



GRANT FUNDING NEWSLETTER

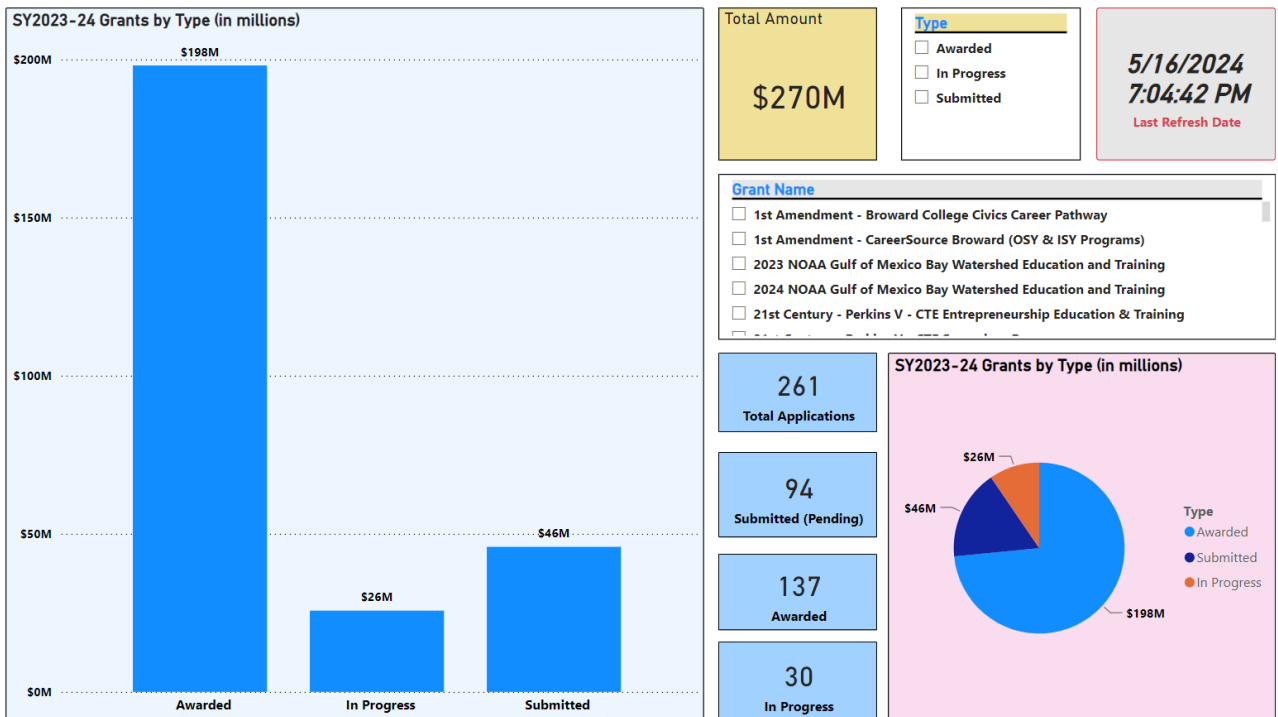
Grant Funding Announcements for
Broward County Public Schools

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Catch the Excitement! – New Grants Dashboard

Exciting news! Our new [Grants Dashboard](#) is now live. Dive in now for real-time grant updates. Read more about it on page 2.



The [Grants Dashboard](#) can be found on the [Grants Administration's SharePoint site](#). For additional information, contact Jennifer Escandell, Director of Grants Administration via email at jennifer.escandell@browardschools.com or by phone at 754-321-2260.

New Grants Dashboard (cont.)

Check out the Grants Administration's new [Grants Dashboard](#) that offers real-time information on GA-supported grants for this 23-24 school year. This dashboard provides a consolidated view of all grants that are in development (in progress), have been submitted, and/or have been awarded.

The Grants Dashboard features the following:

- An overview of grants submitted, awarded and in progress for the year, creating a comprehensive snapshot of both potential and funded opportunities
- The grant amount awarded or requested for each grant, providing a quick assessment of the potential financial impact
- Filtering and sorting capability to easily filter and sort grants based on criteria such as grant type or funding source
- Real-time weekly updates, ensuring that the information is current
- User-friendly interface, making it accessible for all end users

How GA Can Help You



1	GA can help to develop your idea by facilitating a group brainstorming meeting, conducting a needs assessment and creating a program plan.
2	GA can help to identify funding opportunities through the Grant Funding Newsletter, cultivating donors, and providing individual research.
3	GA can work with you to ensure a timely submission, seek School Board review and approval of the grant, and provide editing and writing support.
4	GA can help set-up the grant account, support the grant agreement review and approval process, provide donor stewardship, and support media outreach efforts.
5	GA can help you to manage the award by supporting the reporting process.
6	If applicable, GA will liaison with the Accounting & Financial Reporting Department for assistance with the final financial report.

