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WE BELIEVE THAT KNOWLEDGE SITS AT THE INTERSECTION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE. THAT LIFE'S MOST LASTING LESSONS CAN BE SEEN, HEARD AND TOUCHED. BY EMPOWERING THE INCREDIBLE PASSION AND CREATIVITY OF OUR TEACHERS, WE CAN TAP INTO THE LIMITLESS POTENTIAL OF OUR CHILDREN AND CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL ANGELENOS.

Every year, the FEDCO Charitable Foundation Teacher Grant program at the California Community Foundation makes grants to approximately 100 teachers to fund hands-on classroom projects and field trips that help bring learning to life. Focusing on areas where FEDCO (Federal Employees' Distributing Company) stores operated from 1948-1999, FEDCO grants have helped to fund school garden projects, science experiments, field trips and community events, among others.

Since 1999: Made **more than 2,700** teacher grants totalling **\$7 million** create experiential learning opportunities for young people in Los Angeles County.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

**K-12 public school and charter school teachers** in Los Angeles County of Education schools, Los Angeles, ABC, Culver City, Norwalk-LA Mirada, and Pasadena Unified school districts..

## WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

- The project must connect to common core curriculum standards and have measurable learning objectives.
- The project must include all students in a class.
- The project must include a final group project produced by students.
- Approval from the School Administrator (Principal) is required with the grant application.

## WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Application Period: **May 29 - June 29, 2018**
- Applications Reviewed: **August 2018**
- Teachers Notified & Funds Disbursed: **September 2018**



### HOW MUCH ARE THE GRANTS AND WHAT CAN THEY BE USED FOR?

- Individual teachers may request between \$500-\$1,000.
- Multiple teachers may collaborate and submit a joint request for up to \$2,000. Joint applicants must teach the same grade or subject at the same school. For joint applications, only one teacher needs to submit the application.
- Teachers can apply either individually or as part of a joint application. A teacher may not submit grant applications for both an individual grant and a joint grant.
- Appropriate use of funds include purchase of project materials, admission costs and/or transportation. Funds may not be used for the purchase of computer hardware, cameras, salaries or substitute teachers.
- The project should include engaging and creative experiential learning activities linked to integrated curriculum standards and learning outcomes.

### EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS

- A “seed to plate” and pizza garden project where kindergartners plant, nurture and harvest vegetables to learn the trajectory of food from seed to meal. - **Betty Plasencia Elementary**
- A “global entrepreneurship” project where students learn about plant adaption and business through an Arboretum field trip and experience including making “pitches” to parents and classmates and creating a business plan. - **The School of Business and Tourism at Contreras Learning Complex**

To learn more about FEDCO Teacher Grants and find out how to apply, visit [calfund.org/fedco](http://calfund.org/fedco) or email us at [fedcofund@calfund.org](mailto:fedcofund@calfund.org).

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