Kurzweil Educational Systems

Grant Funding Sources

*Your guide to grant funding sources for the
Kurzweil 3000.*

Introduction

There are a variety of grant funding sources to purchase the Kurzweil 3000 educational technology.
Sources of grants include federal, state, and local programs, as well as private and corporate
foundations.

Federal Grant Opportunities

The Federal government is a primary source of funding for schools to purchase assistive technology.
Typically, Federal grants are awarded to the state educational agencies through either a formula or
competitive grant process. Then in turn the state educational agencies make the funds available to the
schools through a subgrant process.

Federal programs for funding of educational technology include the No Child Left Behind Act
NCLBA, which provides $22 billion in funding to the states with an estimated $3 billion for
technology. The main top NCLBA programs for educational technology funding include the Title 1,
Educational Technology, and Assistive Technology programs. The other major Federal program is
the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act IDEA providing states with over $8 billion in special
education funding.

US Department of Education
http://www.ed.gov/

Information about all US Department of Education (ED) grant programs is located under the 'Funding
Opportunities' section on the Department's Web site. Consult the Guide to ED Programs on the
Department's Web site or to call 1-800-USA-LEARN for information about current ED discretionary
grant programs.

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA)
http://www.nclb.gov/

NCLBA provides over $22 billion in funding to the states through approximately 50 programs
grouped in 9 titles. Programs in Title I and Title II provide the most funding for educational
technology.

Title I Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/CEP

Title I grants reach 12.5 million children with funding of over $13.5 billion. Title I goes to local educational agencies (LEAs) to supplement State and local education funding in high-poverty schools. The focus of Title I grants is to provide disadvantaged children with extra support and so that they can master their curricula meet state standards in reading and math. Title I funds must be used for activities that scientifically-based research suggests will be effective. Title I funds may support computers and software to accelerate academic progress.

Title II, Part D Educational Technology State Grants
http://www.ed.gov/technology
This educational technology program provides $700 million to the states and the funds can be used for a variety of educational and assistive technology purposes. The grants require that 25% of the funds be spent on professional development, unless a professional development program has already been implemented.

IDEA Grants
 http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP/Funding/

The Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act (IDEA) distributes $7.3 billion through the Office of Special Education Programs (OSERS) in formula grants to the states to help pay for special education for children ages 3 through 21.

State Grant Opportunities

Each state has a variety of grant opportunities available to schools and school districts through both allocated and competitive grants. Visit your state's Department of Education (DOE) for information on specific state grant and federal subgrant availability. Your State DOE will maintain a list of grants that are available along with a Request for Proposal (RFP) that must be completed. Completing a proposal to obtain a grant from your DOE is usually a fairly easy, as the RFP will guide you through the submission process. Check the grants page on your DOE web site fairly frequently for the availability of new grants or ask to be put on a grant notification list. Many of the states DOE Web sites have links to additional grant writing resources.

When completing a proposal in response to an RFP make sure that you follow the requirements exactly. Pay particular attention to deadlines, number of requested copies, and required signatures.

States
Alabama Department of Education
http://www.alsde.edu/html/

Alaska Department of Education
http://www.eed.state.ak.us/

Arizona Department of Education
http://www.ade.state.az.us/

Arkansas Department of Education
http://arkedu.state.ar.us/

California Department of Education
http://www.cde.ca.gov/

Colorado Department of Education
http://www.cde.state.co.us/

Connecticut Department of Education
http://www.state.ct.us/sde/

Delaware Department of Education
http://www.doe.state.de.us/

Florida Department of Education
http://www.firn.edu/doe/index.html

Georgia Department of Education
http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/index.asp

Hawaii Department of Education
http://www.k12.hi.us/

Idaho Department of Education
http://www.sde.state.id.us/Dept/

Illinois Department of Education
http://www.isbe.state.il.us/

Indiana Department of Education
http://www.doe.state.in.us/

Iowa Department of Education
http://www.state.ia.us/educate/

Kansas Department of Education
http://www.ksbe.state.ks.us/Welcome.html

Kentucky Department of Education
http://www.kde.state.ky.us/

Louisiana Department of Education
http://www.doe.state.la.us/DOE/asps/home.asp

Maine Department of Education
http://www.state.me.us/education/homepage.htm

Maryland Department of Education
http://www.msde.state.md.us/

Massachusetts Department of Education
http://www.doe.mass.edu/

Michigan Department of Education
http://www.mde.state.mi.us/

Minnesota Department of Education
http://cfl.state.mn.us/

Mississippi Department of Education
http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/