Remember Grant Contract/Agreement Review and Approval Process

All grant contracts, agreements, terms of reference or other legal documents that require a signature from a BCPS authorized representative are required to go through the District's legal review, approval, and signature process. Please reach out to GA staff for support.

A copy of all grant applications to external agencies must be submitted to the Grants Administration (GA) Department as soon as possible to obtain School Board approval. Grant contracts and funds will not be awarded without Board approval. A copy may be submitted via e-mail to grants@browardschools.com. All grant applications MUST comply with District policies and procedures, as well as support the District's Strategic Plan.

Good News!



Athlete Mentoring Pilot Program

The **Florida Department of Education** has awarded BCPS **\$250,000** for the Broward County Student Athlete Mentoring Pilot Program to pilot mentoring for student athletes who participate in football, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' soccer, competitive cheerleading, baseball, and softball at District high schools to be identified by the Equity, Diversity and School Climate Department and as approved by the Florida Department of Education. The primary goal of the program is to equip student athletes with the resources and skills necessary to build, sustain, and promote positive mental health. A secondary goal is to improve the overall school climate and culture through community service performed by the student athletes as part of the program.



Schools Awarded Grants for Dissection Alternatives

National Anti-Vivisection Society through the BioLEAP Classroom Grant provides support for fun, creative and effective non-animal alternatives to students and teachers, from web-based programs and apps to physical models. Click [here](#) for more information. Congratulations to the following schools awarded instructional materials valued at \$3,783: Cypress Bay, Deerfield Beach, Dillard 6-12, Hollywood Hills, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, South Broward, Stranahan and Western high schools, and Henry D. Perry Education Center School. Thank you to the National Anti-Vivisection Society for your support.



The Kemper Foundation Supports BCPS Dual Language Teachers

Our deepest appreciation to **The Kemper Foundation's** Read Conmigo program which has awarded 15 BCPS K-5 Dual Language/Bilingual Education Teachers grants of \$3,000 each for a total of about **\$45,000** to support teacher-driven projects during the 2023-24 school year. Awards were granted to teachers from the following elementary schools: Cypress, Eagle Point, Gator Run, Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach, Manatee Bay, Sawgrass, Sea Castle, Watkins and Westchester. Grant funds will be used for the purchase of educational resources, technology and materials, and professional development. Click [here](#) for additional information on The Kemper Foundation and the Read Conmigo program. Congratulations to all the teachers awarded!



Snapdragon Book Foundation Grant

Whispering Pines Center School has been awarded a grant of **\$9,500** from the **Snapdragon Book Foundation** to increase middle school student access to books and other reading materials offered through the school's library. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the grant and how you can apply. Congratulations to first time grant writer, Kelly Wilson, Teacher – Whispering Pines Center School on your grant award!

Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Grant

The District has received **\$542,400** in funding from the Florida Department of Education through the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program to assist participating schools in implementing comprehensive music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2. Funding will support teacher professional development, professional organization memberships, classroom music equipment and supplies. This grant was the result of a collaborative effort between GA and Applied Learning Department staff. Congratulations to the Music & Performing Arts team on your grant success!



Grant Writing Resources:

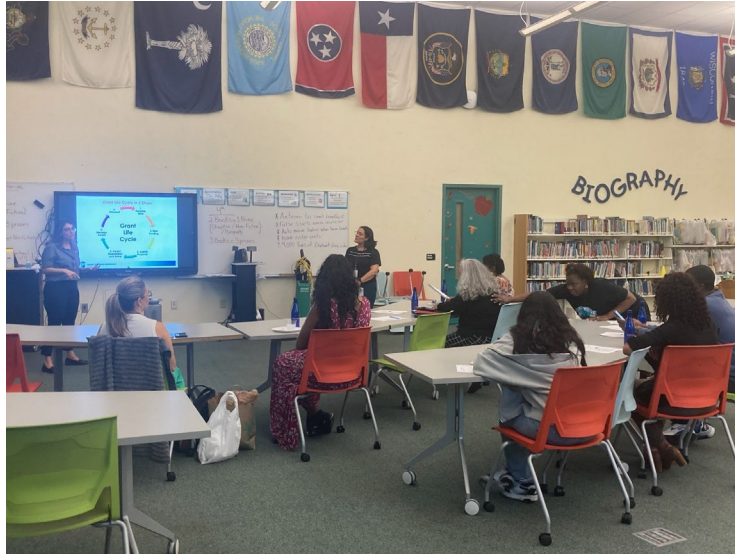
Overwhelmed with where to start? Click on one of these education grant search engines or use the web address.



