



# Education Technology Funding Alert!

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## EETT Competitive Grant Application Underway

The California Department of Education (CDE) recently posted the Request for Applications for the \$15 million federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive (EETT-C) grant program. Forty-six school districts and one direct-funded charter school in CTAP Region 8 are potentially eligible to apply for funding through this No Child Left Behind federal program.

This portion of the EETT-C program is regionally competitive, with \$904,434 available for the successful districts in CTAP Region 8. The applicant must have a state approved technology plan and also write a 25-page narrative describing its proposed educational program. Districts must send their completed application to the Education Technology Office of the CDE in Sacramento by the 5 P.M., **April 23, 2008** deadline. The applications will be read and scored in May, with notification and awards sent in summer.

The primary purpose of this EETT-C program is to improve student academic achievement in grades four through eight through the use of technology. In addition, the program strives to enable students to cross the digital divide and acquire technology skills; to encourage communication and collaboration among home, school, and community; to provide teachers with a professional development program for curricular development; and to assist in the development of an effective educational technology infrastructure.

Schools listed in the successful application will receive an initial one-time implementation grant of \$300 per pupil for the execution of their plans. After the successful completion of the initial grant, the schools may receive a one-time grant of \$45 per pupil in grades four through eight to sustain the use of technology at the sites. A minimum of twenty-five percent of the funds must be used for high-quality professional development.

Funded districts will review their program using multiple measures and make semi-annual reports to the CDE to demonstrate progress at achieving their objectives.

For more information about the EETT-C Round 7 program, please visit the CDE's website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r5/eettc08rfa.asp> or contact Dana Greenspan at (805) 383-9325 or [dgreenspan@vcoe.org](mailto:dgreenspan@vcoe.org).

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## GRANTS

### California Partnership Academies (CPA): Grade 10

Sponsored by the CDE, this program is designed to provide funding for a CPA program in school districts with comprehensive high schools that are currently operating career-focused, non-funded academies that include grade 10 and commit to using the California Partnership Academies model. Academy components include rigorous academics with a career focus, a team of teachers, and active business involvement.

**Contact**–Karen Shores, 916-319-0478, [kshores@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kshores@cde.ca.gov)

**Web Site**–[www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1287](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1287)

**Deadline**–April 11, 2008 (Application); March 21, 2008 (Intent to Submit is optional)

**Eligibility**–School districts with comprehensive high schools (see above description and web site for additional eligibility criteria)

**Awards**–50 grants of \$42,000 each

### Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

Sponsored by the USDA, this program provides financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents.

**Contact**–[dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov), 202-720-0413

**Web Site**–[www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm](http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm)

**Deadline**–April 14, 2008

**Eligibility**–Public and private K-12 schools located in rural communities

**Awards**–\$24.7 M is available, with awards ranging: \$50,000-\$500,000 each

### Sprint Ahead for Education Grant Program

The Sprint Foundation will award grants to individual schools and school districts to fund the purchase of resource materials, supplies, equipment and software that facilitates and encourages character education among K-12 students.

**Contact**–[education@sprint.com](mailto:education@sprint.com)

**Web Site**–[www.sprint.com/citizenship/education/sprintahead/](http://www.sprint.com/citizenship/education/sprintahead/)

**Deadline**–April 15, 2008

**Eligibility**–Public K-12 schools, charter schools and school districts

**Awards**–Up to 75 grants: \$500-\$5,000 for schools and \$10,000-\$25,000 for districts

### Full-Service Community Schools Program

Offered by the USDE, this program is designed to provide comprehensive educational, developmental, family, health and other services for students through partnerships between public elementary schools and secondary schools, community-based organizations and public or

private entities.

**Contact**–Joan.Scott-Ambrosio@ed.gov, 202-205-5630

**Web Site**–[www.ed.gov/programs/communityschools/applicant.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/communityschools/applicant.html)

**Deadline**–April 15, 2008 (Application); March 17, 2008 (Notice of Intent to Apply is optional)

**Eligibility**–Consortia consisting of a local educational agency and one or more community-based organization

**Awards**–8-12 awards ranging: \$75,000-\$500,000

### Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education

Sponsored by CDE, this program provides local educational agencies with funding for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs.

**Contact**–[rweikle@cde.ca.gov](mailto:rweikle@cde.ca.gov), 916-324-5676

**Web Site**–[www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1298](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1298)

**Deadline**–May 1, 2008

**Eligibility**–High school districts, charter high schools, county-operated court and community schools, and the California Youth Authority schools are eligible to apply for Section 131 funds.

