Education Grants

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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.

California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) Program
Deadline: January 23rd, 2026
Amount: Per EC Section 53070(d), the total amount appropriated for the program in the state budget is $300 million, and is designated as follows, unless otherwise determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in collaboration with the Executive Director of the SBE:

- For applicants with average daily attendance (ADA) in grades seven through twelve (7–12) of less than or equal to 140, 4 percent is designated
- For applicants with ADA in grades 7–12 of more than 140 and less than or equal to 550, 8 percent is designated
- For applicants with ADA in grades 7–12 of more than 550, 88 percent is designated

The ADA determination is based on the second principal apportionment for the previous fiscal year (FY) (i.e., 2024–25) for grades 7–12. For applicants applying as part of a Consortium, the ADA for each individual member will be used to determine the total ADA for the Consortium.
Match: 1:2 match–for every one dollar received from the program, the applicant needs to match $2
Eligibility: School districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and regional occupational centers/programs in California
Link: https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6472
Description:

- Supports and enhances career technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers.
- Encourages collaboration between LEAs, postsecondary institutions, and industry partners to create and sustain quality CTE pathways.
- Focus areas include program development, student engagement in CTE courses leading to industry-recognized certifications or credentials, and fostering partnerships with local businesses for real-world learning experiences.

CDE: Kitchen Infrastructure and Training and Retention and Recruitment Grant
Deadline: January 30th, 2025
Amount: The award amounts will be calculated based on the following formulas:

2025 KIT Funding Formula
- Base funding: Each eligible SFA will receive a base funding level of $2,500.
- Student enrollment funding: Each eligible SFA will receive at least $27 per enrolled student. Student enrollment number will be based on the enrollment number in the SFA's October 2025 claim in the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS).
- Once the base funding and student enrollment funding are calculated, the California Department of Education (CDE) will multiply that amount by the score (in the form of a percentage) the SFA receives on their 2025 KIT Grant application.
-The following grant funding caps will apply to the final amount based on student enrollment:
- Enrollments of up to 60,000 students will be capped at $1.25 million.
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- Enrollments of 60,001-100,000 students will be capped at $1.5 million.
- Enrollments of 100,001 students and above will be capped at $2 million.

Recruitment and Retention Funding Formula
- Base funding: Each eligible SFA will receive a base funding level of $2,500 per impacted classified employee. Note: applicants must identify at least two classified employees (not to exceed three) to be eligible to receive funding.
- School Year (SY) 2024-25 meal count funding: Each eligible SFA will receive at least $0.01 per meal served (Breakfast and Lunch). Meal count data for SY 2024-25 will be pulled from the claim data in the CNIPS.

- Once the meal count funding is calculated, the CDE will multiply that amount by the score (in the form of a percentage) the SFA receives on their R&R Grant application.
Match: No
Eligibility: Local educational agencies (LEA) including school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools that are sponsors of the NSLP or SBP are eligible to receive funds.
Link: https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6539
The 2025 Kitchen Infrastructure and Training (KIT) Grant competitively awards funding to eligible school food authorities (SFA) to support initiatives for improving the quality of meals served through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), which may include procurement of California-grown, whole or minimally processed food, food service staff training costs and salaries, and kitchen infrastructure upgrades. The Retention and Recruitment (R&R) Grant competitively awards funding to support the retention and recruitment of school food service workers.

CDE: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
Deadline: February 6, 2026
Amount: The amount of the individual school grant will depend on the total enrollment of the schools participating in the program. Per student award has a minimum of $50 and a maximum of $75.
Match: No
https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6341
The Nutrition Services Division would like to announce this Request for Applications as a grant opportunity for all eligible school food authorities (SFA) to apply for the federal Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for School Year 2025-26. This FFVP grant period is July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. The purpose of the FFVP is for elementary schools to provide an additional, free fresh fruit or vegetable snack to students during the school day.

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 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.