
Funding Opportunities

from government and private sources for education programs

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Teach-for-Florida (FDOE)

PROGRAM: The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) offers this program to accelerate placement of highly qualified teachers in Florida's public school classrooms through a recruitment, preparation, and placement program using accelerated, competency-based training. The ultimate goal is to obtain an optimum number of teaching contracts for fall semester 2003.

Funding priorities include:

(1) targeting high-need schools, (2) targeting high-need subject areas, (3) targeting recruits from underrepresented populations, (4) providing matching funds, and (5) collaborating with other PK-20 partners.

DEADLINE: March 31, 2003, for suggested notification of intent to apply. April 15, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: \$1,000,000 total. The amount of funding for each project will be based on the proposed and actual number of program completers who obtain public school teaching contracts for fall 2003. The final amounts will be negotiated with the grantees, based upon the proposed costs of the deliverables. Funding period is May 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003.

ELIGIBILITY: Public universities, members of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, community colleges, school districts, consortia of educational agencies, and non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. For-profit entities are encouraged to participate through partnerships with eligible applicants.

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Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor Project (FDOE)

PROGRAM: The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) offers this grant opportunity for school districts currently implementing voluntary public school choice. This program will assist with expanding and replicating high quality public school choice programs throughout Florida.

Funding priority is given to school districts offering a wide variety of choices to all students, allowing the greatest number of students in low-performing schools to attend higher-performing schools, and actively implementing an inter-district public school choice program for two consecutive school years.

DEADLINE: April 19, 2003.

FUNDING: Total Funding Amount: Maximum of \$1,500,000.
Range of Awards: Approximately ten projects between \$50,000 and \$150,000.
Approximate Typical Amount of Award: \$100,000.
Funding Period: May 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003.

ELIGIBILITY: School districts actively implementing a voluntary public school choice plan for one school year. Priority will be given to school districts that have implemented a voluntary public school choice plan for two consecutive school years.

CONTACT: Lisa K. Kammel, Program Director, Choice Office; telephone 850/488-5571; e-mail, Lisa.Kammel@fldoe.org; Web sites, http://info.firn.edu/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-981/RFP_Memo.pdf, http://info.firn.edu/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-982/RFP_Mentor.pdf, <http://info.firn.edu/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-983/DOE101.pdf>

Florida Missing Children's Day Statewide Essay Contest (FMCD)

PROGRAM: The Florida Missing Children Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Florida Missing Children's Day (FMCD). This special ceremony remembers past and present missing children and recognizes those citizens who work hard to bring children home safely. This year's ceremony will be held on Monday, September 8, 2003, at the State Capitol in Tallahassee. To create awareness among the children of Florida, an essay contest is again being held in conjunction with FMCD. This year's theme is *Choosing the Right Path*.

DEADLINE: April 18, 2003.

FUNDING: The winner will be invited to Tallahassee to read the essay on the steps of the Florida Capitol. The winner will also receive an all expenses-paid trip to Tallahassee with a parent, a check for \$250, and a trophy. The regional winners will receive \$100 each and one statewide winner will be selected from the regional winners group.

ELIGIBILITY: All Florida elementary students in the fourth grade, with each school selecting one winner. The chosen essay from your school will be submitted to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board. One essay will be selected as the statewide winner.

CONTACT: Mrs. Pat Rutherford or Mrs. Dawn Mikola, Florida Missing Children Information Clearinghouse, Department of Law Enforcement; telephone, 1-888-356-4774.
Web site, <http://info.firn.edu/dscgi/ds.py/Get/File-998/FMCDEssayContest.pdf>

Early Reading First: Local Projects (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) seeks applications to create science-based age appropriate early childhood curricula, instruction and activities to help ready children for reading.

Early Reading First grants will use research-based strategies to provide younger children with essential language, literacy and cognitive experiences. Specifically, projects will provide: high-quality oral language and print-rich environments; research-based professional development to assist in developing young children's oral language, phonological awareness, print awareness and alphabet knowledge; research-proven activities and instructional materials; assessments to screen children for reading problems; and integration of early reading activities into the overall program.

DEADLINE: April 11, 2003, for pre-applications; June 27, 2003, for invited full applications.

FUNDING: \$75 million for 17 to 250 awards of \$300,000 to \$1.5 million a year each. The project period is three years.

ELIGIBILITY: A list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) eligible for this program is available at Web site, www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/earlyreading/index.html.

One or more designated eligible local education agencies (LEAs); one or more public or private organizations or agencies, including faith-based organizations, located in a community served by one of those LEAs and acting on behalf of a program that serves young children, such as a Head Start program. USDOE is particularly interested in programs that partner State Education Agencies or LEAs with a preschool that is not under an education agencies' immediate control; and projects that serve a significant number of students with special needs such as limited English proficiency or a learning disability. Novice applicants will be given competitive preference.

CONTACT: Web sites, www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister and www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/earlyreading/index.html.

Recreational Program (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) provides grants for recreational programs providing individuals with disabilities recreational activities and related experiences to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration.

DEADLINE: May 1, 2003.

FUNDING: Estimated Available Funds: \$985,779.
Estimated Range of Awards: \$130,000-\$140,000.
Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$130,000.
Estimated Number of Awards: 8.

ELIGIBILITY: States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2003-1/031803a.html>. CFDA# 84.128J.

President's Environmental Youth Awards (EPA)

PROGRAM: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) makes these annual awards to honor young people who have demonstrated their commitment to the environment through exemplary projects.

DEADLINE: July 31, 2003.

FUNDING: Entrants will receive a certificate signed by the President to commemorate their achievement. One winner from each of the 10 EPA regions will also receive a plaque at an EPA-hosted awards ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY: Students in kindergarten through high school, individually or in groups, who have completed an environmental project sponsored by an adult representative of the child's school, camp, youth group or public interest group are eligible.