**Awards**–Based on allocation formula (see web site)

### School Leadership Grant Program

Sponsored by the USDE, this program is designed to assist high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) in the development, enhancement, or expansion of innovative programs to recruit, train, and retain principals and assistant principals.

**Contact**–[SLP@ed.gov](mailto:SLP@ed.gov), 202-205-5009

**Web Site**–[www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2008-1/030308e.html](http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2008-1/030308e.html)

**Deadline**–May 2, 2008 (Application); April 2, 2008 (Intent to Apply)

**Eligibility**–High-need LEAs, consortia or partnerships that consist of high-need LEAs, and nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher education. See Web site for definition of high-need LEA.

**Awards**–24-30 awards ranging: \$250,000-\$750,000 each

### Save Our History Grant Program

(<http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/>)

The History Channel awards grants of up to \$10,000 to organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on community preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting and preserving the history of their communities. **Applications are due June 6th, 2008.** Please direct questions to [info@saveourhistory.com](mailto:info@saveourhistory.com).

## Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, school-based projects are for students in grades K-12, are directly connected to the school curriculum and instructional program, and ensure the application of national or state arts education standards. Projects also may address professional development for teachers, teaching artists, and school administrators.

**Contact**—See web site for a list of Art Specialty Area contacts.

**Web Site**—[www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html](http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html)

**Deadline**—June 9, 2008

**Eligibility**—School districts and state and regional education agencies

**Awards**—Grant awards will range: \$10,000-\$100,000 each. Nonfederal match requirement of at least 1 to 1.

## Student Tech Support Mini-Grants

MOUSE Squad of California (MSCA) Student Tech Leadership and Support programs can help provide technical support for schools. MSCA, a program of Aspiranet, is for upper elementary, middle, and high school students, has an online curriculum, hands-on activities, Student Help Desk, and volunteers.

**Contact**—Jan Half, 650-345-6338 or 408-712-5912, [jhalf@ca.mousesquad.org](mailto:jhalf@ca.mousesquad.org)

**Web Site**—[www.ca.mousesquad.org](http://www.ca.mousesquad.org)

**Deadline**—Ongoing for 2008-09 implementation

**Eligibility**—K-12 public schools in California

**Awards**—\$500 for MOUSE Squad Student Tech Program (cost of program is \$2,500 per site for Year 1, \$2,000 for Renewal) for curriculum licensing, training, materials, program management

## Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes

(<http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com>)

CDW-G and Discovery Education will provide five winning K-12 schools with a 21st century mobile classroom lab valued at more than \$50,000. Each lab includes 20 laptop or tablet computers, a mobile cart and three wireless access points, a video projector and printer, a document camera, an interactive whiteboard, a personal response system, educational software, and training. In addition to the five grand-prize winners, the companies will award five first prizes, consisting of either an interactive whiteboard or a video projector; 10 second prizes of a notebook computer; and five third prizes of a digital camcorder. **Random drawings will be conducted monthly through May 1, 2008.**

## AWARDS/CONTESTS/ TEACHER GRANTS

### Doodle 4 Google

The Doodle 4 Google Competition is designed to encourage U.S. school students to use their creativity to create their own interpretation of the Google logo. Along with creating a doodle, students also need to write a title for their doodle and a supporting statement of up to 50 words explaining their "What if . . .?" vision.

**Contact**—Check FAQs or post questions through the educators discussion group on the Web site.

**Web Site**—[www.google.com/doodle4google/index.html](http://www.google.com/doodle4google/index.html)

**Deadline**—March 28, 2008 (School Registration); April 12, 2008 (Entries Submitted)

**Eligibility**—Grades K-12 public school or home school students

**Awards**—The National Winner will win a \$10,000 college scholarship, a trip to the Googleplex, a laptop computer, and a t-shirt printed with their doodle. The National Winner's doodle will "go live" on the Google homepage for 24 hours. The winner's school will also receive a \$25,000 grant for a computer lab. Each of the other 3 National Finalists will win a trip to the Googleplex, a laptop computer, and a t-shirt printed with their doodle. Each of the other 36 Regional Winners will win a trip to the Googleplex and t-shirt printed with their doodle. Each of the other 360 State Finalists will receive a "Doodle 4 Google" certificate.

### AVerVision Lesson Plan Contest

Teachers and educators are asked to submit a lesson plan relating to one of six subjects with the use of a document camera as the primary technology or demonstration device. Subject categories include: Mathematics, Science, English/Language Arts, History/Social Studies, Art/Music, and Other.

