods School Garden Grant



School gardens can be a vital educational tool. Every seed planted sprouts a new opportunity for kids to cultivate

healthy eating habits. Teaching kids to garden helps students learn about complex topics like sustainability and conservation, food systems and community awareness. Not to mention an appreciation for food from seed to plate.

Created in partnership with FoodCorps, the School Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to a K-12 school, or a nonprofit working in partnership with a K-12 school, to support a new or existing edible garden on school grounds.

Due Date: Online Application Open September 1st to October 31st

Website: <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>

Air Force Junior ROTC Grants



The Air Force Association Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) grant program was established to promote aerospace education throughout classrooms and units. Applications will be judged by the importance and the impact the selected aerospace activity will have on students. Funds may be used for any aerospace education related activity from purchasing textbooks or videotapes, to going on a field trip to an aerospace museum, Air Force base, or other aerospace facility. Grants may not be used for uniforms, or honor guard and color guard activities. Grant award \$250.

Applications are available online.

Due Date: October 10, 2015

Website: <http://www.afa.org/AFA/InformationFor/Teachers/K12Grants/AirForceJuniorROTCGrant>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant

The fall 2015 cycle is now open. The deadline for submitting applications for this grant cycle is October 16, 2015. The average grant from the foundation is \$5000. A school's parent group must apply for the funds on behalf of the school.



For more than 65 years, Lowe's has supported the communities. At a time when schools and community groups are struggling to support the basic needs of their communities, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation recognizes the importance of financial support.

This year, the foundation is seeking ways to provide the tools that help educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently, while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority. Please keep this focus in mind as you apply for a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant this year.

Due Date: October 16, 2015

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

Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant



Public and/or private 3rd through 6th grade teachers, with classes of a minimum of 15 students may apply for an indoor or an outdoor herb garden grant.

The Herb Society of America will award indoor window sill herb gardens to four (4) schools each year. The classrooms selected will receive three (3) windowsill herb garden kits including pots, soil, seeds and educational materials to use in the classroom. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials.

The Herb Society of America will select five (5) schools/classrooms to receive \$200 "Seed Money" to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc. The school may need to seek additional funding and support from other sources. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials and herb seeds.

Due Date: October 19, 2015

Website: <http://herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

American Honda Foundation Education Grants



The American Honda Foundation supports education with a specific focus on the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the environment; job training; and literacy. It engages in grant making that is characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, scientific, humanistic, and innovative.

The foundation seeks proposals from programs that have a well-defined sense of purpose, a commitment to making the best use of available resources, a reputation for accomplishing their objectives, innovative and creative methods, a broad scope, a high potential for success, dedication to improving the human condition of all mankind, financial and administrative soundness, and an urgent need of funding from a priority basis.

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) public charities, public school districts, and private and public elementary and secondary schools with a program focused on youth ages birth to 21 and scientific education.

Due Date: November 1, 2015

Website: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Wanting to give back? Volunteer in Your Community!

IM Kids 3rd Meal



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IM Kids 3rd Meal is committed to ending childhood hunger. They provide daily evening meals to children in Montcalm and Ionia counties who are food insecure. With this organization, which is run by volunteers, 100% of the money raised goes directly to feeding children. This endeavor requires a lot of community support; check out their website to see ways that you can contribute and make a difference!

August 24th—September 7th vote daily for this organization, under Human Services category, to have a chance to win \$5,000 from Independent Bank for the Investing With You competition! See Hunger Action Month for more opportunities!

Contact: Deborah Wagner, 616-522-1405, dawagner@ioniaisd.org

Website: www.imkids.org and Facebook Page

Hunger Action Month

September is Hunger Action Month™, when Feeding America and member food banks ask everyone in America to take action to fight hunger in their community, all month long. Hunger Action Month is your opportunity to join a movement that has a real and lasting impact on our effort to feed more Americans than ever before. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations, or volunteering, you can find the way that's right for you to make a difference during Hunger Action Month. Together, we can solve hunger.



IM Kids 3rd Meal is hosting 3 fundraisers during September: Bag-A-Thon, purchase a "Dinner Plate" at a local business or dine out at a participating restaurant for Eat Local Give Local on September 23rd.

Websites: www.imkids.org & <http://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/campaigns/hunger-action-month.html>