



CTAP 11 Technology Funding Alert!

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CTAP 11 . . . Moving Forward for Our 21st Century Learners

Before we put away testing materials and dismiss classes for the summer...let's take time to celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities:

CTAP 11 Three-Year Plan Submitted: The CTAP 11 2008-11 Plan was sent to the CDE on April 16, ahead of the May 1 deadline. We will keep the Regional Council advised of developments as the plan makes its way through the review and funding process.

Roll out the Red Carpet! Come applaud the accomplishments of L.A. County teachers at our annual Digital Voice Awards on Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at Wilson Middle School in Glendale. Register at: <<http://ito.lacoe.edu/dvawards>>.

Summer Professional Development: We continue to offer a number of professional development opportunities this summer: CTAP Academies, ITO Workshops, Instructional Technology Institute, and our two 21st Century Learners programs at the Thacher School in Ojai: Digital Classroom and Technology Leadership Collaborative.

Local Technology Grants Awarded: CTAP 11 congratulates the two dozen L.A. County educators who recently received Best Buy Teach Awards.

Another Opportunity: Extron Electronics is offering the 2008 K-12 Classroom Technology Project Pole-Vault System Grant Program. For information, contact Joe Sanders at (714) 864-9670 or contact him at <jsanders@extron.com>.

Save-the-Date: Friday, October 24, 21st Century Learners Symposium, in Los Angeles.

GRANTS

Special Education Teacher Professional Development Program

Sponsored by the CDE, this three-year grant is designed to train special education teachers in the use of State Board of Education adopted reading/language arts instructional programs to teach reading to special education students in grades K-12.

Contact—croberts@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4630

Website—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1335

Deadline—May 23, 2008

Eligibility—See Appendix L in the RFA for a list of eligible LEAs.

Awards—\$6,500-\$8,000 per teacher. See allocation formula on the Website.

Adobe Launches Free Web Version of Photoshop

Adobe Systems is offering a free web-based version of Photoshop, photo editing software, called Photoshop Express. Photoshop Express allows users to store up to 2 gigabytes of images online for FREE, make edits to their photos, and share them online in creative ways, including downloading and uploading photos from popular social networking sites like Facebook. To sign-up, go to <<https://www.photoshop.com/express/landing.html>>.

Target Local Store Grants

Target offers program support in the following three areas: arts, early childhood reading and family violence prevention. Apply online.

Contact—Community.Relations@target.com

Website—<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

Deadline—May 31, 2008

Eligibility—Schools, libraries and nonprofit agencies in Target store communities

Awards—\$1,000-\$3,000

Learning & Leadership Grants (LLG) Student Achievement Grants (SAG)

Sponsored by the NEA Foundation, the LLG program supports high-quality professional development experiences. The SAG program promotes classroom innovation, and engages students in critical thinking, inquiry, and self-directed learning. Grant writing tips are available on the Website.

Contact—202-822-7840

Website—www.nea.org/grants/neafindtn.html

Deadline—June 1, 2008, October 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public PreK-12 teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty

Awards—75 grants of \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups (LLG); 75 grants of \$5,000 (SAG)

Gifted and Talented Education

Sponsored by the CDE, this program supports unique opportunities for high-achieving and underachieving students in

public elementary and secondary schools in California who are identified as gifted and talented.

Contact—Sandra Frank, 916-323-5505, sfrank@cde.ca.gov

Website—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1276

Deadline—June 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 school districts and county offices of education

Awards—See allocation formula on Website.

Captain Planet Foundation

The Captain Planet Foundation provides funds for projects that promote an understanding of environmental issues.

Contact—tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org

Website—www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html

Deadline—June 30, 2008, September 30, 2008

Eligibility—Public, private and charter schools

Awards—\$250-\$2,500

Motorola Lincoln Grants

Sponsored by the Motorola Foundation in partnership with the Chicago History Museum, this program is designed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth with a focus on three themes: bringing history into the future (using new technologies to educate students), engaging in current events, and leadership skills.

Contact—Use the "Contact Us" interface on the Website

Website—www.motorola.com/content.jsp?globalObjectId=8772

Deadline—July 30, 2008

Eligibility—Public and private schools and school districts, universities, museums, and nonprofit organizations

Awards—A total of \$750,000 will be awarded. Applicants may request up to \$25,000.

American Honda Foundation

Grants are provided in the fields of youth education and science education.

Contact—After beginning an online application, direct questions to "Need Support?" located at the bottom of each page.

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

Deadline—August 1, 2008, November 1, 2008

Eligibility—Public and private schools and school districts, colleges and universities, and scientific and education-related nonprofit agencies

Awards—\$40,000-\$80,000



Toshiba America Foundation

Grants for Grades 7-12

Grants are made for programs and activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics, grades 7-12, with a focus on inquiry-based projects designed by individual teachers, and small teams of teachers, for use in their own classrooms.

