

Grant Funding Leads

A road early traveled

A Chinese proverb that applies to education states, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” That step can be stimulated by Pitsco’s 2015-16 *Elementary STEM* catalog. Elementary school teachers strive to help their students achieve greater connectivity with science, technology, engineering, and math. Pitsco products empower teachers as they guide students in hands-on learning as typified by the new Elementary STEM activity guides. These additions are the latticework of engaging learning environments for students and teachers alike.

For travel purposes, two of the more popular guides involve **Fold-N-Roll Racers** and **Maglev Vehicles**. The **Maglev Vehicles** activities involve students discovering how magnets repel as well as attract. They become acquainted with design and construction, they measure time and distance, and they incorporate many problem-solving techniques. The colorful **Fold-N Roll Racers** provide opportunities to teach about the effects of friction and gravity. Students construct racers, measure distance, and compare data. They have the opportunity to engineer the design and determine changes. The included test ramps are a great source for stimulating students’ creative initiatives. Acquisition of these “miles chasing” curricula might stretch the budgetary highway, so perhaps the following sources can be of assistance:

Westar Energy Foundation

The foundation supports programs that encourage youths to stay in school and develop their full potential through STEM education.

Categories: Elementary and middle school

Academic Subjects: Science and technology

Special Considerations: National

Deadline: None specified

Max Amount: Varies

<https://www.westarenergy.com/westar-energy-foundation>

Cisco Foundation

Cisco applies support where they can make the biggest impact – education, economic empowerment, and critical human needs.

Categories: Elementary and secondary

Academic Subjects: Science

Special Considerations: National

Deadline: None specified

Max Amount: Varies

<http://csr.cisco.com/pages/cisco-foundation>

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Annenberg Foundation

The organization uses media and telecommunications to advance teaching in American schools.

Categories: None specified

Academic Subjects: None specified

Special Considerations: Emphasis on teacher usage

Deadline: None specified

Max Amount: Varies

<http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/education-and-nonprofit-development>

Gannett Foundation

Gannett budgets only special initiatives and supports nonprofit activities in the communities in which it does business.

Categories: None specified

Academic Subjects: Programs not normally covered by regular budget

Special Considerations: Gannett business areas

Deadline: None specified

Max Amount: None specified

<http://www.gannettfoundation.org/>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

Deluxe Corporation Foundation

Deluxe supports after-school academic enrichment programs in areas it serves across the US.

<http://www.deluxe.com/dlxab/deluxe-foundation.jsp>