

## MakerSpace in the Library: Funding Resources

This is a guide of funding and grant resources to help purchase materials, supplies, and equipment for the MakerSpace in your Library. This is not an exhaustive list, but it is a place to get started. We suggest that you create your space/program as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) or **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) endeavor to allow access to a range of funding options.

### Local Community Foundation

- Search under your city, town or county name. Enter it as “Main Town Community Foundation”, for example. As you navigate through the website there should be a funding or grant section. Often Community Foundations are interested in supporting innovative programs that engage youth while providing them with essential skills for the future.
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### Council for the Arts / Arts and Cultural Council

- Search for “Main Town Council for the Arts” or “Maintown Arts and Cultural Council”. Local Arts Councils are often interested in participating in projects that combine the arts in unique ways. This would be an excellent way to support local artists while educating about the intersection of arts and technology.
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### IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services)

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=20>

- Currently the website includes information for 2012 but grants run on an 18 month cycle so it should be updated shortly
  - The grants support the planning and designing of up to 30 Learning Labs in libraries and museums throughout the country. The labs are intended to engage middle and high school youth in mentor led interest based, youth centered collaborative learning using digital and traditional media. Grantees will be required to participate, in-person and online, in a community of practice that will provide technical assistance, networking and cross project learning.
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## Brinker International Foundation Grants

<http://www.brinker.com/company/givingback.asp>

- Brinker International (includes Chili's Grill & Bar, Romano's Macaroni Grill, On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, and Maggiano's Little Italy) gives to the communities where its restaurants are located. If there is a Brinker International restaurant in your community, you may be eligible to apply for funding. The company's Web site states that they give over \$3 million a year to a diverse variety of local fund-raising activities. The objective of the Brinker International Foundation is to support programs and projects that are affiliated with Children/Family, Arts, Civic, and University related educational programs.
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## Cognizant

<http://www.cognizant.com/aboutus/makingthefuture>

From the Cognizant website:

- Cognizant's Making the Future education initiative was created to unleash the passion of young people in STEM disciplines by creating fun, hands-on learning opportunities. Through financial, in-kind and volunteer support for schools and nonprofits; advocacy; college scholarships; and our flagship Making the Future After-School and Summer Program, Cognizant seeks to develop 21st century skills like creativity, innovation, and collaboration that will create a brighter future for our children, preparing them to be tomorrow's leaders in our global economy.
  - For more information, contact [MakingtheFuture@Cognizant.com](mailto:MakingtheFuture@Cognizant.com).
  - Cognizant locations: <http://www.cognizant.com/contactus/office-locations>
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## Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Minigrant Program

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/>

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers mini grants of \$500 to public schools and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats (writer and illustrator) are welcome, but not required. Creative programs funded in the past have included:

- Ongoing pen-pal projects bringing disparate communities together,
- Multi-cultural portrait projects,
- Art projects culminating in art shows, murals, or quilts,

- Book-making,
  - Creation and performance of puppet shows,
  - Inter-generational journals.
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## MacArthur Foundation

<http://www.macfound.org/press/info-sheets/digital-media-learning-info-sheet-2012/>

The goal of the grant making in digital media and learning is to create more opportunities for more young people to achieve the time-honored outcomes of a good education—career, academic, and civic success—through the adoption and use of a simple set of principles that re-imagines how young people learn and how that learning is supported. See more at:

<http://www.macfound.org/press/info-sheets/digital-media-learning-info-sheet-2012/#sthash.sLo0Ptot.dpuf>

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## The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation

<http://www.mvdreyfusfoundation.org/#!application-guidelines>

The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation awards grants to organizations for whom a small amount of money can make a big difference. The Foundation welcomes requests for support from community-based non-profit organizations located in the United States.

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## Paul Allen Family Foundation Grants

<http://www.pgafoundations.com>

The mission of the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation is to transform individual lives and strengthen communities by fostering innovation, creating knowledge, and promoting social progress. The program has previously funded new library construction and renovation. To be eligible, you must be serving populations of the Pacific Northwest, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. More details including how to apply are on the Foundation's website.

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## Pushing the Limits Grants

<http://califa.org/limits.php>

The CALIFA Group (a California-based library consortium) presents Pushing the Limits: a Reading, Viewing, and Discussion Series for Rural Libraries. This program extends the building

blocks of science literacy to two new audiences: rural librarians and adults in the communities they serve.

The CALIFA Group is opening a national search for 75 rural libraries to join a grant project funded by the National Science Foundation. The goal is to strengthen adult science programming and resources in small and rural public libraries and to enhance public interest and involvement in STEM topics-- science, technology, engineering and math. Up to 75 public libraries in the United States will receive a grant of \$2,500, program materials including videos, and will participate in an on-line training program. As part of the project, you will identify and work with a science partner to present the programs. The science partner should be a local scholar or someone who has knowledge of science. The project's professional development will include strategies for selecting and collaborating with a science partner.

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## RGK Foundation Grant Program

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community, and Medicine/Health. The Foundation's primary interests within Education include formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), literacy, and higher education. Human service programs of particular interest to the Foundation include children and family services, early childhood development, and parenting education. The Foundation's interests within Health/Medicine are programs that promote the health and well-being of children and families, programs that promote access to health services, and, on a more limited basis, medical research programs. Youth development programs supported by the Foundation typically include after-school educational enrichment programs that supplement and enhance formal education systems to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life.

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## Verizon Foundation Grants

<http://www.verizonfoundation.org>

Verizon Foundation provides support to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations within the US. The foundation supports the following funding priorities: literacy, domestic violence prevention, and technology. Verizon strives to transform the way private, public, and non-profit sectors work together in building collaborative partnerships. Grant-making is not just in dollar amounts. The Verizon Foundation and partners also offer volunteers, Internet training, and Web developers.