



Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director . . .

Welcome to another year of CTAP Region 7's *Technology Funding Alert!* You'll be receiving five issues this year to keep you informed about opportunities for grants, awards and product donations that will support the use of technology in teaching and learning. The *Alert!* will also be available on our Website at <http://www.ctap7.org>; click on "Grants/Funding."

A key step for many districts in applying for funds to support educational technology is the development of a district technology plan. CTAP works hand-in-hand with districts to support the development of these plans, which then can be approved at the state level, to enable districts to receive technology funding from the state. In addition, plans submitted for approval prior to January of 2009, will enable districts to be compliant with E-rate technology plan requirements. This year, we anticipate a few districts will submit plans in early October, while most will be submitted in the cycle that ends December 3, 2008.

We will be offering three Technology Planning Workshops this year designed to assist those districts that are writing or revising their technology plans for the 2008-09 school year. We will review the changes to each section, and discuss new legislation that will effect minor changes in the new 3-5 year plan. The afternoon will provide an opportunity to copy and paste the expiring plan into the new template. Digital copies of the expiring plan will be provided. For a list of Tech Planning Workshop dates and planning materials, please visit: <http://www.ctap7.org> and click on "Tech Plans."

For those educators interested in learning more about grant writing, we are excited to announce our first series of **Grant Writing Workshops**. Participants will leave with a thorough understanding of grant writing basics and resources to find funding. The first two grant writing workshops will be held on November 5, 2008 & December 17, 2008 at Hoover High School, located in the Fresno Unified School District. Both workshops will take place from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and the cost is \$25 for each workshop. This includes lunch and materials. To register for either of these workshops, please visit: <http://www.ctap7.org> and click on "Grants/Funding."

For further information about other regional services, visit the CTAP Region 7 Website at <http://www.ctap7.org> or phone us at (559) 497-3711. We look forward to supporting your success in grant acquisition this year!

Amy Lopez, Director, CTAP Region 7

teachers' mathematical knowledge. A variety of grant programs are offered.

Contact-703-620-9840, ext. 2112, exec@nctm.org

Website-<http://www.nctm.org/met.aspx>

Deadline-November 14, 2008

Eligibility-Varies by program (see Website)

Awards-Varies by program (see Website)

Airforce Association

Educator Grant Program

The Educator Grant Program is designed to promote aerospace education activities in K-12 classrooms. Preference will be given to projects that relate to aerospace science and technologies.

Contact-Ann Sagle, 1-800-727-3337, ext. 4869, ASagle@afa.org

Website-<http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/educator.asp>

Deadline-November 14, 2008

Eligibility-K-12 educators

Awards-Up to \$250

Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program

Sponsored by the USDA, this program is designed to promote and strengthen agriscience and agribusiness education and support current Agriculture in the Classroom programs for grades K-12.

Contact-electronic@csrees.usda.gov, 202-401-5048

Website-<http://tinyurl.com/agintheclassroom>

Deadline-December 15, 2008

Eligibility-Public secondary schools, community colleges, institutions of higher education, or nonprofits

Awards-From \$1M, up to \$35,000 for single institution applications, and up to \$50,000 for multiple institution applications

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

While much of this program is intended for higher education to recruit and train future librarians, the program also assists in the professional development of K-12 school librarians and library staff.

Contact-Kevin Cherry, 202-653-4662, kcherry@imls.gov

GRANTS

Target Field Trip Grants

This grant initiative is designed to fund field trips for students.

Contact-1-800-537-4180,

targetfieldtripgrants@scholarshipamerica.org

Website-<http://tinyurl.com/targetfieldtrips>

Deadline-November 1, 2008

Eligibility-K-12 public, private or charter schools

Awards-5,000 grants of up to \$800 each

Lego Children's Fund

Supports programs in early childhood education, technology and communication projects, and sports or athletic programs that concentrate on under-served youth. The Fund is interested in seeding new programs serving children age birth to 14.

Contact-legochildrensfund@lego.com

Website-<http://tinyurl.com/legochildrensfund>

Deadline-November 1, 2008

Eligibility-Programs serving children age birth to 14, including schools and nonprofits

Awards-\$500-\$5,000

Verizon Foundation

The Education Program seeks to support programs that improve literacy and educational achievement. View sample grants on the Website.

Contact-Contact your Local Community Relations Manager. An online directory is viewable by zip code.

Website-<http://tinyurl.com/verizonfoundation>

Deadline-November 1, 2008

Eligibility-K-12 schools and nonprofits

Awards-\$5,000-\$10,000

American Honda Foundation

The Foundation makes grants for programs in the fields of youth education and scientific education.

Contact-310-781-4090

Website-<http://tinyurl.com/americanhonda>

Deadline-November 1, 2008

Eligibility-K-12 schools and districts

Awards-\$40,000-\$80,000

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Grant Programs

Provides funds to support classroom teachers to improve classroom practices and increase

Freecycle.org

FREEBIE ALERT! Teachers and others looking for donated materials can join The Freecycle Network™, a nonprofit group that helps you find free stuff for reuse. Check it out at <<http://www.freecycle.org>>. You might find something you need.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/21stcenturylibrarian>
Deadline—December 15, 2008
Eligibility—Public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries
Awards—50 grants up to \$50,000 each

Captain Planet Foundation

Provides support for environmental education projects.

