



## Education Grants

### -Popular Opportunities

#### **California Department of Education – Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP)**

**Due:** Board approval needed by November 30th, application due December 1, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. PT

**Amount:** Up to \$3 million for new construction projects; up to \$1.5 million for modernization projects

**Match:** 1:1 local match (no waivers allowed); match may be paid over time

**Eligible Applicants:** Local educational agencies (LEAs) and joint powers authorities (JPAs) operating CTE programs on comprehensive high school sites.

**More Info:** [CDE CTEFP Website](#)

#### **Summary:**

The CTEFP provides competitive grants to support the construction, modernization, or equipment purchase for high-quality Career Technical Education (CTE) programs located on comprehensive high school campuses in California. The program is funded through Proposition 2 (2024), which authorized \$600 million in bond funding, with \$300 million allocated for this seventh funding cycle.

Projects must enhance CTE opportunities by aligning facilities and equipment with labor market needs and industry standards. All applications must be approved by the LEA's CTE advisory committee and meet minimum scoring criteria. Awards are prioritized based on a point system evaluating labor market alignment, student access, projected enrollment, accountability, partner engagement, equipment justification, and more.

#### **Eligible Uses:**

- Construction or modernization of CTE instructional space
- Purchase of equipment with a minimum 10-year life expectancy
- Facilities reconfiguration to support new or expanded CTE pathways

#### **CDE: California Serves Grant Program**

**Deadline:** December 1, 2025

**Amount:** \$500,000 per recipient

**Match:** No match required

**Eligibility:** LEAs serving 12th grade students; must offer or plan to offer the State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE); at least 55% unduplicated pupils

Each applicant (or the lead applicant, if applying as a consortium) must submit a notice of the intent to apply via email to [SSCE@cde.ca.gov](mailto:SSCE@cde.ca.gov) by Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4 p.m. to be eligible to apply for a grant, and to receive any information or updates related to the application.

**Link:** [RFA: California Serves Grant Program \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)

**Purpose/Grant Description:** Supports service-learning and civic engagement opportunities aligned with the State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE) for grade 12 students, expanding LEAs' capacity to provide civic engagement pathways through service learning.

#### **CDE: After School Education and Safety Program Universal Grant Round 2**

**Due:** By 4 p.m. December 3, 2025

**Amount:** maximum grant award for an individual after school site is \$152,612.13 for elementary schools and \$203,482.84 for middle/junior high schools. A school currently serving a combination of elementary and middle/junior high school students may apply for the middle/junior high school maximum of \$203,482.84.

**Eligibility:** Eligible entities may apply for this RFA if they are seeking funding as a new grantee; current grantees that are seeking to add a site to their grant; current grantees that are seeking to increase a current site's funding to the legislative cap, which is \$152,612.13 for elementary schools and \$203,482.84 for middle schools.<sup>11</sup> Eligible entities may not apply for this RFA if they are current ASES grantees seeking to renew their grant; ASES Programs seeking before school and summer/supplemental funding.

**Duration:** 3 years beginning January 2026

**Matching requirements:** 33% or 1/3 cash or in-kind

**Reporting requirements:** Quarterly

**URL:** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ex/fundingop.asp>

**RFA:** [ases25rfaround2.docx](#)

**Purpose:** to create incentives for establishing locally driven Expanded Learning Programs, including after school programs (ASP) that partner with public schools and communities to provide academic and literacy support and safe, constructive alternatives for youth. An ASES Program must integrate with the school day and other Expanded Learning opportunities. Must provide an educational and literacy element in which tutoring, or homework assistance is provided; and an educational enrichment element which may include but is not limited to Fine arts; Career Technical Education (CTE); Recreation; Physical fitness; Prevention activities. Must begin immediately upon the conclusion of the regular school day and operate at least until 6 p.m. on every regular school day. Must maintain a student-to-staff member ratio of no more than 20-to-1 and offer a daily nutritious snack and/or meal. Must provide safe and supervised transportation must be provided to the enrolled students if the program site is not located on a school campus.

### **USDA: Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program**

**Deadline:** December 5th, 2025

**Amount:** Up to \$500,000

**Eligibility:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Schools (public, private, and charter) that participate in the **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** or **School Breakfast Program (SBP)**.
- Institutions that operate the **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** or **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**.
- State agencies, Tribal organizations, local agencies, agricultural producers, and nonprofit entities.

**Matching Requirement:**

A 25% match is required, which can be provided through cash or in-kind contributions.

**Summary:**

The **Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program** helps institutions improve access to local foods for school children and promote farm-to-school activities such as school gardens, local food sourcing, and food education. This grant is designed to fund both new farm-to-school projects and expansions of existing programs.

The **FY 2024** grant offers three types of grants:

1. **Implementation Grants:** For schools and organizations to develop or expand farm-to-school activities.

