



# GRANTS GAZETTE

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## GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applicant & Location	Grant Name	Award Amount	Grant Funder/Agency
Christine Weatherholtz Food Service Production	Year-Round Learning Gardens Program	\$ 12,000.00	Scotts Miracle Gro

### NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ...

#### Fund For Teachers (FFT) Fellowship Grant—Professional Development Projects

**Deadline:** January 21, 2021

**Description:** Fellowships of up to \$5,000 to USA PreK-12th grade educators and up to \$10,000 to educator teams for projects that support professional growth and development. Funding is intended to offer educators the tools required to pursue self-designed professional learning experiences. All applicants must apply online between November 1, 2020 and January 21, 2021 with final submission made by 5 pm CST on January 21, 2021.

Application guidelines:

[https://fft.fundforteachers.org/applications/guideline/program\\_id:169/step:coversheet](https://fft.fundforteachers.org/applications/guideline/program_id:169/step:coversheet)

#### COVID-19 Remote Learning Emergency Fund for Educators

The National Geographic Society recognizes that educators, who are among the many dedicated individuals on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, are pioneering new ways of teaching so that students can continue learning.

The fund will distribute support ranging from US \$1,000–\$8,000 to individual educators (or to an individual educator working in collaboration with other educators or National Geographic Explorers) to design instructional resources that help educators effectively teach in in-person, remote, or hybrid learning environments during this pandemic. Priority for this opportunity will be given to educators working in communities that have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, and who have not previously received National Geographic funding.

Please see our [Application Guidance](#) document for more details.

#### Free Resources for Schools During COVID-19 Outbreak

In response to the number of states, districts and schools that are [shuttering schools](#) to students over the next several weeks in response to fears about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), education technology companies have stepped forward to help educators reach students in virtual ways. In many cases, the companies are making their paid services free through the rest of the school year; in other cases, they're lifting limits to services and/or adding premium features to what's free. The following list will be updated regularly as announcements are made.

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[STEM/STEAM](#)

## NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

### The Mockingbird Foundation Grant

**Funding Source:** The Mockingbird Foundation

**Deadline:** 4/15/21

**Description:** Grants of up to \$10,000 to USA non-profit organizations and schools for programs that provide music education to children and youth. Applicants must submit a letter of inquiry prior to applying. Particular interest is given to programs serving disenfranchised groups, including those with disabilities or terminal illnesses; low-skilled, low-income, and low-education populations; and those in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote or isolated situations.

<https://mbird.org/grants/apply/>

### **Enhancing Student Mathematics Learning Through the Use of Tools and Technology**

**Funding Source:** Isabelle P. Rucker Fund and NCTM

**Description:** The purpose of this grant is to encourage the innovative use of technology and other tools to help teachers and students visualize and concretize mathematics abstractions.

**Grade:** PreK-5, 6-8, 9-12

**Opens:** February 1, 2021

**Deadline:** May 1, 2021

Maximum of \$3,000

**Scoring Rubric:**

[https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants\\_and\\_Awards/grants/School-Inservice-Training-Grants-PK-5-Scoring-Rubric.pdf](https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants_and_Awards/grants/School-Inservice-Training-Grants-PK-5-Scoring-Rubric.pdf)

**Application Information:**

[https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants\\_and\\_Awards/grants/Pre-K-8-Preservice-Teacher-Action-Research-Grants-Application-Information\(1\).pdf](https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants_and_Awards/grants/Pre-K-8-Preservice-Teacher-Action-Research-Grants-Application-Information(1).pdf)

### **Grants to USA Nonprofits and Agencies for Education Programs for Underprivileged Children**

**Funding Source:** Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** Grants to USA charitable, educational, and governmental organizations for programs and projects that promote education. Funding is intended to support efforts to expand learning opportunities and supports for children, particularly those from low-and-moderate-income communities.

<https://www.mott.org/work/education/>

## Esports in K12:

## A passing fad or here to stay?

### ESPORTS IN K-12 A “Getting Started” Checklist

Esports is proving to be a game changer for students, schools, and the broader global community. K12 schools looking to start their own program, however, are struggling with where to begin. That’s where this checklist can help—providing you with what you need to know to start and maintain a successful esports program.

