GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUITAR PROGRAMS

California Casualty Music and Arts Grant
The California Casualty Music and Arts Grant program provides support to K-12 public schools negatively impacted by reduced budgets. The program is available throughout the United States. calcasmusicartsgrant.com

D’Addario Music Foundation
The focus of the D’Addario Music Foundation’s giving is in the areas of stringed as well as band and orchestral musical instruments primarily through the support of educational programs, events, and performance-based activities. By providing support early in the development of an organization and encouraging expansion in the donor network, the Foundation seeks to help organizations achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency. daddariofoundation.org/grants

Fender Music Foundation
Fender Music Foundation grants are awarded to music academies, schools, local music programs and national music programs across America, particularly in-school music classes, in which the students make music; after-school music programs that are not run by the school; and music therapy programs, in which the participants make the music. To be eligible, programs must be established, ongoing and sustainable, and provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music. fender.com/pages/play-music-foundation

The Les Paul Foundation
The Les Paul Foundation provides grants for music education, engineering and innovations. The Foundation funds programs and projects that promote the legacy of Les Paul. lespaulfoundation.org

Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
Giving on a national basis to support museums, cultural, and performing arts programs; schools, hospitals, educational and skills training programs, programs for youth, seniors, and the handicapped; environmental and wildlife protection activities; and other community-based organizations and their programs. mvdreyfusfoundation.org
The Mockingbird Foundation
The Mockingbird Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Phish fans in 1996 (incorporated March 1997) to generate charitable proceeds from the Phish community. And since we’re entirely volunteer – with no office, salaries, or paid staff – administrative costs are less than 2% of revenues! So far, we’ve distributed over $1.4M to support music education for children – 401 grants in all 50 states, with more on the way!
mbird.org

The NAMM Foundation
Since its inception in 1994, The NAMM Foundation has donated more than $16 million in support to domestic and international music education programs, scientific research, advocacy and public service programs related to music making. The grants are funded in part by donations from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) and its 10,300 member companies worldwide. (NOTE: Currently, the NAMM Foundation is not accepting grant applications. Check their website for other opportunities or grant-giving affiliates)
namm.org

RBC Foundation USA
The RBC After-School Grants Project offers funding to programs that provide a range of structured, supervised activities for K-12 students in the critical hours after the school day ends. The After-School Grants Project focuses on programs that: Improve academic achievement of students; Increase students’ self-esteem through skill development activities rather than free play time; Reinforce basic social skills such as cooperation, team-building and conflict resolution to help youth begin to develop workplace competencies; Focus on activities such as mentoring, tutoring, literacy education, music and art lessons; Encourage and develop partnerships between home, schools and the community; Are financially accessible with no or very low participation fees; Provide a safe environment; and Assist at-risk or underserved communities.

Target Field Trip Grants
It’s become increasingly difficult for schools to fund learning opportunities outside the classroom. To help them out, we launched Field Trip Grants in 2007. Since then, we’ve made it possible for millions of students to go on a field trip.
corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/community/philanthropy/field-trip-grants

Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program
Grants of up to $5,000 will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations in the service area of individual Walmart stores.
giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program

Other Opportunities
- Check with your local Kiwanis group to see if they offer classroom grants