

Verizon Foundation

Application Deadline: The Verizon Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous calendar-year basis from January 1 through November 30.

Description: In 2004, the Verizon Foundation awarded more than 26,500 grants totaling \$71,400,000 to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas:

Verizon Reads (Literacy)
Verizon Connects (Technology)
Verizon Wireless Hopeline (Domestic Violence Prevention)

Who May Apply: Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

For more information, go to:

<http://foundation.verizon.com/04008.shtml>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education -- Early Childhood Educator Professional Development (ECEPD) Program

Application Deadline: April 7, 2006

Description: The purpose of the ECEPD program is to enhance the school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children, and to prevent them from encountering difficulties once they enter school by improving the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in communities that have high concentrations of children living in poverty.

Who May Apply: A partnership that has not previously received an ECEPD grant and that consists of at least one entity from each of the following categories:

One or more institutions of higher education, or other public or private entities (including faith-based organizations), that provide professional development for early childhood educators who work with children from low-income families in high-need communities

One or more public agencies (including local educational agencies, state educational agencies, state human-services agencies, and state and local agencies administering programs under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990), Head Start agencies, or private organizations (including faith-based organizations)

If feasible, an entity with demonstrated experience in providing training to educators in early childhood education programs concerning identifying and preventing behavior problems or working with children identified as or suspected to be victims of abuse

A partnership may apply for these funds only if one of the partners currently provides professional development for early childhood educators working in programs located in high-need communities with children from low-income families.

Funding Amount:

Estimated available funds: \$14,330,800

Estimated range of awards: \$2,400,000-\$4,800,000

Estimated average size of awards: \$3,600,000

Estimated number of awards: 3-6

For more information, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2006-1/020106a.html>

Ambrose Monell Foundation

The mission of the Ambrose Monell Foundation is to aid and contribute to religious, charitable, literary and educational uses and purposes.

ELIGIBILITY: The foundation only funds organizations with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status and does not award grants to individuals. In order to determine if your request matches the interests of the foundation, submit a letter of inquiry. Only organizations whose initial inquiry is accepted will receive a request to submit a full proposal.

FUNDING: In the past, grants have ranged from \$2,500 to over \$500,000. In 2004, grants totaled nearly \$10,000,000.

DEADLINE: Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed on a continuing basis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Requests should be sent to George Rowe, Jr., President, The Ambrose Monell Foundation, One Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 301, New York, New York 10002-2002; fax (212) 245-1863; e-mail info@monellvetlesen.org; Internet www.monellvetlesen.org. Visit the web site to see the types of organizations and programs the foundation has funded in the past.

Innovative Children's Programs Funded

[Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation: Children's Initiative](#)

[<http://www.wfamilyfoundation.org/childrens_initiative.html>](http://www.wfamilyfoundation.org/childrens_initiative.html)

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation Children's Initiative supports local programs throughout the U.S. that strengthen the social, physical, intellectual, and emotional functioning of young children in significant and measurable ways. The Foundation is looking for programs that are innovative, or that demonstrate a new way of delivering services, and from which others can learn. The Initiative will consider programs that: serve children from the pre-natal stage to six years of age; deliver services to children in non-office or non-traditional settings; involve parents or guardians in the planning, delivery or evaluation of the program; and are within the first three years of development. All proposals must demonstrate that the program offered for consideration meets all four of the above elements. The deadline for letters of intent is April 1, 2006. For more information visit the website listed above.

Mini-Grants for Secondary School Principals

[MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders' Grant Program](#)

[<http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=568&DID=48228>](http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=568&DID=48228)

The MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders' Grant Program, administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), provides mini-grants to principals of public middle level and high schools serving large numbers of low-income students and underrepresented minorities (more than 40% of the student body). The program will provide 25 \$5,000 mini-grants to implement a school-developed initiative aimed at building better relationships among adults and students. Examples of projects eligible for funding include mentoring initiatives, civic engagement projects, and engaging families in the school. Twenty-five schools will be selected to receive a grant. The application deadline is April 17, 2006. For more information visit the website listed above.