



ACT / Grant Resource Department Back to School Edition

The Grant Connection

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Welcome Back! Here are some great grants to support your instruction.

Remember—innovation is key! Feel free to contact me for assistance.

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Florida Agriculture in the Classroom—Grants and Resources

Purpose: Distributes Volunteer Grants in the spring and Teacher and School Garden Grants in the fall. They also award mini-grants through the Women's Leadership Committee.

Eligibility: Teacher Grants are available to teachers Kindergarten - 12th grade, including agriscience teachers who have agriculture related classroom or schoolyard projects. Grants are in the \$700 range.

Deadline: This is typically due in October—last year only the first 40 submitted applications were accepted and considered!

Contact: <http://faitc.org/teacher-grant/> and contact the local county office for other opportunities.

2016 Kids in Need Teacher Grants—this is always a great resource!

Purpose: To fund projects that make creative use of common teaching aids, approach curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Innovation and merit account for 40% of the evaluation.

Eligibility: All Pre-K - 12th grade educators; \$100-\$500 grants.

Deadline: Applications are available on the website each year from July 15 to September 30.

Contact: Apply online at www.kinf.org

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Classroom Grant

Purpose: Aerospace education activities in K-12 classrooms, including: earth science, biological and physical research, math, robotics, STEM, etc. *Lego grants (for parts) will be considered for up to \$250 per team for participation in robotics competitions.*

Eligibility: All K - 12th grade educators; grants up to \$250.

Deadline: Two cycles to apply—by November 2016 and February 2017

Contact: www.aiaa.org

Upcoming Grants & New Dates -

Manatee Education Foundation

This *new grant program* awards 100 grants of \$1,000 each school.
Due: Sept. 13, 2016

Target Field Trip Grants—up to \$700. Apply between Aug. 1 and Oct. 1.

Manatee Community Foundation—school grants due early January 2017

Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation—school grants due early July 2017

Grant Writing 101:

Allow plenty of lead time.

Follow instructions.

Edit your work .

Connect your program to your funder—make it interesting.

Do not use jargon or acronyms.

What is the impact?

Be realistic about the impact, budget, students to be served, etc.

Do you have the capacity to effectively implement the new program?