Education Grants

-Popular Opportunities

HVIP: Zero-Emission Bus and Infrastructure (ZESBI) Program
Deadline: November 22nd, 2024
Match: Varies by project type and funding opportunity.
Amount: Varies depending on the bus type and infrastructure needs.
Eligibility: Public transit agencies, local government agencies, and other eligible entities in California.
Link: https://californiahvip.org/zesbi/
Summary: The Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) provides funding for the purchase of zero-emission buses and the development of infrastructure necessary to support these vehicles. The program aims to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission vehicles in California's transit agencies by reducing the upfront costs of purchasing zero-emission buses. Funds can be used for vehicles, charging stations, and other infrastructure improvements that support the transition to zero-emission fleets.

EPA: Clean School Bus Rebate Program
Deadline: January 9th, 2025
Amount: The funding is prioritized and distributed via a lottery process; funding amounts for non-prioritized school districts are much lower (up to $170,000 versus $325,000 for bus and infrastructure). Any older bus to be replaced must have been in operation three days a week during the 23-24 school year.
A CSB rebate is a payment from EPA to an eligible entity to subsidize the purchase of one or more ZE or clean school buses, and eligible infrastructure, that meet the requirements described in this Program Guide. Importantly, rebates allow selectees to receive awarded funds before purchasing the eligible buses, infrastructure, and other expenses listed in their rebate application; however, buses and associated infrastructure must be purchased after notification of a rebate award. Fleets are also required to replace existing buses by the end of the project period, although there can be overlap between receiving replacement buses and replacing existing buses.

Table 4: Maximum Funding Amount per Replacement School Bus

School District Prioritization Status	Replacement Bus Fuel Type and Size					
	ZE – Class 7+	ZE – Class 3-6	CNG– Class 7+	CNG – Class 3-6	Propane – Class 7+	Propane – Class 3-6
Buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria	Up to $345,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to $265,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to $45,000	Up to $30,000	Up to $35,000	Up to $30,000
Buses serving school districts that are not prioritized	Up to $200,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to $145,000 (Bus + Charging Infrastructure)	Up to $30,000	Up to $20,000	Up to $25,000	Up to $20,000

**Funding levels above do not reflect EPA funding available for ADA-compliant wheelchair lifts, EPA funding for shipping costs to non-contiguous U.S. states and territories, nor IRA funding available*

https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-rebates

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FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program

Deadline: January 10th, 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 Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP)
Deadline: February 7, 2025
Amount: Up to $500,000 per campus per year
Duration: 5 years
Matching requirements: At least one-third of total grant amount
Reporting requirements: Annual
flat allocation amount of $150,000
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.

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.

KaBOOM!: Build it with KaBOOM!
Deadline: Continuous
Amount: $15,000 - Grantees are awarded a $15,000 grant to be used toward the purchase of playground equipment. To supplement the $15,000 KaBOOM! grant, grantees are required to raise a minimum of $9,000 (for a total project value of $24,000) up to a maximum of $35,000 (for a total project value of $50,000) towards the cost of the playground project. This amount does not include the cost for safety surfacing, freight, site preparation, installation supervision and any other non-playground equipment items.
Match: $9,000
Eligibility: Must be located in San Jose, Los Angeles County, San Francisco, Brisbane, San Bernardino, Anaheim, Oakland or Santa Ana (See other qualified Community Partner requirements)
https://kaboom.org/grants/build_it_with_kaboom#eligibility

A Build it with KaBOOM! grant provides the facilitation and support of an experienced Project Manager as community members embark on a 5–12 week planning process. After selection, all partners will join together for a community Design Day, inviting play experts (the kids, of course) to design their dream playspace.

Wish You Well Foundation®
Deadline: Continuous
Amount: $200- $10,000
Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations
Match: No
Link: https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/
https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding
Summary: Wish You Well Foundation provides private funds to nonprofit organizations that promote family literacy in the United States. The foundations focus is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs.

US Soccer Foundation
Deadline: Rolling, Applications will be reviewed on the following deadlines in 2024 (est.):
March 31
June 30
September 30
December 31
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.