



ACT / Grant Resource Department

The Grant Connection

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Although it doesn't quite feel or look like it, we are officially into the autumn season! Besides getting ready for the imminent holiday rush, there has been quite a bit of grant writing at our schools this past month. As always, thanks to all of you who are working above and beyond to support special programs.

Check out the new Grant Resources Page on Manateeschools.net for resources and tips. Here are a few funding opportunities that may also help.

Thanks again for all that you do!

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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. Teachers must be current AIAA Educator Associate members actively engaged in kindergarten through twelfth grade classroom education prior to receiving this grant.

Deadline: Submissions due October 1—November 16. Awards are distributed January 21, 2017.

Contact: www.aiaa.org

Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant

Purpose: A collaboration between Whole Kids Foundation and FoodCorps. Edible garden projects may be at any stage of development. Priority will be given to limited-resource communities and to projects that demonstrate strong buy-in from stakeholders, as well as demonstrating sustainability.

Eligibility: Non-profit, K-12 school. Grants are for \$2,000.

Deadline: October 31, 2016. Grant award notifications February 15, 2017.

Contact: https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/images/wysiwyg-uploads/2017_School_Garden_Grant_FAQs.pdf

Contact: Apply online at www.kinf.org

Psst...!

Did you submit your Target Field Trip Grant? It is due October 1.

Need a product donation?

Send a letter (on letterhead with the school's EIN) to a Wal-Mart Store closest to the project. They often give gift cards.

Start Planning...

Manatee Community Foundation—school grants are due early January 2017.

Grant Writing Tips:

Do your homework!

Research your funder... are they the right partner for your project?

Be Logical! Be Succinct!

Tell the reader right up front what you are going to do, who it benefits, and why they should care.

The Budget and Narrative

Coincide—Don't confuse the reviewer by having unexplained expenditures in the budget without program narrative to back it up. Both sections should tell the same story.