

FUNDING SOURCES for SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS

Name of Source	Purpose	Grade	Amount	Deadline	Website/ Contact
Kids in Need Foundation	To provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students, used to finance creative classroom projects	K-12	\$100 to \$500 each	September 30, 2011 <i>(Projected deadline, check with foundation for 2011-2012 dates)</i>	http://www.kinf.org/grants/
Assistance League of Minneapolis/St. Paul Links to Learning program	Classroom projects, for grades K-8 –in Minneapolis Public School District schools only (Administered by Achieve Minneapolis) Check the website for postings – grants made available in the fall until the funding runs out.	K-8	Up to \$750	Oct 25, 2011 <i>(Projected deadline, check with foundation for 2011-2012 dates)</i>	http://www.mediafire.com/album/links-to-learning
K-12 Service Learning Grants	To cover the expenses involved in service learning activities in K-12 classrooms. – in Minneapolis Public School District schools only (Administered by Community Education – Jerry Ezaki is the contact)	K-5	Up to \$500	November 28 th , 2011 <i>(Projected deadline, check with foundation for 2011-2012 dates)</i>	http://commed.mpls.k12.mn.us/Service-Learning_Mini_Grants.html
Community Learning Fund	Grants made available to cover the cost of transportation and subsidies to and from locations for Minneapolis Public School students. Administered by Achieve Minneapolis	K-12		Fall 2011 Check the Achieve Minneapolis website in the fall 2011	http://www.achievempls.org/whatwedo/resources/
Fund for Teachers	Fund for Teachers awards fellowships for self-designed professional growth to PreK-12 teachers who recognize the value of inquiry, the power of knowledge, and their ability to make a difference.	PreK-12	Up to \$5000 for individuals , \$10000 for teams	Applications available in September and due in November <i>(Projected deadline, check with foundation for 2011-2012 dates)</i>	http://www.fundforteachers.org/apply/mn.html
Toolbox for Education	Toolbox for Education grant program funds school improvement projects initiated by parents, in recognition of the importance of parent involvement in education.	K-12	Up to \$5000	October 14, 2011	http://toolboxforeducation.com/
P. Buckley Moss Foundation	The grants are to support teachers who will use the arts as an effective learning tool in teaching children who learn differently.	K-12	Up to \$1000	September 30, 2011 (For 2012 school year)	http://mossfoundation.org/
The Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	Available only to members of Education Minnesota, Classroom Grants (pre-K-12 and higher education) are awarded to address particular needs for classroom innovations.	Pre K-12	\$500 - \$3,000	Dec. 10 th , 2011 <i>(Projected deadline, check with foundation for 2011-2012 dates)</i>	http://www.educationminnesota.org/en/events/foundation.aspx

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	Preference is given to projects that address the needs of diverse or at-risk students, involve partnerships and are replicable.				
Peace Maker Foundation	Focused on violence prevention and anti-bullying, grants can be used to bring in outside organizations that teach cooperation, empathy, respect, listening and other social and communication skills	K-12	\$500-\$1000	Statement of Interest forms must be postmarked by December 1 st . Funds received for following school year.	www.peacemakermn.org
Target Store Grants	Arts programs that bring the arts to schools and artist residencies and workshops in schools	K-12	\$1000-\$3000	Applications accepted March 1 to April 30, 2011 <i>(Projected deadline, check with foundation for 2011-2012 dates)</i>	http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818
ING Unsung Heroes	Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000	K-12	\$2,000 - \$25,000	April 30 th , 2012	http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/Education/INGUnsungHeroes/index.htm
Donorschoose.org	Public school teachers post classroom project requests on DonorsChoose.org. Then, donors can browse project requests and give any amount to the one that inspires them.	K-12		Ongoing	http://www.donorschoose.org/

Other ideas:

- Contact your local Kiwanis or Rotary
- See if there are funds available through your PTA or another parent group
- Check Minneapolis Public School District's resources page: <http://statefed.mpls.k12.mn.us/Foundations.html>