Missouri Department of Education
http://www.dese.state.mo.us/

Montana Department of Education
http://www.metnet.state.mt.us/

Nebraska Department of Education
http://www.nde.state.ne.us/

Nevada Department of Education
http://www.nde.state.nv.us/

New Hampshire Department of Education
http://www.ed.state.nh.us/

New Jersey Department of Education
http://www.state.nj.us/education/

New Mexico Department of Education
http://sde.state.nm.us/

New York Department of Education
http://www.nysed.gov/

North Carolina Department of Education
http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/

North Dakota Department of Education
http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/

Ohio Department of Education
http://www.ode.state.oh.us/

Oklahoma Department of Education
http://sde.state.ok.us/home/defaultie.html

Oregon Department of Education
http://www.ode.state.or.us/

Pennsylvania Department of Education
http://www.pde.psu.edu/

Rhode Island Department of Education
http://www.ridoe.net/

South Carolina Department of Education
http://www.sde.state.sc.us/

South Dakota Department of Education
http://www.state.sd.us/deca/

Tennessee Department of Education
http://www.state.tn.us/education/

Texas Department of Education
http://www.tea.state.tx.us/

Utah Department of Education
http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/

Vermont Department of Education
http://www.state.vt.us/educ/

Virginia Department of Education
http://www.pen.k12.va.us/go/VDOE/

Washington Department of Education
http://www.k12.wa.us/

Washington, D.C. Department of Education
http://www.k12.dc.us/dcps/home.html

West Virginia Department of Education
http://wvde.state.wv.us/

Wisconsin Department of Education
http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/

Wyoming State Board of Education
http://www.k12.wy.us/wdehome.html

Foundation Grant Opportunities

There are approximately 70,000 foundations in the U.S. with total assets of over $300 billion. These foundations by law must distribute 5% of their assets each year, which is in excess of $14 billion. Private, community, and corporate foundations can be a great source of funding for assistive technology. Since there are so many foundations, you will need to do some research to determine the best foundations to target in your search for funding. Many foundations only provide grants for certain types of projects and many focus on particular regional areas as well. You will need to find foundations that are interested in providing educational and assistive technology grants in your area.

The Foundation Center provides an on-line directory of over 70,000 foundations available for a monthly subscription charge.

http://www.fdncenter.org

The Foundation Center directory is also available on CD in selected libraries in most states for use without charge.

http://fdncenter.org/collections/

Selected Foundations

Adobe Systems
http://www.adobe.com/aboutadobe/philanthropy/main.html

Annenberg Foundation
www.whannenberg.org

AOL Time Warner Foundation
www.aoltwf.org/grants/grants.html

Bank of America Literacy Programs
http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation

Bayer
http://www.bayerus.com/about/community/index.html

Coca-Cola Foundation
http://www2.coca-cola.com/citizenship/foundation_coke.html

Corning Foundation Grants
www.corning.com/employment/quality_of_life/foundation.html

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
http://www.emkf.org/corporate/funding.cfm

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
http://www.gatesfoundation.org/

Fidelity Investments Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
http://personal.fidelity.com/myfidelity/InsideFidelity/FidelityCares/FidCares_investing.html

The Heinz Endowments - Technology for Learning
http://www.heinz.org/index.asp?loc=E,E4,E4a

IBM Corporation
http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/grant/grantapp.shtml

Intel Model School Program
www.intel.com/modelschool/

Honda
http://www.honda.com/

Paul Newman's Own Education Projects
www.newmansown.com

Schwab Family Foundation, Helen and Charles (CA)
http://www.schwabfoundation.org/

Starbucks Foundation Literacy
www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp

The Edward E. Ford Foundation
www.eeford.org

United Parcel Service (UPS)
http://www.community.ups.com/

Community Foundations
http://fdncenter.org/funders/grantmaker/gws_comm/comm.html
Community foundations are an excellent source of funding for smaller sized grants. Community foundations provide regional funding. Visit the link above to see what community foundations support non-profit activities in your state or city.

California Community Foundation
http://www.calfund.org/

Communities Foundation of Texas
http://www.cftexas.org/

The Boston Foundation
http://www.tbf.org/

Other Resources

Organizations: Learning Disabilities

National Center for Learning Disabilities
http://www.ncld.org/

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
http://www.interdys.org/index.jsp

The Learning Disabilities Association of America
http://www.ldanatl.org/

Learning Disabilities Association of Massachusetts
http://www.ldam.org/

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
http://www.cec.sped.org/

Online Grant Proposal Information

Online Sample Grant Proposals
http://www.fdncenter.org/learn/faqs/propsample.html

The Foundation Center
http://fdncenter.org

SchoolGrants PK-12 School Grant Resource
http://www.schoolgrants.org

eSchool News Grant Information
http://www.eschoolnews.com/resources/funding

Fundsnet
http://www.fundsnetservices.com