Contact—foundation@tai.toshiba.com, 212-596-0620

Website—www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp

Deadline—August 1, 2008 for grants more than \$5,000; Ongoing for grants less than \$5,000

Eligibility—Grades 7-12 public and private schools

Awards—Small grants of \$5,000 or less and large grants of \$5,000 or more

Access to Artistic Excellence

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, this category supports projects that provide short-term arts exposure or arts appreciation for children and youth as well as intergenerational education projects. Projects may take place in school, after school, during the summer, or in a community setting.

Contact—See Website for a listing of art discipline contacts.

Website—www.nea.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html

Deadline—August 11, 2008

Eligibility—School districts, arts organizations, local arts agencies

Awards—\$10,000-\$100,000

Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Provides schools with resources to improve their science curriculum by engaging students in hands-on experiences outside the traditional classroom. At least 100 schools will receive grants they can use to build a new outdoor classroom or to enhance a current outdoor classroom.

Contact—info@toolboxforeducation.com

Website—www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowe/outdoor/index.html

GTECH After School Advantage Computer Lab Program

This program provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide inner-city children, aged 5-15, with a meaningful learning experience during critical after-school hours, in a safe environment. This initiative is meant to provide an otherwise unavailable educational experience and bridge the digital divide among at-risk children. To learn more, go to: <http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp>.

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools

Awards—\$500-\$2,000

Teaching Tolerance Grant Program

Teaching Tolerance offers grants for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas.

Contact—Please direct questions via the "Contact Us" interface on the Website.

Website—www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—PreK-12 classroom teachers

Awards—\$500-\$2,500

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Curriculum Associates Partners for Growth Grants Program

Matching funds are available for educators with innovative ideas for implementing Curriculum Associates materials.

Contact—grants@CAinc.com,

1-800-225-0248, Ext. 545

Website—www.curriculumassociates.com/educator-resources/grants/default.asp?Type=SCH&CustId=3605512319807171549223

Deadline—June 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools

Awards—100 \$300 matching grants of Curriculum Associates materials will be awarded in each cycle.

Microsoft's Fresh Start for Donated Computers Program

This program gives primary and secondary schools the ability to put the computers they receive as donations to use quickly and easily. Through a simple online application process, school districts can receive the Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional licensing documentation and installation CDs.

Contact—frshstrt@microsoft.com

Website—www.microsoft.com/education/fsinfo.msp

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Free copies of Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional licensing documentation and installation CDs

AWARDS/TEACHER GRANTS

NSTA New Science Teacher Academy

This professional development initiative is designed to help promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence, and improve teacher content knowledge.

Contact—NSTAcademy@nsta.org or 703-312-9226

Website—www.nsta.org/academy/

Deadline—May 23, 2008

Eligibility—Teachers who are entering their second or third year of teaching and working

a schedule with 51% or more of their classes in middle or high school science

Awards—Online mentoring, web-based professional development activities, financial support to attend NSTA's 2009 National Conference on Science Education in New Orleans.

The American Immigration Law Foundation's Teacher Grant Program

This program is designed to providing funding for K-12 grade level projects that provide education about immigrants and immigration. The foundation is seeking innovative ideas involving creative uses of technology, underrepresented minorities, community outreach, and math and science.

Contact—info@aifl.org, 202-742-5600

Website—www.aifl.org/teach/grants.shtml

Deadline—June 1, 2008, November 28, 2008

Eligibility—Public or private K-12 teachers

Awards—\$100-\$500

Upcoming Summer/Fall Grants

Dell TechKnow 2.0 Program

<http://www.dell.com/content/topics/global.aspx/sitelets/solutions/industry_application/pub_solutions/programs/dell_techknow?c=us&cs=RC1084719&l=en&s=k12>

Check Website on June 15th for Fall 2008 semester.

Kids in Need Teacher Grants

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

Check Website on July 15, 2008.

Best Buy Teach Grant Program

<www.BestBuy.com/teach>

Check Website in July 2008.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant

<www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Check Website in July 2008.

Target Field Trip Grants

<<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>>

Check Website in August 2008.

Libri Foundation Books for Rural Schools

<www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>

Deadline—August 15, 2008

Technology Grants for Rural Schools

<www.fred.org/tech.html>

Deadline—September 13, 2008

Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant Program for Public Schools

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

Deadline—September 15, 2008

Vernier Technology Awards

<www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html>

Deadline—October 15, 2008

GreenWorks! Grants

<http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_21.html>

Deadline—October 31, 2008