



Education Grants

CDE: California Serves Grant Program

Deadline: October 5th, 2026

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 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: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=7612>

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.

WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act), Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)

Deadline: Application available September 3, 2026; due October 6, 2026 (expected notification February 19, 2027)

Amount: \$99,215,669 total available statewide; recipient amount is a variable pay-for-performance reimbursement — continuing applicants are funded based on past payment points earned, new applicants based on Adult Education Office-audited proof of projected performance

Match: Yes

Duration: 4-year grant cycle

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and other qualifying organizations or agencies, including: a nonprofit community-based 501(c)(3) or volunteer literacy organization of demonstrated effectiveness; an institution of higher education; a public or private nonprofit agency; a library; a public housing authority; certain state agencies (e.g., CA Dept. of Developmental Services, CA Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation); or a consortium of any of the above. Applicants must be legally constituted and qualified to do business in California; CDE reserves the right to evaluate new applicants via site visit. Serves adult learners, age 18+.

Link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=7502>

Purpose: The WIOA, Title II: AEFLA grant provides supplemental funds over a 4-year grant cycle for adult education to (1) assist adults in becoming literate and obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and economic self-sufficiency; (2) assist adults who are parents or family members in obtaining education and skills; (3) assist adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and postsecondary

education and training, including through career pathways; and (4) assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners.

CDE: College and Career Access Pathways Grant

Deadline: October 30th

Amount: Up to \$100,000

Match: No

Eligibility: Local Educational Agencies for 9, 10, 11, 12 Grade

*If your LEA received funding in a previous round of the MCEC or CCAP grant, the LEA is **not eligible** for round three funding unless it is for a high school that has not previously received funding.*

Link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6338>

Purpose: The goal of this funding is to provide incentives for local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish partnerships with community colleges that gives students access to college courses while in high school, especially students who may not be college bound or are underrepresented in higher education.

CA Dept of Education Funding: Middle College and Early College Grant

Deadline: October 30th

Amount: \$250,000

Match: No

Eligibility: All LEAs interested in starting a new, autonomous middle college high school or new early college high school, in expanding an existing middle college high school or early college high school or in starting a new early college high school within an existing school are encouraged to apply. LEA must show evidence of an existing or planned partnership with an institution of higher education for the creation of a dual enrollment program.

*If your LEA received funding in a previous round of the MCEC or CCAP grant, the LEA is **not eligible** for round three funding unless it is for a high school that has not previously received funding.*

Link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6339>

The Middle College and Early College Grant provides \$250,000 to help LEAs plan, launch, or expand dual-enrollment high school programs that allow students, particularly underrepresented or non-college-bound students, to earn college credit while completing high school.

Eligible uses could include:

- Planning and program design for a new early/middle college high school
- Startup costs for launching the school or program
- Expanding an existing early/middle college high school
- Developing or formalizing a dual enrollment partnership with a college
- Student advising and success support services
- Outreach campaigns to promote dual enrollment, especially to students/families who may not already see college as accessible or who are underrepresented in higher education
- Coordination between the LEA and higher education partner
- Curriculum/pathway development so students can move toward college credit, transfer, career pathways, or an associate degree

California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP)

Deadline: LEAs seeking CCSPP funding for the 2026–27 school year must opt in by November 1, 2026

Amount: Up to \$500,000 per campus per year

Duration: 5 years

Matching requirements: At least one-third of total grant amount

Link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6159>

Purpose: to fund transformation of campuses into community schools, including funding initiatives around four evidence-informed programmatic features, captured in state law, which are aligned and integrated into high-quality, rigorous teaching and learning practices and environments:

- Integrated support services;
- Family and community engagement;
- Collaborative leadership and shared decision-making; and
- Extended/expanded learning time and opportunities.

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

Deadline: opens October 15th, and closes Dec. 1, 2026

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

CA Dept of Education: Specialized Secondary Programs (SSP) Grant 2024-25

Deadline: January 27, 2027

Amount: Up to \$100,000

Match: No

Eligibility: The proposed SSP must be new to the identified school site(s) and will provide students with advanced instruction and training in high technology fields and in the performing arts in grades nine through twelve. All California public high schools, county offices of education, consortium of local educational agencies (LEAs), and direct-funded charter schools are eligible to apply.

Link: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6195>

The Specialized Secondary Programs (SSP) provides start-up funds for the establishment of a new specialized program or school, to provide advanced instruction and training in high technology fields and in the performing arts, for students in grades nine through twelve in high schools. The Legislature intends for SSP to benefit the state economy by having programs located in close proximity to areas in which these industries are located. Funding is available for planning and implementing new programs.

JJ Watt Foundation

Deadline: Rolling, apply based on sport start season

Sports Starting in:

Apply during:

Fall (Aug, Sep, Oct) Jan 16 – Apr 15, 5pm CST
Winter (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)* Apr 16 – Sep 15, 5pm CST
Spring (Mar, Apr, May) Sep 16 – Jan 15, 5pm CST

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.

- 1) Meet between 3:00-5:30 and serve kids 6th-8th.
- 2) Operate a district where 60% or more are eligible for F/R.
- 3) Have outdated, worn out, out vital equipment/uniforms that need to be replaced and used year after year. (or in your case just beginning)
- 4) You provide staff, transportation, space for activity and have a secure place to secure the uniform/equipment.

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 1st 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.