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Funding Advice

For one-time, short-term projects such as funding an author visit or buying books for students, try your local service or social organizations first (i.e. Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, etc.)

Find out

- when they award grants
- what their application process is
- deadlines for applications
- where to send your letter of inquiry and to whom you should address it

Some clubs or organizations accept letters of inquiry, others have you fill out an application form. Once you have the basic data on hand, you can use this in subsequent years to renew a request or place a new one.

To find them type “service clubs and organizations” into a search engine along with your city’s name and state. Typically, the local Chamber of Commerce posts this list along with websites.

TIP: See if a parent or staff member in your school belongs to any of these organizations and have them champion your case.

Websites to get you started for larger projects:

<http://www.gettedfunding.com/c/index.web?s@yAuegnPsSkXmk>

http://www.k12grants.org/grant_opps.htm

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/01/27/the-best-places-to-learn-about-education-grants/>