Contact—Taryn Murphy,
tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org

Website—<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html>

Deadline—December 31, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofits

Awards—Range: \$250-\$2,500

Technical Support Mini-Grants

MOUSE Squad of California (MSCA) enables upper elementary, middle, and high school students to provide a service to their schools, while they learn Information Technology (IT), communication, and leadership skills. It can be an after-school program or an in-school elective. MSCA has an online curriculum, hands-on activities, Student Help Desk, and volunteers.

Contact—Jan Half, jhalf@ca.mousesquad.org, 650-345-6338 or 408-712-5912

Website—<http://www.ca.mousesquad.org>

Deadline—Ongoing for 2008-09 implementation

Eligibility—K-12 public schools in California

Awards—\$1,000 or \$500 for first year of MOUSE Squad Student Tech Program (cost of program is \$2,500 per site) for licensing, training, volunteers, program management

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Sun Academic Excellence Grant Program

This program provides equipment grants and access to free training and certifications. See Website for grant focus areas.

Contact—Use the online form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/sunacademic>

Deadline—November 6, 2008

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Grants are for hardware donations.

Dell TechKnow

Dell TechKnow is a curriculum program designed to provide in-depth technology literacy and 21st century skills to middle school, high school and college students.

Contact—Use the online form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/delltechknow>

Deadline—November 14, 2008

Eligibility—Dell K-12 school districts and higher education customers

Awards—Technology training and hands-on experience troubleshooting and resolving technology problems. After completion of the program, students earn a refurbished, Internet-ready home computer of their own.

PG&E Solar Schools Program

Donation and free installation of a new 1 kilowatt photovoltaic system that converts sunlight into electric power.

Contact—Glen Kizer at glen@learnenergy.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/SolarSchools>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 public schools within the PG&E service territory

Awards—Up to 40 schools valued at \$25,000 each

Adobe Software Donation Program

Adobe's Software Donation Program allows schools to request a maximum of four individually titled software products or one bundled software package per year. Adobe's Software Donation Program is managed in partnership with both Gifts In Kind International and TechSoup. A processing and shipping fee will be charged for all software donations.

Contact—703-836-2121 (Gifts in Kind)

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/AdobeSoftwareDonation>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofits

Awards—Four individually titled software products or one bundled software package per year.

Win a \$5,000 Grant For Your School!

In addition to offering a variety of school fundraising program resources, the *TopSchoolFundraisers.com Grant Program* is awarding up to five \$5,000 cash grants designed to help schools in need. Pre-K-12th grade public, private or charter schools are eligible to apply. In addition to an online application, a brief essay or 2-3 minute video presentation is required describing how this grant will enhance the educational opportunities for your school. Entries must be received by December 31, 2008. For more information, visit <http://topschoolfundraisers.com/news/grant/>.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

Presidential Award for Reading and Technology

The Presidential Award for Reading and Technology honors educators in grades K-12 who are making innovative contributions to the use of technology in reading education.

Contact—exec@reading.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/readingandtechnologyaward>

Deadline—November 15, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public and private educators

Awards—One grand-prize winner and seven regional winners

2009 Seaworld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

This program recognizes the outstanding efforts of students and teachers who are working to protect and preserve the environment.

Contact—877-792-4332

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/seaworldbuschgardens>

Deadline—November 28, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public, private, home schools

Awards—Eight winning groups will each receive \$10,000, and an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for an awards event.

Vernier Software & Technology/NSTA Technology Award

This award promotes the innovative use of data-collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld in the science classroom.

Contact—awards@nsta.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/VernierNSTA>

Deadline—November 30, 2008

Eligibility—K-College science teachers

Awards—Seven awards valued at \$3,000 each

Excellence in Teaching Technology

Sponsored by the International Technology Education Association (ITEA), this award recognizes and encourages the integration of a quality technology education program within the school curriculum.

Contact—703-860-2100, itea@iteaconnect.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/teachingtechnology>

Deadline—December 1, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 technology teachers who are ITEA members

Awards—\$2,000

C-SPAN's StudentCam 2009

C-SPAN StudentCam invites students to identify a current political topic of interest and produce a short (up to eight minute) video documentary, which creatively explores an issue while integrating C-SPAN programming. This year's topic is a message to the new president: *What is the most urgent issue for the new president to address after taking office, and why?*

Contact—educate@c-span.org, 800-523-7586

Website—<http://www.studentcam.org>

Deadline—January 20, 2009

Eligibility—Middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) may submit entries as individuals or in teams of 3.

Awards—75 student prizes and 11 teacher prizes totaling \$50,000. Teachers of top winners will receive money for digital media equipment for their schools.

250,000 K-12 Teachers to get FREE Wikis!

Wikispaces is sponsoring a giveaway of ad-free, private K-12 Plus wikis for teachers and other education staff valued at \$50 per year. The program is designed to encourage the use of wikis, a web-based collaborative software, in the classroom to further cooperation between students and teachers, both in their own schools and with schools in other cities and countries. To learn more, go to <http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers>.