

Grants and Where to Find Them

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A. Grant Writing is key:

- Make sure a grant writer is available
- Think out of the box - this is the time to sell yourself/your district
- Don't be afraid to brag, use every possible resource

B. Grants received by San Diego Unified School District Transportation Services Department:

- Wheelchairs
- GPS
- Particulate Traps
- Fuel
- Roof Numbers (for identification)
- Car Seats
- Zonar Systems
- Radios
- Computers

C. Think outside the box – apply for grants that are not just transportation centered:

- Highway Projects
- Congestion Mitigation
- EPA funding
- Training grants
- Instructional vocational education grants
- Mechanic Instructional grants
- Partner with other departments
- Piggy-back off a neighboring district's grants or form a one-time joint-use or consortium for grant purposes and application only.
- Work with Physical Therapists to apply for grants for wheelchairs, safety equipment that can be used in the classroom and the bus
- If site is a vocational education site(your transportation department takes in student interns, etc.) the district department then qualifies for student based grants
- District may be getting dollars already – find out sources and reapply for same grant annually – more chance of receipt of funds as a repeat applicant

D. Grant Resources:

- ASE: www.ase.com
- EPA: www.epa.gov
- US DOT: www.nhtsa.gov
- US Department of Ed/Office of Special Education Programs:
www.usdoe.gov or www.usdoe/osep.gov
- Travel training grants available through Metropolitan Transit Organizations
(local Metropolitan Planning Organization/local transit and Para-transit
authority)
- Easter Seals: www.easterseals.org
- Homeland Security: www.tsa.gov

On-going funding already available to all districts through:

- Target Instructional Improvements Grants (TIIG/Title I finding)
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
- Medicaid