Education Grants

FY 2026 Community and Schools Youth Drug Prevention Program
Deadline: Grants.gov 10/29/2026 | JustGrants 11/5/2026
Amount: Up to $750,000
Match: No
Link: https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2026-172734
This opportunity supports states, units of local government, federally recognized Native American Tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to deliver substance use prevention programs for youth in schools and extracurricular settings in coordination with law enforcement and community coalitions. This includes building community-based capacity and implementing a continuum of prevention strategies that address youth substance use, such as education, early intervention, mentoring, referral to treatment, and investigations in coordination with local law enforcement and community coalitions. Funds will support activities that include but are not limited to the following:

- Designing and implementing comprehensive prevention programs for students from preschool through grade 12, including prevention education, early identification and intervention, mentoring, and referral to treatment services.
- Designing and implementing family engagement strategies to provide parents and caregivers with tools and approaches to prevent or address youth substance use.
- Offering training for school personnel, parents, law enforcement, and community members to strengthen coordinated prevention efforts.
- Supporting local law enforcement and community partners to establish and maintain "safe zones of passage" to ensure students can travel safely to and from school and activities.

USDOJ: Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program
Deadline: grants.gov 10/30/26, JustGrants 11/6/26
Amount: Up to $1 million (80 awards nationwide)
Duration: 36 months starting on January 1, 2027
Matching requirements: NoneEducation for Homeless Children
Purpose: Supports programs to prevent and reduce school violence by implementing training, developing school threat assessment teams and/or intervention teams to identify violence risks, introducing technologies like anonymous reporting tools, or applying other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.
Uses of funding include:
Allowable costs

1) Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students.
2) The development and operation of technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites.
3) The development and deployment of:

a) School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel or
b) Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

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 Natural Resources Agency: Youth Community Access Grant Program
Deadline: November 4th, 2026
Amount: $30,000-$300,000
Eligibility: Local, state, and federal agencies; nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must provide youth (kindergarten to age 26) from low-income and disadvantaged communities with direct access to natural or cultural resources.
URL: https://resources.ca.gov/grants/youth?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
Summary: Programs such as the Youth Community Access grant program help advance Outdoor for All, CNRA's initiative that is expanding parks and outdoors spaces in communities that need them the most, supporting programs to connect people who lack access, fostering a sense of belonging for all Californians in the outdoors, and much more.
Eligible Proposal Types:

- Field trips to locations, spaces, and events in California that meet the natural resource or cultural resource definitions. Field trips may be day trips or multiday/camp experiences. Field trips must provide youth opportunities to participate in recreational and/or educational activities that promote environmental or cultural knowledge and awareness.
- Educational programming that teaches youth scientific topics related to natural or cultural resources, including but not limited to environmental conservation, habitat restoration, land stewardship and working-land practices, agroecology, biodiversity and natural ecosystems, wildlife, marine biology, archeology and historical preservation. The educational program must integrate both classroom and field work that provides meaningful knowledge of and direct experience with a natural or cultural resource.
- Workforce development or career pathway training that includes the implementation of a natural or cultural resource project and provides youth with direct, hands-on training in a natural or cultural resource field. Project examples include but are not limited to trail construction, habitat restoration, wildland fire prevention, urban greening, and projects that incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including cultural burning.

California Department of Education – Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP)
Deadline: opens October 15th, and closes Dec. 1, 2026 at 5pm
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.

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

7) 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.