

Consider Local Education Foundations

There are many types of funding foundations from local educational foundations (LEFs) to family, company, and government varieties. Often a significant monetary source for private schools, LEFs have become a valuable resource for the public sector as well. LEFs provide financial aid to enhance specific initiatives with an objective to implement innovative programs for their local or district schools. These local foundations have more dollar consciousness and raise larger sums of money than the more common bake sales and carnivals, with millions of dollars put to use immediately or invested in future growth. LEFs might provide funding for immediate needs or assist with recovery from basic shortfalls. Many LEFs exist in the education world, so if you don't find the funding you need through your usual channels, look into whether your school/district benefits from a local education foundation. If it does not, consider trying to get one started! To learn more about LEFs, go to the National School Foundation Association at <http://www.schoolfoundations.org/research-findings>. Other grant funding avenues you might want to consider:

Corning Incorporated Foundation

Category: Elementary and secondary

Academic Subjects: Corning supports a variety of elementary and secondary education activities.

Special Considerations: The foundation is heavily concerned with curriculum enrichment.

Deadline: None specified

Maximum Amount: \$50,000

Website: <http://www.corningincfoundation.org/guidelines/>

Dow Corning Foundation

Category: Secondary

Academic Subjects: Math and science

Special Considerations: Students with limited access

Deadline: None specified

Maximum Amount: None specified

Website: <http://www.dowcorning.com/content/about/aboutcomm/donoradvisedfund.aspx?e=The+Dow+Corning+Foundation>

Milken Family Foundation

Category: Middle and secondary

Academic Subjects: Science

Grant Funding Leads

Special Considerations: Improve teaching that has a focus on science instruction.

Deadline: None specified

Maximum Amount: None specified

Website: <http://www.mff.org/index.html>

Agilent Foundation

Category: Secondary

Academic Subjects: Biosciences

Special Considerations: Furthering interest and excellence in pre-university science programs

Deadlines: None specified

Maximum Amount: None specified

Website: <http://www.agilent.com/contributions/foundation.shtml>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

Alkek Foundation

Category: Elementary and secondary

Academic Subjects: Literary and STEM programs

Special Considerations: None specified

Deadlines: None specified

Maximum Amount: Amounts vary

Website: <http://www.alkek.org/>