

# The paradigm shift continues

In the late '80s and early '90s, significant attention was paid to paradigm shifts deemed necessary to improve science, math, and other courses of study. Today, the shift remains in full bloom as the thrust for STEM materials besieges education. In its early days – the '70s – Pitsco Education foresaw the potential demand and began to produce hands-on curriculum that enables students to understand the relevance of the materials and concepts at hand. Students were given the opportunity to test theories in a real-world environment. Today, Pitsco's **straw rockets**, **straw structures**, and **bottle/prop racers** are examples of elementary hands-on experiences that open mental doors to the possibilities of the future. The latest Pitsco *Elementary STEM* catalog offers a plethora of activities to be perused. The acquisition of these and other products could be aided by the following funding sources:

## **Annie E. Casey Foundation**

**Category:** Early childhood education

**Academic Subjects:** Varies

**Special Considerations:** Create more innovative, cost-effective responses to the issues that negatively affect children.

**Deadline:** None mentioned

**Max Amount:** Varies

**Website:** <http://www.aecf.org/about/>

## **Bank of America**

**Category:** Wide range of choices

**Academic Subjects:** Varies

**Special Considerations:** Will not consider individual pre-K-12 schools (public or private); district only

**Deadline:** Varies

**Max Amount:** Varies

**Website:** <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm>

## **GE Foundation**

**Category:** Varies

## Grant Funding Leads

**Academic Subjects:** Varies

**Special Considerations:** Equip communities with the technology and capacity to improve access to better health and education.

**Deadline:** None mentioned

**Max Amount:** Varies

**Website:** <http://www.ge.com/foundation/index.html>

### Walton Family Foundation

**Category:** K-12 education

**Academic Subjects:** Varies

**Special Considerations:** Invests in K-12 education and supports charter schools

**Deadline:** None specified

**Max Amount:** Varies

**Website:** <http://www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/our-impact/k12-education>

### *Teacher's Pet*

*(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)*

### Office Depot Foundation

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