

## Other Funding Sources

### [Anheuser-Busch Foundation](#)

The foundation supports “education, health care and human service, programs for minorities and youth, cultural enrichment, and environmental protection. Limited to organizations located in communities where the company and its subsidiaries operate major facilities, and where employees and families live and work.”

### [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](#)

Up to \$650,000 in grants will be administered each year with individual grantees receiving up to \$65,000 each. This foundation funds family literacy initiatives and literacy programs that must include: Reading instruction for parents or primary care-givers; literacy or pre-literacy instruction for children; and Intergenerational activities where the parents/primary caregivers and children come together to learn and to read.

### [Best Buy Children’s Foundation – Community Grants](#)

Applications are accepted from nonprofit organizations for projects that give teens access to opportunities through technology and are located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or other facility.

### [Boeing Corporate Citizenship](#)

Provides grants to non-profit qualified charitable or educational organizations or accredited K-12 educational institution. Projects must involve one of the five following focal areas: education; health and human services; arts and culture, civic engagement and the environment. For additional information see [Grant-Making Guidelines for Missouri](#).

### **Community Development Block Grant**

For community development and revitalization purposes, primarily benefiting people with low to moderate incomes. There is also a special focus on youth programs, including mentoring, tutoring, enrichment activities, employment services, and transitional support for youth aging out of foster care. Federal regulations specify that up to 15 percent of total block funds can be used to support public services. See [Using CBDG to Support Community-Based Youth Programs](#) by Roxana Torrico.

### [Dollar General Grant Programs](#)

Offers a variety of grant opportunities including Adult Literacy, Back-to-School, Beyond Words, Family Literacy and Youth Literacy.

### [Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants](#)

This foundation awards Ezra Jack Keats mini-grants of \$350. These mini-grants are to be used for projects that instill a love of literature in children and that foster literacy and creativity. The foundation considers funding innovative workshops, lectures, and festivals, as well as activities aimed at parents of preschool children. **Deadline: September 15th, each year**

### [Improving Literacy through School Libraries](#)

This program helps Local Education Agencies (LEAs) improve reading achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and professionally certified school library media specialists.

### **[Jenny Jones Community Grant Program](#)**

Jenny's Heroes provides grants of up to \$25,000 each to fund projects that promise long-term community benefits. Through the fifty grant recipients so far, funds have been used to provide items and services such as library books, school computers, and coats for children in domestic violence shelters. The program's focus is primarily on smaller communities where fundraising can be difficult.

### **[Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries](#)**

Grants from the Laura Bush Foundation are made to school libraries across the United States to purchase books.

### **[The Lawrence Foundation](#)**

The Lawrence Foundation focuses support on the areas of education, the environment and health. The grant application provides the opportunity for you to introduce your organization, tell what problems you face, and how the Foundation can help. They use the Common Grant Application website to receive and manage their grant applications.

### **[Lois Lenski Covey Foundation](#)**

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. awards grants to rural and urban, public and school libraries serving at-risk children. Grants range from \$500 to \$3,000. More details regarding the grant program can be found on the [Grant Program Information](#) web page.

### **[Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation](#)**

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to improving the communities the company serves through support of public education, community improvement projects, and home safety initiatives. Support is provided to grassroots projects located in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. Priority is given to projects that can utilize Lowe's volunteers. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed above to take the eligibility test and submit an online application.

### **[Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust Fund](#)**

The Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust provides small grants (under \$5,000) for school and public libraries seeking to offer innovative programs that promote reading for pleasure for young adults. There is no specific deadline to apply. Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications that feature new or creative programs will receive special consideration over those simply seeking funds for collection development or for a book discussion group.

### **[Mattel Children's Foundation: Domestic Grantmaking Program](#)**

The Mattel Children's Foundation's mission is to better the lives of children in need. Grants are available to local organizations that use creative methods to address the needs of children from birth to 12 years of age. Funded programs must address one of the following issues: the health and well-being of children, with emphasis on promoting healthy, active lifestyles; increased access to education for underserved children, in particular, innovative strategies to promote literacy; and the self-esteem of girls up to age 12.

**Mead Witter Foundation, Inc.**

Giving primarily for higher education and for local community causes, and youth and social service agencies in communities where Mead Witter Inc. conducts operations; higher education grants generally limited to those in WI; support also for the fine and performing arts and other cultural programs.

**[Michael and Susan Dell Foundation](#)**

The Foundation funds projects that directly serve or impact children living in urban poverty, particularly in the areas of education, childhood health and family economic stability (including microfinance.)

**[Missouri Humanities Council](#)**

The Missouri Humanities Council awards grants to support locally-generated programs and projects that are based in the humanities (subjects such as history, archaeology, anthropology, literature, religion, law, philosophy and languages). Applications for mini-grants (\$2,500 or less) are due on the first work day of the month. There are also quarterly major grant opportunities (over \$2,500) with applications due March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

**[National Education Association \(NEA\) Foundation](#)**

Through the Books across America Library Books Award program, the NEA Foundation makes \$1,000 awards to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries.

**[Office of Elementary and Secondary Education: Improving Literacy through School Libraries Competition](#)**

This program hopes to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with access to up-to-date school library materials, advanced school library media centers, and professionally certified school library media specialists.

**[RGK Foundation Grant Program](#)**

RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community, and Medicine/Health. The Foundation's primary interests within Education include formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), literacy, and higher education. Human service programs for potential funding include children and family services, early childhood development, and parenting education. Within Health/Medicine programs are to involve promoting the health and well-being of children and families. Youth development programs typically include after-school educational enrichment programs that supplement and enhance formal education systems to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life.

### [Target Early Literacy Grant](#)

Reading is an essential element in a child's educational process. Reading grants are awarded to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations, supporting programs such as weekend book clubs and after-school reading programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age 9, to read together with their families. Most grants average between \$1,000 and \$3,000. The application is available online.

### [W. K. Kellogg Foundation](#)

The Foundation offers grants to projects that address the following mission statement: "To ensure that all children get the development and education they need as a foundation for independence and success, we seek opportunities to invest in early child development (ages zero to eight), leading to reading proficiency by third grade, high school graduation, and pathways to meaningful employment." Strategies and programs include whole child development, family literacy and educational advocacy.

### [WHO Foundation](#)

The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others supports grassroots nonprofit organizations serving the overlooked needs of women and children in the United States and Puerto Rico. The Foundation's Education/Literacy Grant Program provides support for free after-school programs and other education or literacy programs for low-income children of all ages.

### **William T. Kemper Foundation**

Preference is given to projects in the Midwest, with particular emphasis on Missouri. Support is primarily for arts, civic improvements, education, health care, and human services.

### [Wish You Well Foundation](#)

Projects should support the Foundation's mission statement: "Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs" Awards generally range from \$200-\$10,000.