CONTACT: Applications must be mailed to the appropriate EPA regional office. A list of these addresses is available in the downloadable application:

www.epa.gov/enviroed/pdf/peyaapp.pdf

For more information about environmental education, see www.epa.gov/enviroed.

Head Start Innovation (HHS/ACF)

PROGRAM: The Health and Human Services Department (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is seeking applications for innovation and improvement projects that address White House plans for the Head Start program.

Priority areas include: early literacy development; improving services to rural areas; positive youth development; and strengthening families and fatherhood. Proposals also could address other services, such as: transportation; nutrition; and medical, dental and other services to special populations.

DEADLINE: May 12, 2003, for abstracts, which will be reviewed and serve as the basis for invited applications for a planning phase and a competitive implementation phase.

FUNDING: \$3 million in fiscal year 2003 for 30 to 40 planning grants of up to \$100,000 for nine months. ACF estimates \$10 million will be available later for implementation grants, which will range up to \$100,000 a year for one to three years. Applicants are encouraged to propose a match, but there is no specific requirement.

ELIGIBILITY: Public and private nonprofit organizations, including state and local governments, Native American tribes, faith-based organizations and private nonprofit organizations, including universities and other higher education institutions.

CONTACT: Web site, www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb (click on "What's New").

Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Treatment (SAMHSA)

PROGRAM: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) seeks applications to adopt or expand effective adolescent alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs.

This year's grants are aimed at increasing the provision and effectiveness of alcohol and drug abuse treatment for adolescents by adopting and expanding motivational enhancement therapy/ cognitive behavioral therapy components.

DEADLINE: May 12, 2003.

FUNDING: \$7 million for 28 to 35 grants averaging about \$250,000 per year each. The project period is three years.

ELIGIBILITY: Domestic public and private nonprofit entities, including state and local governments, Native American tribes, tribal organizations, community organizations and faith-based groups. All direct providers of substance abuse treatment services involved in the proposed project must have been providing treatment services for adolescents for at least two years and be in compliance with all applicable local, city, county and state requirements for licensing, accreditation and certification.

CONTACT: Web site, www.samhsa.gov (click on "Grant Opportunities") and refer to TI 03-007.

Childhood Speech-Sound Acquisition Disorders (NIDCD)

PROGRAM: The National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) invites applications for multidisciplinary investigations to identify and assess childhood speech-sound acquisition disorders of unknown origin.

NIDCD requests applications with potential significance and relevance to the clinical assessment and management of children with speech-sound acquisition disorders of unknown origin. Examples of topics are: the identification of factors that place children at risk for developing speech-sound acquisition disorders; the exploration of genetic factors associated with the development of speech-sound acquisition disorders; development, evaluation and standardization of evaluation procedures for childhood speech-sound acquisition disorders based on theoretical models; development of a taxonomy that can delineate the various subgroups of children with speech-sound acquisition disorders; the use of neuroimaging to characterize the various subtypes of childhood speech-sound acquisition disorders; and longitudinal studies that will provide detailed information about the natural history and course of development of the various subtypes of childhood speech-sound acquisition disorders. Applications must propose activities for children with speech-sound acquisition disorders, and, when feasible, should seek participants from multicultural and diverse dialectical backgrounds.

DEADLINE: June 19, 2003, for letters of intent; July 17, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: \$1.5 million in fiscal 2004 for research project grants (R01) of up to \$250,000 a year each for five years and exploratory development grants (R21) of up to \$125,000 a year for three years.

ELIGIBILITY: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit organizations, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, state and local government agencies and eligible federal agencies.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DC-03-004.html>.

3Com Urban Challenge Grants

PROGRAM: Created to reward forward-thinking communities in the United States, the 3Com Urban Challenge Grants support cities that are using technology to transform education, improve public communication and make municipal services faster and more convenient to use. The grants are offered by 3Com in cooperation with the United States Conference of Mayors in an attempt to help cities bridge the Digital Divide. Using the 3Com grant, schools, departments and organizations can tailor a networking solution that meets their community's needs.

DEADLINE: April 21, 2003. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

FUNDING: Grants of \$100,000 worth of 3Com products and services are made to help cities and school districts incorporate new uses for information technology in their communities.

ELIGIBILITY: To participate, a city should meet at least one of these criteria: have a principal policy agenda aimed at enhancing educational or community development; have strong involvement and endorsement from the mayor's office; offer tangible benefits to students and residents in a specified time frame; serve multiple project constituencies—including schools, local community colleges, libraries, government agencies, healthcare institutions, etc.; and have specific ideas about how the grant will be used.

CONTACT: Web site, www.3com.com/solutions/en_US/government/programs/urbanchallenge_participate.html.

Lydia Donaldson Tutt-Jones Memorial Research Grant

PROGRAM: Available through the African American Success Foundation this grant supports research identifying attitudinal and behavioral contributors to African American students' academic success.

DEADLINE: June 27, 2003.

FUNDING: One grant of \$2,000 is given each year.

ELIGIBILITY: Graduate students and professionals. Individuals should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, description of the proposed research project and a letter of recommendation from a faculty mentor, department chairperson, agency head or officer of their professional association.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://blacksuccessfoundation.org/lcdtj%20research%20grant.htm>.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

PROGRAM: The Ronald McDonald House Charities award grants to support programs that improve the health and well-being of children. Programs should address a significant funding gap or critical opportunity, have long-term impact in terms of duplication or reach and produce measurable results.

DEADLINE: Annually by May 1 or September 2 for letters of inquiry. Full proposals will be invited.

FUNDING: Grant sizes vary.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations with national and international programs that focus on children's health and well-being.

CONTACT: Web site, www.rmhc.org.

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