**Contact**—[lessonplancontest.ppdusa@avermedia.com](mailto:lessonplancontest.ppdusa@avermedia.com)

**Web Site**—[www.aver.com/presentation/promotion\\_lesson\\_plan.asp](http://www.aver.com/presentation/promotion_lesson_plan.asp)

**Deadline**—April 18, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 public, charter, private and home school educators

**Awards**—Six grand prizes packages of \$1,000 to be used to implement classroom technology and a new AVerVision CP300 document camera

### 2008 National Teacher Awards and 2008 Champion Principal Award

Sponsored by Time Warner Cable Television, the *Teacher Awards* program recognizes outstanding teachers who develop creative learning experiences using cable television resources, such as programming or Internet technology. Projects must involve cable program resources or Internet technology and should focus on curriculum development in areas such as cross-curricular studies, classroom-to-community activities, study-related materials, audiovisual productions, and/or multimedia applications. The *Principal Award* will recognize a champion principal who supports and understands the use of technology as an effective learning resource.

**Contact**—212-364-8220

**Web Site**—[www.timewarnercable.com/nationalteacherawards](http://www.timewarnercable.com/nationalteacherawards)

**Deadline**—April 1, 2008

**Eligibility**—Eligible schools must be located within a Time Warner Cable service area and teachers (grades K-12) must work at state accredited public or private schools.

**Awards**—Fifteen teachers will each receive \$2,000 cash and \$3,000 for school technology advancement; one principal will receive \$5,000 for classroom technology enhancement. Both teacher and principal winners will receive trips to the National Teacher Awards gala celebration in Washington DC.

### Empowered Education Video Awards

Sponsored by eSchool News Network, this program is designed to honor student produced news videos. To qualify, students make a 3-5

minute original video on the theme of "How Technology Helps Me Learn."

**Contact**—[gdowney@eschoolnews.com](mailto:gdowney@eschoolnews.com)

**Web Site**—[www.eschoolnews.com/empowered/](http://www.eschoolnews.com/empowered/)

**Deadline**—April 30, 2008

**Eligibility**—Elementary school, junior/middle school, high school, junior college/senior college students and their educator-sponsor

**Awards**—12 finalists (three from each education level) and four top winners will receive prizes and an expenses-paid trip to a gala awards celebration in Washington, D.C.

### ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program

The Unsung Heroes program helps those who have a creative, unique educational program that is helping students reach new heights, or helps fund projects that educators would like to implement.

**Contact**—507-931-1682 or 800-537-4180, [ing@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:ing@scholarshipamerica.org)

**Web Site**—[www.ing-usa.com/us/unsungheroes](http://www.ing-usa.com/us/unsungheroes)

**Deadline**—April 30, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 public and private full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

**Awards**—100 awards of \$2,000 each. Of the 100 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards: first place will receive \$25,000, second place will receive \$10,000, and the third-place winner will receive \$5,000.

### Adobe School Innovation Awards

With the theme "My Community—My Planet—My 21st Century," this awards program is designed to recognize innovative uses of Adobe technology by high school students. Students may submit entries in three categories: Web Design and Development, Film and Video, Graphic and Print Design.

**Contact**—800-833-6687

**Web Site**—[www.adobe.com/go/k-12awards](http://www.adobe.com/go/k-12awards)

**Deadline**—May 12, 2008

**Eligibility**—High school students or groups of students, ages 14-19, enrolled in an accredited private or public high school

**Awards**—Individual and group category winners will receive Adobe software, cash, laptop computers, and the Best-of-Best winner will receive a trip to National Education Computing Conference in San Antonio, TX this summer.

### Project Ignition

Sponsored by State Farm Insurance and National Youth Leadership Council, this program provides funding for innovative public awareness, service-learning projects based on teen driver safety. Students must take the lead creating this project, with support from a teacher/advisor and school/organization. Projects may use TV, film, radio, the Internet, events/festivals, performance art, and much more.

**Contact**—[info@sfprojectignition.com](mailto:info@sfprojectignition.com), 888-856-7026

**Web Site**—[www.sfprojectignition.com/rules\\_regulations.html](http://www.sfprojectignition.com/rules_regulations.html)

**Deadline**—May 16, 2008

**Eligibility**—Students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public schools, public charter schools and public alternative schools and teacher/advisors

**Awards**—25 awards of \$2,000 each. Ten finalists will be chosen each of which will receive an award of up to \$5,000 for travel to the National Service-Learning Conference in Nashville, TN in March 2009. A single Best of the Best award of \$10,000 will be awarded at the conference.