2. **State Agency Grants:** For state agencies aiming to support farm-to-school programs statewide.
3. **Turnkey Grants:** A streamlined option for those who want a ready-to-implement farm-to-school project.

**Purpose:**

The grant seeks to connect children with locally sourced foods through their school meals and provide educational experiences that promote food literacy, nutrition, and agricultural awareness. These projects often include taste tests, field trips to local farms, and the development of school gardens.

**Application Link:** <https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/grant>

**California Coastal Commission: Whale Tail Grants Program**

**Deadline:** December 15th, 2025

**Match:** Not required, but leveraging other funding sources is encouraged.

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000 (small grants up to \$20,000 available)

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations, schools, government agencies, and tribal organizations.

**Link:** [Whale Tail Grants Program](#)

**Summary:** The Whale Tail Grants Program provides funding to support projects that foster a greater appreciation for California's coastal and marine environments. The program funds projects that provide educational opportunities for underserved communities, engage the public in coastal protection and restoration, and connect people with California's coast through meaningful experiences. Projects can include outdoor education, community-based restoration activities, coastal stewardship, and educational efforts focused on marine and coastal environmental issues.

Special consideration is given to projects that target underserved communities, provide hands-on learning opportunities, or have an innovative approach to promoting coastal and marine conservation. Grant recipients are encouraged to collaborate with local partners and leverage additional funding sources to maximize the impact of their projects.

**CDE: Adult Education Professional Development (AEPD)**

**Deadline:** LOI due November 19, 2025, at 5pm, full proposal due January 7th, 2025

**Amount:** \$4.4M available for the program

**Match:** No

**Eligibility:** Sole proprietorships, partnerships, public or private agencies, unincorporated organizations or associations may submit proposals in response to this RFP

Bidders must have a minimum of three years (within the last five years) of recent full-time experience in:

- Large-scale (above a million dollars annually) adult education and/or professional development, and
- Designing research-based adult education management and leadership strategies and in using statewide data for program improvement.

**Link:** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r8/aepd26rfp.asp>

This funding is designated for the design, implementation, and operation of a large-scale, statewide professional development project that supports high performing literacy and basic skills adult education programs, as defined by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA). The federal AEFLA requires funded agencies to provide adult education professional development activities to improve instruction including, English Language Acquisition; Adult Basic Education; Adult Secondary Education; and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education, which includes Integrated Education and Training.

**JJ Watt Foundation**

**Deadline:** Rolling, apply based on sport start season

**Amount:** Varies depending on ask (reimbursement for equipment)

**Match:** No

**Eligibility:** 6-8 grade

**Link:** <https://jjwfoundation.org/request-funds/>

The mission and priority of the JJWF is to help as many schools/programs as possible. Due to the current economic impact of Covid 19 and inability to hold our annual fundraiser, we are currently prioritizing schools who have not yet received funding from our foundation. We understand that you may need new uniforms and/or equipment across all programs. However, we have limited funds and request that you discuss overall athletic needs with your AD or Principal and apply for what is needed most.

Before submitting an application for funding, ensure that your organization meets the Foundation's criteria listed below and you've read through the entire FAQ section.

### **Dollar General Literacy Foundation: Beyond Words**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Amount:** Not specified

**Eligibility:** Pre-K-12 public schools whose library programs have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster, fire, or an act of terrorism within the past three years.

**Link:** <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#beyond-words>

**Summary:** Beyond Words, a program of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, supports public school libraries in the communities served by Dollar General. Grants are intended to help replace or supplement books, media, and library equipment.

### **US Soccer Foundation**

**Deadline:** Rolling, Applications will be reviewed on December 31, 2024

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** Obtain a budget estimate by contacting your local Musco representative using this form: <https://www.musco.com/soccerfund/>

**Application:** <https://www.tfaforms.com/4871632>

**Link:** <https://ussoccerfoundation.org/programs/safe-places-to-play/>

Musco Sports Lighting and the U.S. Soccer Foundation view soccer as a powerful vehicle for social change. By supporting the development of the U.S. Soccer Foundation's Safe Places to Play program, we share a goal to ensure that children in underserved communities have easy and affordable access to quality soccer programs that support their physical and personal development.

The Soccer Fund was established to offer financial support for sports lighting projects on a rolling basis. Projects can include the Mini-Pitch System™ or soccer lighting projects of all sizes.

### **Toshiba America Foundation**

**Deadline:** Grades K-5 due October 1<sup>st</sup> annually; Grades 6-12 for up to \$5,000 due March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1 annually. Applications for grants more than \$5,000 are due May 1 and November 1, annually.

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000 (see website for details on grants over \$5,000)

**Eligibility:** 6-12 grade Teachers in public or private schools

**Link:** <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/about.jsp>

**Summary:** The Toshiba America Foundation is dedicated to promoting quality science and mathematics education in our nation's schools. Grants for Grades 6-12 are provided to teachers who have an idea for making science and mathematics more fun for their students.