

# Funding resources

Because acquiring funding and resources is often helpful in establishing and continuing a place-based education emphasis in your school, we encourage you to use your Discovering PLACE grant-writing experience as a practice experience for acquiring funding from other organizations. Information on grant amounts, criteria and deadlines can be found at the Web sites of the organizations listed here.

Please evaluate each funding source carefully. While this list is a helpful starting point, Discovering PLACE implies no endorsement of, or connection with these organizations, except as noted.

## Local

### **Community Foundation of Greater Flint**

- Mini-grants of \$2,000-\$10,000
- Generally funds collaborative initiatives that create community cohesion, improve community health and benefit historically challenged populations
- Link: <http://www.cfgf.org/page32609.cfm>

### **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (has provided funding for Discovering PLACE)**

- Monetary grants
- Because this international foundation is based in Flint, the C.S. Mott Foundation grants funds specifically for local initiatives, including arts, culture, education, economic revitalization, and community
- Link: <http://www.mott.org/about/programs/flintarea.aspx>

### **Ruth Mott Foundation (has partnered with Discovering PLACE)**

- Monetary grants
- Aiming for community vitality, grants are focused on arts and culture, beautification and health promotion
- Link: <http://www.ruthmottfoundation.org/grants.aspx>

## State

### Michigan Education Association

- Monetary grants
- Grant categories including professional growth and development, School Improvement and AYP. Site also includes links to National Education Association and NEA Foundation grants
- Link: <http://www.mea.org/awards/grants.html>

### Learn and Serve - Michigan

- Monetary grants
- Grants for service learning projects connecting meaningful community service and academic teaching
- Link: <http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/0,1607,7-137-8148--,00.html>

### W. K. Kellogg Foundation

- Monetary grants
- The foundation supports new ideas about how to engage children and youth in learning and new ways to bring together community-based systems that promote learning. Programming framework includes educated kids, healthy kids, secure families, racial equity and civic engagement
- Link: <http://www.wkkf.org/default.aspx?tabid=75&CID=271&NID=61&LanguageID=0>

## National

### Adobe Software

- Software donation: Schools and nonprofits can request four software products or one bundled software package per year
- Adobe's corporate responsibility program emphasizes addressing education, environmental, economic and social issues.
- Link: <http://www.adobe.com/aboutadobe/philanthropy/software.html>

### Adopt-A-Classroom

- Monetary awards by donors matched to classrooms through the site
- "When adopted, you will have full discretion to purchase items that meet your unique classroom needs through a network of online vendors affiliated with Adopt-A-Classroom"
- Link: <http://adoptaclassroom.org>

## National, continued

### American Express

- Monetary grants
- Categories include: historic preservation/conservation, leadership and community service/engagement
- Link: <http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/howto.aspx>

### Annie's

- Limited number of small monetary grants
- Grants for community gardens, school gardens and other education programs connecting children directly to gardening
- Link: [http://www.annies.com/grants\\_for\\_gardens](http://www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens)

### Barnes & Noble

- Bookfair program helps raise funds for school
- School representatives organize/publicize events, from which a portion of purchases is donated back to the school
- Link: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/bookfairs/index.asp>

### Bonnie Plants

- Free oversized cabbage plants plus cash award to one student per state
- Info: <http://www.bonnieplants.com/CabbageProgram/tabid/81/Default.aspx>

### ClassWish.org

- Coordinates donations on a class wish list compiled by the teacher
- Endorsed by Forbes Magazine, but check site FAQs regarding shipping, credit card fees and be sure to verify school address (provided by U.S. Department of Education)
- Link: <http://classwish.org>

### Fender

- Donation of equipment for music instruction plus awards of music memorabilia for schools to sell to purchase instruments/equipment
- Link: <http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

### Fruit Trees 101

- Donation of orchard trees, materials, installation design and on-site environmental curriculum to public schools
- Link: <http://www.ftpf.org/fruittree101.htm> (go to resources)

### Mazda Foundation

- Monetary grants
- Award categories include: education/literacy, environmental conservation, cross-cultural understanding, social welfare, scientific research
- Link: <http://www.mazdafoundation.org/grantguidelines.html>

## National, continued

### MetLife Foundation

- Monetary grants
- Grant categories include: health, education, civic affairs, and culture
- Link: <http://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation>

### Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

- Donation of music instruments
- Melody Program donates Instruments donated to under-funded established instrumental music instruction programs during the K-12 school day
- Source: <http://www.mhopus.org/Apply>

### National Education Association

- Monetary grants
- Variety of grant categories, including Kids in Need, Green School Makeover, School Transformation, Captain Planet Foundation, Pay It Forward, music grants and more
- Info: <http://www.nea.org/grants/grantsawardsandmore.html>

### Schoolyard Habitat Program

- Monetary grants
- An initiative of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the program helps teachers and students create wildlife habitats at their schools.
- Info: <http://www.classroomearth.org/node/1893>

### State Farm

- Monetary grants
- Grants focus on safety, community development/revitalization and education, including teacher development, service-learning and systemic improvement
- Info: <http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/company/company.asp>

### Target

- Monetary grants, field trips and free school supplies
- Along with sponsoring field trips and providing school supplies, grants focus on early childhood reading and arts/culture in schools
- Info: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767>

## More resources

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources' teacher resource page**

[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369\\_46264--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_46264--,00.html)

**State of Michigan page listing resources and tips, including those for educators**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307\\_3580\\_32730-100832--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307_3580_32730-100832--,00.html)

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**Grants.gov (government-generated grant search page)**

[http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find\\_grant\\_opportunities.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)

**Council of Michigan Foundations**

Information for Seeking Foundation and Corporate Grants (2007)

[http://www.michiganfoundations.org/s\\_cmf/bin.asp?CID=516&DID=10301&DOC=FILE.PDF](http://www.michiganfoundations.org/s_cmf/bin.asp?CID=516&DID=10301&DOC=FILE.PDF)

**(Grant list)**

[http://www.fablevisionlearning.com/pdfs/fablevision\\_grants\\_doc.pdf](http://www.fablevisionlearning.com/pdfs/fablevision_grants_doc.pdf)