BCPS Grants in Action! – We Want to Hear From You!

Grants are a powerful tool to enhance teaching and learning throughout our District. Please take the opportunity to have your grants showcased in one of our upcoming newsletters by submitting your photos with the subject line Grants In Action and email your action photographs of activities associated with grant awards to grants@browardschools.com. This is another opportunity to acknowledge our grant donors for their support and to showcase the innovative learning experiences developed by our school-based staff!

Information on Grant Writing Workshops



Summer Grant Writing Workshop: GA staff offer capacity building workshops for teachers, parents and staff on grant writing; the elements of program development; and the joint identification of program funding needs and opportunities. Click [here](#) to express interest.

Summer Teacher Grants Space: Join BCPS teachers and GA staff to network and exchange program ideas; learn about upcoming grant opportunities; view sample proposals; find a quiet space to write proposals; and get real-time feedback and input on your proposals. Click [here](#) to express interest.

Please contact GA if you would like us to facilitate your next program planning meeting or to request a grant writing workshop for your school or Department.

Workshop Buzz: What People Are Saying!

Thank you so much for being here yesterday, you have made such an impact even in such a short time. The feedback was incredibly positive from our staff members that attended." Grant Writing Workshop at Coconut Creek HS Participant

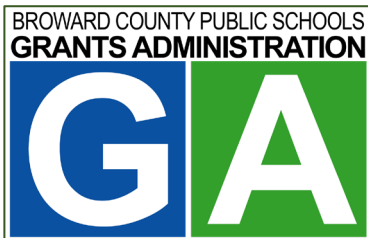
"Thank you so much for meeting with us today; the information shared was invaluable. I am excited to start developing our first proposal based on the tips you provided." Workshop Participant Fort Lauderdale High School

Tip for the Day – Grant Writing Glossary

- **501(c)(3)** is the section of the Internal Revenue Code that defines nonprofit, charitable, and tax-exempt organizations. BCPS can partner with The Broward Education Foundation (BEF) since public schools do not have 501(c)(3) status.
- **Audited Financial Statements** are annual financial statements which have been prepared and certified by a Certified Public Accountant.
- **Capacity Building Grants** help organizations to increase their capacity to achieve their mission. This may include the funding of new staff positions; and the costs of consulting to help the organization learn how to manage their boards, increase their fund-raising capacity and expand services.
- **Capital Grants** fund building of endowments, building renovations and similar activities, construction or equipment.
- **Concept Paper** is a two- to three-page description of your organization and program. A concept paper often includes a need statement, project narrative, and budget.
- **Corporate Giving Programs** have very specific causes they will fund (the arts, environmental education, youth, health). Some companies have their own charitable giving department, while others have a separate foundation.
- **Direct Costs** are costs allowable by the funding organization, and are directly tied to the operation of the project.
- **Eligibility Criteria** is usually available on a grant funder's website. Before spending a lot of time and effort on a grant proposal, thoroughly read whether your organization or program is eligible for funding.
- **Evaluation** is how the organization assesses whether their project made a measurable difference.
- **Form 990** is an IRS form that tax-exempt organizations are required to file annually for public record of financial information. Public schools are not required to have a Form 990.
- **General Support or Unrestricted Grants** are for general operating costs rather than specific projects.
- **Goals** are expressed as the overall vision of what you want your project to accomplish. Be careful about having too many goals because this could be viewed as either being too ambitious or too unfocused.
- **Indirect Costs/Indirect Cost Rate (Sometimes referred to as "overhead" or "Facilities and Administrative Costs")** are costs that support the management systems of the organization including public relations, accounting, payroll, marketing, registration and records, and counselor. Grant funders may or may not allow indirect costs.
- **In-Kind Contribution** is a noncash donation to a project.
- **Letter of Intent or Letter of Interest (LOI)** is a document that provides a brief description of the project or program for which funding is being requested.
- **Matching Funds** are cash or in-kind support contributed by the grantee to carry out a project. Some grant proposals require a match before funding a proposal.

- **Objectives** are what specifically will change, improve, decrease, or increase because of your project activities. Many grant writers use the SMART model: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-Bound.
- **Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Applications (RFA)** is a type of solicitation notice in which a donor announces that grant funding is available and provides specifications required in the grant proposal/application.
- **Restricted Funds** are funds that must be spent for a specific purpose, as determined by the funder.
- **Unallowable Costs** are costs and categories of costs that cannot directly or indirectly be offset by grant money.
- **Unrestricted Funds** can be used for any purpose without any requirements or restrictions.

