



CTAP 11 Technology Funding Alert!

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Funding and the Future

CTAP 11 is pleased to announce that its Mini-Grant program will be continued as the **Instructional Technology Outreach (ITO) Mini-Grants**. ITO will award up to 25 Mini-Grants of \$2,500 each to certificated K-12 teachers with classroom assignments in LA County public schools. The Mini-Grant program assists educators with purchasing technology hardware and software to enhance teaching and learning. Online application and information at: <http://ctap.lacoe.edu/minigrants> Deadline: March 31, 2006.

ITO has also introduced **Digital Video Voice (DV Voice)**, a new K-12 program in which participating elementary, middle, and high school students will incorporate narrative writing with digital photography, podcasts, and video productions. ITO will provide the 30 classrooms with equipment; teachers will receive five days of professional development. Online application and information at: http://ctap.lacoe.edu/content/DV_Voice. Deadline: April 7, 2006.

K12 Ed Tech Vouchers: The timeline for the K12 Education Technology Voucher program has changed because of an appeal filed on February 20 at the State Supreme Court. The three possible outcomes are: if the court declines to hear the appeal, the Request for Application (RFA) will be released in the fall; if the court decides to hear the appeal, but denies it, the RFA is released in one or two years; if the court decides to hear the appeal and agrees with the plaintiff, the settlement must go back to court. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) formula funding has been cut 45% statewide.

Again, we hope that you share this publication with your colleagues so we can all work to get more technology and media resources into our schools.

GRANTS

A+ for Energy

The A+ for Energy grant program is designed to support innovative classroom, after school, extra curricular or summer activities focused on energy and/or energy conservation. The grant monies can be spent on technology without restriction.

Contact—Lynn Marlowe, 714-228-6793, lynn.marlowe@bp.com

Web Site—www.aplusforenergy.com

Deadline—April 7, 2006

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 teachers

Awards—\$5,000 and \$10,000 grant amounts from a total of \$1.5M

The Nature of Learning Start-Up Grants

The Nature of Learning is the National Wildlife Refuge System's community-based environmental education initiative and seeks to use national wildlife refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues. The grant monies can be spent on technology without restriction.

Contact—Deborah Moore, deborah_moore@fws.gov or Kim

Chumney, kmchumney@keystone.org.

For questions regarding grant applications, please contact Lauren Madden at lauren.madden@nfwf.org.

Web Site—www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.cfm

Deadline—April 17, 2006

Eligibility—Programs must involve a partnership among a local school(s), community group (e.g., refuge support group), and a National Wildlife Refuge.

Awards—Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for new programs and \$3,000 for continued support of existing *Nature of Learning* Programs.

American Honda Foundation Grants

The American Honda Foundation makes grants to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused nonprofit organizations for programs that benefit youth and scientific education.

Contact—310-781-4090

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

Deadline—May 1, 2006, August 1, 2006

Eligibility—K-12 schools and other youth-focused nonprofits

Awards—Average grant range is \$40,000-\$80,000

InvenTeams High School Invention Grants

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams is a national grants initiative of the Lemelson-MIT Program to foster inventiveness among high school students. InvenTeams composed of high school students, teachers and mentors are asked to collaboratively identify a problem they want to solve, research the problem, and then develop a prototype invention as an in-class or extracurricular project.

Contact—inventteams@mit.edu, 617-452-2146

Web Site—<http://web.mit.edu/inventteams/about.html>

Deadline—May 5, 2006

Eligibility—Teams of high school students, teachers and mentors

Awards—Grants of up to \$10,000 each (In 2005, 18 grants were awarded.)

Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF) Grant Programs

GAERF is a major source of financial support for education and research projects designed to promote careers in graphic communications. GAERF awards standard grants, continuing grants, grants for teacher conferences, and mini-grants.

Contact—gaerf@npes.org

Web Site—www.gaerf.org/grants/grant.html

Deadline—May 30, 2006 for standard grants; Ongoing for mini-grants

Eligibility—High school graphic arts teachers

Awards—\$2500 per award for mini-grants, undisclosed for standard grants

Innovation Grants and Learning & Leadership Grants

The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education sponsors these two grant programs for all subjects, including the arts, literacy, science and technology:

1. *Innovation* grants support collaborative efforts by two or more colleagues to develop and implement creative and effective project-based learning that results in high student achievement.
2. *Learning & Leadership* grants provide funds for individuals to participate in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research.

Grant writing tips are available on the Web site.



Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes (<http://school.discovery.com/cdwg/>)

CDW-G and Discovery Education have partnered to give away two wireless computer labs (valued at \$40,000 each) and more than 30 additional technology prizes! Your school could be one of the winners. Enter now, encourage your colleagues to enter too, and visit the website every day until the sweepstakes ends on May 1, 2006 to increase your chances of winning.

