

Funding Opportunities to Assist with Summertime Outreach

General funding possibilities

- Friends of the Library
- Local businesses, including cash and in-kind donations
- State and local nonprofits with similar goals
- State and local foundations
- Available in some but not all states: LSTA grants from your state library
- Grants (see below)

Grants available nationally

Grant deadlines, eligibility, grant award amounts, and funding availability differ greatly between funders, and even sometimes within the same funding organization from year to year. This is not a comprehensive list.

- The Best Buy Foundation offers Community Grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices:
<https://corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page/>
- Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants offer funding of up to \$500 and the opportunity to design and implement a creative program for your school or library: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/>
- Kinder Morgan's Foundation funds programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates:
<http://www.kindermorgan.com/pages/community/default.aspx>
- NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Challenge America Grants offer support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>
- U.S. Bank offers its Community Possible Grant Program in communities that have U.S. Bank branches; grants focus on the 3 areas of home, work, and play:
<https://www.usbank.com/community/state-contacts-deadlines.html>
- The Wish You Well Foundation supports family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs: <http://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/>

- YALSA/Dollar General offers annual Summer Learning Program Grants for both teen intern programs and summer learning resources:
<http://summerreading.ning.com/page/summer-learning-grants>

Free/deeply discounted books in bulk for libraries to give to low-income children:

- First Book offers many books for sale a deep discount and some books free for libraries to give to students in low-income communities: <http://www.fbmarketplace.org/>
- Lisa Libraries donates new books to organizations serving children in low-income areas, and helps to start or expand children’s libraries in places such as day care centers, prison visiting areas, and after school programs: <http://www.lisalibraries.org/frames.html>
- Wilbooks offers many books for sale a deep discount and some books free for libraries to give to students in low-income communities: <http://www.wilbooks.com/>

Statewide grantors in Colorado:

- Adolph Coors Foundation’s funding priorities include youth and youth development and rural Colorado: <http://coorsfoundation.org/>
- Anschutz Family Foundation: <http://anschutzfamilyfoundation.org/>
- The Buck Foundation funds programs for youth that are at-risk or low-income, and focuses on giving to small organizations: <http://thebuckfoundation.org/>
- Buell Foundation focuses on early childhood education programs: <http://buellfoundation.org/>
- The Daniels Fund gives to programs about youth development and early childhood education, among other areas: <http://www.danielsfund.org/home.asp>
- Wells Fargo Foundation Colorado Grants prefers to fund outcome-driven programs in the areas of community development and education: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/colorado-grant-guidelines>
- Xcel Energy Focus Area Grants provides funding for STEM education and arts and culture programming, among other areas: https://www.xcelenergy.com/community/focus_area_grants
- For local funding grantors: <http://coloradogrants.org/resources/deadline-calendar.php>