Grants Administration Department SharePoint Site



Make sure you bookmark the [Grants Administration SharePoint site](#) that houses a Grant Resources library that contains District financial information, sample proposals, links to grant writing videos, grant lists by content area, and lots more!

Grant Opportunity Spotlight!

TOSHIBA

Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. The foundation seeks to support teachers by providing funds to support classroom projects. Successful projects tap into the natural curiosity of students, enable students to frame their own scientific questions, and incorporate the expertise of community partners. Applications must be for project-based learning.

Requests for grants less than \$1,000 for kindergarten through grade 5 are due October 1, annually. Requests for grants less than \$5,000 for grade 6 through grade 12 are due March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1, annually. Requests for grants of more than \$5,000 for grade 6 through grade 12 are due May 1 and November 1, annually. Click [here](#) for additional details.

NEW! Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- **2024 Lots of Compassion Grant** supports local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens to help grow compassion in their community. In 2024, 10 grantees will receive \$20,000 each to transform a vacant lot into a garden. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded annually. **DEADLINE: June 30, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Classics for Kids Foundation: Instrument Matching Grant** works to empower young people to shape positive futures through music and to build and strengthen sustainable stringed instrument music programs. To support this goal, this program will provide matching awards for the purchase of high-quality stringed instruments for use by children in grades K-12. Instruments eligible for purchase include violins, violas, cellos, and double basses. **DEADLINE: June 30, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Quadrattec** provides grants of up to \$3,500 to projects that support environmental justice, earth studies, environmental education and community engagement around environmental issues. **DEADLINE: June 30, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Big Lots Foundation** supports projects that include healthcare, housing, hunger, and education, especially those serving women and children. Support is provided in the form of monetary gifts, gift cards, and merchandise in-kind. Please reach out to GA if you are planning to apply. **DEADLINE: July 1, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **The Wawa Foundation** provides financial grants of over \$2,500 to organizations close to stores. **DEADLINE: July 1, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Looking Out Foundation** Program interests include disadvantaged youth, public health, women, the environment, the arts, the hungry and the homeless. The average grant is between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Please reach out to GA if you are planning to apply. **DEADLINE: August 1, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Road Runners Club of America** Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 for youth running programs across the U.S. **DEADLINE: August 1, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Florida Agriculture in the Classroom** For general education and agri-science teachers in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade who want to use agricultural concepts to teach core subject areas. **DEADLINE: August 15, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Intuitive Foundation FIRST Robotics** Supports high school robotics team with focus on inspiring young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators. **DEADLINE: August 31, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Toshiba Foundation** Accepts applications for less than \$5,000 from 6 to 12 grade teachers for STEM programs. **DEADLINE: September 1, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **Les Paul Foundation** Funding consideration is given to programs and projects that encourage innovation in music production and/or performance and to innovative STEM or STEAM programs for students and others in challenging situations. Please reach out to GA if you are planning to apply. **DEADLINE: September 15, 2024** | [Application](#)
- **P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education** is accepting grant applications from educators who need financial assistance to maintain or implement arts education programs in their schools. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in support of new or evolving programs that integrate the arts into educational programming. **DEADLINE: September 30, 2024** | [Application](#)

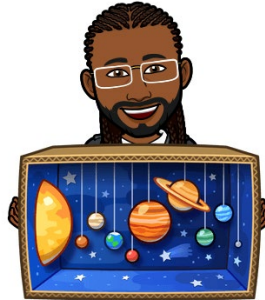
Rolling Deadlines

- **Target Gift Card Request** Our local stores care about the communities they serve. If your organization is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), accredited school or public agency, you may go to any of our stores to request a Target Gift Card donation. **Letters of inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation** grants support programs that enhance educational opportunities for youth. Priority is given to projects that increase literacy, teach life skills and encourage good citizenship. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Applicants must be a 501c3 organization. Please contact the Grants Department if you are interested in applying. **Letters of inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Fruit Tree Planting Foundation** awards Fruit Tree 101 grants for edible fruit trees, planting resources and curriculum that support “outdoor edible classrooms.” Schools must accommodate at least 20 trees. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **American Association of Physics Teachers** sponsors several grant opportunities for educators and a scholarship for an aspiring physics teacher. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **IGT After School Advantage Program** provides grants to close the Digital Divide for disadvantaged children who get left behind because they do not have the means to access computers in today’s increasingly digital society. Reach out to GA staff if interested in applying. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Broward County Farm Bureau Provides** grants to help schools teach the basic principles of agriculture required by Florida Statutes. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **ALDI Smart Kids Program** provides funding and gift cards to organizations that promote kids being active and healthy. Grants are between \$100–\$5,000. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Publix Charities** supports programs focused on youth, education, reducing hunger, and alleviating homelessness. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)

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