Contact—info@neafoundation.org

Web Site—www.nfie.org/programs/grantguides.htm

Deadline—June 1, 2006

Eligibility—Public school teachers in grades K-12 and public school education support professionals

Awards—Innovation grant amounts are \$5,000; Learning & Leadership grant amounts are \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

Toshiba America Foundation Grants Program for Grades 7-12 Science & Math Education

Toshiba America Foundation encourages projects with potential for improving classroom teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms.

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

Web Site—www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html

Turn Your Surplus Inventory into Cash on eBay!

If your school or college has excess or unused inventory, it doesn't have to sit around gathering dust or be consigned to the trash heap. Instead, you can take advantage of the Internet to sell off your surplus items in virtual marketplaces such as eBay. The Boston Globe reports that the Pembroke Public School District in Boston recruited an experienced eBay merchant to photograph and post their surplus items, including some old shop tools that had been around for many years. The result? Nearly every item sold in the eBay auction, including an aging printing press that netted \$2000. Larger schools and universities are following suit with similar success. Texas A&M reportedly sold three buses on eBay, while Penn State University raised more than \$90,000 on a potpourri of items, including an organ, pianos, an ice cream machine and a doughnut maker. So, start looking around for hidden or discarded assets that may be lurking in corners and storerooms, only waiting to be dusted off and sold for cash. The people at eBay can tell you how to get started.

Deadline—August 1, 2006 for grant requests over \$5,000; Ongoing for grant requests less than \$5,000

Eligibility—Grades 7-12 individual science or math teachers or teams of teachers

Awards—Two grant programs are offered: 1) for grants of less than \$5,000 and 2) for grants of \$5,000 or more.

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Autodesk Product Donations

Administered through Gifts in Kind, the Autodesk software donation program assists nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and others with contributions of software that enhance communities and improve individual productivity. Software donations include the software, supporting documentation (manuals), and authorization to use the software on one computer system. For complete descriptions and the operating requirements of the software products offered through Autodesk's donation program, visit www.autodesk.com. To apply, visit www.giftsinkind.org/resources/autodesk.asp.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/ CONTESTS

Presidential Awards for Mathematics and Science Teaching

Elementary Teachers (Grades K-6)

Each year the program recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the awards is to expand and exemplify the definition of excellent science and mathematics teaching, including innovative uses of technology.

Contact—Math Coordinator: Sandie Gilliam, sgilliam@slvhs.slv.k12.ca.us, 831-335-1677; Science Coordinator: Debby Lott, dlott@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0411

Web Site—www.paemst.org/about.cfm

Deadline—May 1, 2006

Eligibility—Elementary (K-6) teachers must be assigned, at least half time during the year, to classroom teaching of mathematics or science; or be grade K-6 teachers in self-contained classrooms.

Awards—108 awards of \$10,000 each and a paid trip for two to Washington, DC to attend recognition events and professional development opportunities

ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program

The awards are given to K-12 educators pioneering new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning, including innovative uses of technology. Projects are judged on innovative method, creativity, and ability to positively influence students.

Contact—ing@scholarshipamerica.org, 800-537-4180

Web Site—<http://tinyurl.com/a8a34>

Deadline—May 1, 2006

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 full-time teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

Awards—100 finalists will each receive an award of \$2,000. From the 100 finalists, three winners will be selected to receive additional awards ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000.

Thomson Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award

The purpose of this award program is to recognize and encourage collaboration between a teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement.

Contact—Vanessa.Birch@thomson.com

Web Site—<http://tinyurl.com/7hpm>

Deadline—Nominations accepted from April 15, 2006-May 1, 2006

Eligibility—Media specialists/teaching teams from public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Three cash awards of \$2500 each, \$500 worth of Thomson Gale products, and the Educator's Professional Bookshelf (valued at \$800)

Tool Factory/Olympus Contests Classroom Grants

Olympus America, Inc., in partnership with Tool Factory, Inc., is sponsoring a classroom grants program designed to strengthen education through digital imaging and the power of visual learning. Teachers should propose a creative program that involves students and uses Olympus digital cameras and Tool Factory's project-building software as part of the curriculum. Winning proposals can be viewed at the Web site.

Contact—info@toolfactory.com, 802-375-6549

Web Site—www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_teacher.htm

Deadline—June 2, 2006

Eligibility—K-12 and special education schools

Awards—Ten grants (cash + products) valued at \$3,500 will be awarded. Each grantee will receive 3 Olympus digital cameras, a school site license of one Tool Factory software program, workbooks for the class, and \$500 in cash.

Think Ink Contest

Each month, the most pedagogically original, innovative or creative entries that incorporate the use of mimio (electronic whiteboard technology) will win a FREE mimio Interactive or mimio Capture solution. Educators, administrators or students in a K-12 primary, secondary, high school, college or university are eligible to enter. To enter the contest, visit the website at www.mimio.com/solutions/education/thinkink/index.php.