[Esports](#) ← (right click open hyperlink)

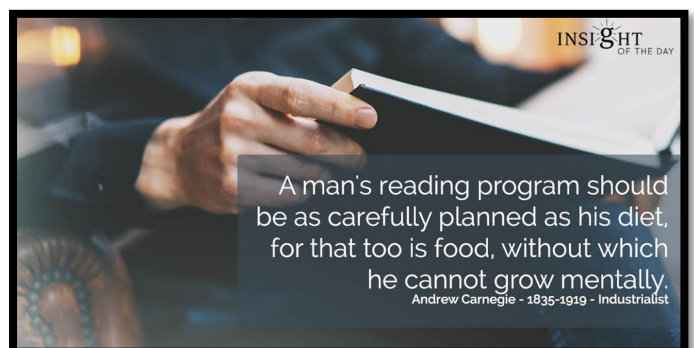
Where to begin: **Start the conversation**

**Map out a strategy**

**Identify your academic goals**

**Understand the logistics**

**Create a budget**



## Federal Grant Updates and Answers to frequently asked questions *(also sent via email on 12/7/20 from Lisa Stotz)*

### SQIG

- Carryover has been approved today and updated budgets are now loaded into MUNIS based on conversations that took place during consultations.

### SIG G

- Carryover is working through the approval process and we anticipate it will be available in approximately a week.
- Please **prioritize** this grant spending as this is the final year and all remaining funds will be returned to the state and federal government.
- Funds are available to spend through the summer.

### Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement (SSI)

- Is not available from the state yet. We anticipate it will arrive in January sometime. We are not able to begin spending until it is loaded into Munis.
- All unexpended funds from last school year will carry over into this year. In addition, the state is saying that some additional funding will be added to the carryover funds received. We do not yet know how much funding that will be.
- Categories for spending include: Leadership Development, Climate and Culture, and Curriculum and Assessment. No direct student instruction permitted.
- The spending limit of 30% for materials and equipment is still in place. Of which no more than half (or 15%) can be spend on equipment. However, the state is starting to loosen up on this

limitation if a justification can be provided for the additional need.

### Title I

- All Title I schools will receive additional Title I carryover funds. These additional funds will be approximately a 10% increase to existing allocation and will be available in January when released by the state.
- Salary and fringe budget reviews are ongoing and the necessary adjustments are being made to ensure budgets are in line with projected costs.
- FY 22 planning will begin in January ahead of the Article 211 process. More information to follow.

### Title I Crate

- Some beginning of year documentation was delayed or not available as a result of our prolonged virtual school year. In particular, the Student Compact has not been made available as of yet since is it normally a part of the Guide to Student Behavior booklet. We have pushed back the due date and are working with District personnel to determine a way to meet this compliance requirement.
- Please continue to upload your Title I compliance documentation. Regardless of how the school year progresses, all compliance requirements are still required even if in a modified format.
- Needs assessment section – your school improvement plan can fulfill this requirement as there are needs assessment sections within the plan.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please reach out to Lisa Stotz.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

- **January 7 - FY20-21 Federal Grant Planning**  
8:30 10:00 11:30
- **January 13 - Grant Committee Review Meeting**
- **January 13 - Title I Crate Webinar**
- **January 18 - MLK Holiday - Offices Closed**
- **January 27 - Grant Committee Review Meeting**

## Can We Order Pizza? Spending Title I Funds on Family Engagement

### Sample School Family Engagement Policy

School vision statement: To engage parents as full partners in their children's academic achievement and provide a safe and well-rounded education.

List of assurances:

- Engage parents in developing a family engagement policy and make parents aware of their right to be involved in their children's education.
- Host annual Title I meetings.
- Dedicate at least one percent of title I funds for family engagement, with parents involved in deciding the best use of these funds.
- Develop a compact that outlines shared responsibilities for student achievement for parents and school staff.
- Build parent capacity by explaining state academic standards, showing how parents can support student learning at home.
- Provide take-home educational materials.
- Coordinate with other federal, state, and local programs, including early childhood and English learner programs.
- Provide materials in a language parents can understand, to the extent practicable.



Innovation distinguishes  
between a leader and a follower.  
Steve Jobs - 1955-2011 - Business Magnate  
Industrial Designer-Investor

INSIGHT  
OF THE FUTURE

## RESOURCES

### FREE TITLE 1 Crate

Monthly Title1 Crate Campus and District navigation webinars begin on November 11th.

Campus user training webinars will be at 12:00 eastern on the second Wednesday of each month.

<https://806technologies.zoom.us/join/register/tZUpf-yqqTmPHNwlyriDf5hA3-2VDVJGCU4R>

**FY 2021-2022 Federal Grant Planning** will be held on **January 7, 2021**. There will be three sessions **8:30, 10:00 and 11:30** and will last for one hour. Please plan to attend one. The link below will be used for each session. No invitation will be sent out so that we do not clutter your calendar with all 3 meetings. Please select one and add to your calendar.

<https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/9869943780>

## WE'VE MOVED!!!

State and Federal Programs and Nonpublic Support Services has moved to our new location. The new address for both departments is:

**Columbus City Schools**  
**State and Federal Programs and Grants Office**  
**Nonpublic Support Services**  
**3700 South High Street, Suite 95**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43207**

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