

From the Desk of Caitlin Williams

Hi Team,

Just a quick update from Washington, D.C.—

Recently, I met with a representative from the National Education Association (NEA) to discuss the ongoing needs of educators and schools across the country. Our conversation centered on the importance of supporting teachers with resources that enhance classroom learning, improve educator retention, and provide opportunities for professional development. We also reviewed various grant opportunities that can help educators and school districts by funding classroom resources, innovative programs, and student support services. NEA emphasized their commitment to ensuring teachers have the tools they need to succeed and expressed strong interest in future collaboration to identify opportunities that strengthen both educators and the students they serve.

I am happy to report that the following education grant programs are currently available or upcoming:

**CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – K12 Strong Workforce Program (K12 SWP)**

Deadline: October 10, 2025

Amount: Based on 7–12 ADA (Up to \$2M)

Match: Required (1:1 for ROCs; 2:1 for other LEAs)

Eligibility: LEAs (districts, COEs, charters, ROCs). Partnerships encouraged.

Funds high-quality CTE programs aligned with regional workforce needs.

<https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Workforce-and-Economic-Development/K12-Strong-Workforce/K12-SWP-Request-for-Applications>

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**CA Dept. of Education – Specialized Secondary Programs (SSP) Grant 2024-25**

Deadline: TBD

Amount: Up to \$100K

Match: None

Eligibility: CA public high schools, COEs, LEA consortia, charters

Funds new specialized programs in high-tech fields or performing arts (grades 9–12).

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

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## **CA Dept. of Education – Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP)**

Deadline: December 1, 2025 (5:00 p.m. PT)

Amount: Up to \$3M (new construction); \$1.5M (modernization)

Match: 1:1 local (no waivers)

Eligibility: LEAs & JPAs with CTE programs on high school sites

Funds construction, modernization, and equipment purchases for CTE programs.

CDE CTEFP Website <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/sf/careertech.asp>

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## **Toshiba America Foundation**

Deadline: K–5: Oct 1 annually | 6–12 (≤\$5K): Mar 1, Jun 1, Sep 1, Dec 1 | >\$5K: May 1, Nov 1

Amount: Up to \$5K (larger awards available)

Eligibility: Teachers (grades 6–12, public or private schools)

Funds creative, hands-on math and science projects.

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

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## **JJ Watt Foundation**

Deadline: Rolling (based on sports season)

Amount: Varies (equipment reimbursement)

Match: None

Eligibility: Grades 6–8 programs

Supports schools in need of uniforms, equipment, and athletic resources.

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

As part of our continued efforts to stay current on the federal grants landscape, I'll be holding ongoing meetings with Congressional offices and federal agencies in the coming weeks. These conversations help us stay informed about program timelines, updates, and agency communications—so we can better support our clients with up-to-date information.

Please look out for these weekly DC updates from me as I share insights from the Capitol and provide relevant grant-related news from the federal level.

Thank you,

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