

## Funding Options

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### Finding Grant Money

Conduct a Google search on the Internet, type in "Grants Search," and find access to many sources of educational grants. A particularly helpful site is [www.schoolgrants.org](http://www.schoolgrants.org). This website also contains grant-writing tips.

[SchoolGrants.org](http://www.schoolgrants.org)

### Small Business Gifts

Many local businesses, such as banks or realtors, are interested in sponsoring school programs.

- Approach the decision maker of the business with your request.
- Invite the local press to the event. Businesses are especially appreciative if they see their generosity reflected in the local newspaper.
- In addition to public recognition, send a personal thank-you letter.
- Businesses may be able to write off donations if your organization is a 501(c)3.
- Continue with the relationship by asking the donors to attend other school events.

### Educational Foundations

Many school districts have established foundations or endowments where grants monies are available. Call your local school district office to find out if such a foundation exists in your area.

### In-School Field Trips

Bring an Earth Adventure program to your school by charging students a modest field trip fee.

### School Auctions

- Ask families to donate one or two items that are either small or large. Baked goods work well too.
- Make it a community event by inviting the community to contribute auction items and attend the auction.
- Ask local businesses to donate auction items or consumables for the event.

### Grant Websites

- » [www.toolboxforeducation.com](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com)
- » [www.grantsalert.com](http://www.grantsalert.com) - Free access to up-to-date announcements of education funding opportunities.
- » [www.afterschool.gov](http://www.afterschool.gov) - Federal dollars for during out-of-school hours.
- » [www.education-world.com/grants](http://www.education-world.com/grants) - Current education grants, additional grant sources, and grant writing tips and resources.
- » [www.fundnetservices.com](http://www.fundnetservices.com) - Provides grant writing and fundraising resources.
- » [www.topschoolfundraisers.com/grant](http://www.topschoolfundraisers.com/grant) - Grants for teachers to enhance student learning.

## Federal Grant Money

- Title I: funding for at-risk students
- Title II: professional development funding
- Title V: library funding

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