

AT&T Foundation

Website: <http://www.att.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=7736>

Focus: "AT&T is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its philanthropic initiatives and partnerships, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation supports projects that create opportunities, make connections and address community needs where we — and our customers — live and work. Supporting education has been a major focus for AT&T for more than a century, and education is our key philanthropy focus. We are driven to help students succeed — in school, in the workforce and in life."

Available Grants and Funding:

AT&T Aspire - \$100 million high school success and workforce readiness initiative. Program includes four key components:

- Grants to school districts, school district foundations and nonprofit organizations focused on high school retention and preparing students for college and/or the workforce. As part of this commitment, the AT&T Foundation launched a new grant program focused on high school success for at-risk students.
- Job shadowing for 100,000 students, in conjunction with Junior Achievement Worldwide, giving students the chance to see firsthand the job skills they will need to be successful in the future. This is the largest corporate job-shadowing initiative Junior Achievement has ever undertaken.
- Commissioning the next chapter of major research on the high school dropout issue and solutions by directly engaging educational practitioners. Research will be conducted by John Bridgeland, author of the landmark report "The Silent Epidemic," for AT&T and America's Promise Alliance.
- Underwriting 100 community dropout-prevention summits, organized by America's Promise Alliance, to engage education experts and community leaders across all 50 states around the high school dropout crisis and ways to address it.

AT&T Excelerator – Competitive grant program for projects that use technology to help nonprofit organizations build stronger communities.

Ford Foundation

Website: <http://fordfound.org>

Focus: "Our work supports educational institutions at all levels to expand access, innovate in the classroom, evaluate their efforts and share best practices. We also support interdisciplinary scholarship in the social sciences and humanities on the premise that complex problems are best approached from multiple perspectives, including a focus on gender, race, ethnicity, identity, religion and culture."

Many grants are available...see website to perform a grant inquiry

Ford Motor Company

Website: <https://secure1.easymatch.com/FORDGRANTS/CustomContent/grants/FundingAndGrants.asp>

Focus: Ford Motor Company Fund (Ford Fund) supports not-for-profit organizations in three major areas: Education, Auto-Related Safety Education and Community Development. Ford Motor Company Fund supports initiatives and institutions that enhance and improve opportunities for those who live in the communities where Ford Motor Company operates. Ford Fund evaluates grants on an annual basis.

See website to register for a grant.

Wal-Mart Foundation

Website: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/203.aspx>

Focus: The Wal-Mart Foundation today continues to support local, state and national organizations that provide opportunities for individuals and families to live better. Beginning this year, we will encourage store and club giving to align with the Foundation's four areas of focus: Education, Health, Job Skills Training and Sustainability.

See website for more information.

Bank of America Foundation

Website: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation>

Focus: “We believe developing relationships with and investing in local nonprofits/charitable organizations, identifying and training leaders, supporting neighborhood anchor institutions, and working hand-in-hand with national partners builds healthy communities.”

Available Grants and Funding:

Neighborhood Builders – Bank of America funds \$200,000 for operating support to 2 nonprofit/charitable organizations in each of 45 markets.

Local Heroes – Bank of America donates \$5,000 to an eligible charitable/nonprofit organizations selected by each of 5 Local Heroes in 45 markets. Heroes are selected based upon their ability to inspire others to get involved, their special and significant impact on individuals, families, or communities, and their work within their communities.

Student Leaders – Five high school juniors and seniors in 45 markets participate in a leadership summit in Washington, DC and a paid internship with a local nonprofit/charitable organization.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Website: <http://www.wkcf.org/default.aspx?tabid=63&ItemID=6&NID=41&LanguageID=0>

Focus: The WK Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

See website to apply for a grant.

Lilly Endowment

This program does not have a website. It was established in 1937 by members of the Lilly family as a vehicle by which to pursue their personal philanthropic interests. The address is:

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John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Website:

http://www.macfound.org/site/c.ikLXJ8MQKrH/b.946881/k.380D/Domestic_Grantmakig_Education.htm

Focus: “Grantmaking in education seeks primarily to gain a better understanding of how digital technologies are changing how young people learn, play, socialize, exercise judgment, and engage in civic life. Grantmaking also is exploring how learning environments – peers, family and social institutions (such as schools) – may be changing as well. Through answers to these questions, and the policy responses to them, the Foundation seeks to help build the interdisciplinary, cross-sector field of digital media and learning.”

See website for information.

Soros or Open Society Institute

Website: <http://www.soros.org/grants>

Initiatives: On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media. One of OSI's programs is a Youth Initiatives Program that is youth-focused.

See website for information.