



OPAS Steering Committee

Profiles on Foundations Interested in sTEem Education

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Name/ Weblink	Funding Model/ Parameters	Comments
Paul G. Allen Family Foundations http://www.pgafoundations.com/	Education and Youth Engagement - New Pathways to Learning : Increasing opportunities for young people to participate in community-based programs and work-related experiences through which they will learn by doing.	
CH2M Hill Foundation http://www.ch2m.com/corporate/about_us/corporate_responsibility/community_relations/default.asp	Educational Outreach – fostering interest in careers in engineering through involvement in educational programs at all levels. “One of the firm’s top priorities is helping to inspire and build a strong and diverse technical workforce of the future. Through active volunteerism, community leadership and financial support, CH2M Hill is helping to inspire tomorrow’s engineers.” Grantees include Engineers Week, Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS), Engineers without Borders USA, system NOW!, Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers and Scientists, Hispanic Engineers National Achievement Awards Conference.	

<p>Ford Family Foundation http://www.tfff.org/</p>	<p>Focus on rural education, especially teacher development; also organizational and collaboration effectiveness with \$5 – \$10K assistance grants and leadership training.</p>	<p>Per website, moving from reactive/responsive grants (“we respond to your good ideas”) to pro-active grants, e.g. the Foundation issues an RFP soliciting for groups to address perceived needs.</p>
<p>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation http://www.gatesfoundation.org/default.htm</p>	<p>The Education team works directly with districts, states, and cities across the United States in an effort to transform large, existing schools and to create new models. While we appreciate your interest in our initiatives, we do not accept grant requests or unsolicited proposals for our Education initiative. To learn more about our funding priorities and the organizations we are currently working with, please visit the Education channel of our Web site.</p>	
<p>Lemelson Foundation http://www.lemelson.org/home/index.php</p>	<p>No discussion on website of grantmaking programs or general education initiatives; only specific programs are listed, most centered at MIT</p> <p>Per Jill Tucker at Lemelson: “... we are increasingly focusing on underserved and underrepresented students. I’d have to review the proposal to see what may or may not be interesting for us, but in general, rather than supporting one or another <i>team</i> we would like to support one or another <i>program</i>. (Less focus on individuals than on ongoing programs.)”</p>	<p>Jo’s understanding is the foundation’s focus is moving more towards innovation and invention with less focus on general STEM education.</p>
<p>Meyer Memorial Trust http://www.mmt.org/</p>	<p>Education focuses on Chalkboard and Oregon Small Schools Initiative; Responsive Grants and Capacity Building Grants appear to focus on non-profits & community organizations; better fit for MESA and SMILE than for OPAS</p>	

<p>James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation http://www.millerfound.org/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In K-12, higher education and related areas, the primary interests are in programs that strengthen or lift the level of student achievement and success, and in a limited number of capital projects that also favorably impact student achievement. • In both the arts and education areas, the Foundation will make responsive grants, and from time to time issue requests for proposals and develop initiatives deemed relevant and needed. 	<p>The Foundation accepts written proposals from eligible applicants throughout the year. There are no established deadlines. The directors meet approximately eight times per year to review proposals. Applications are reviewed as they are received. When reviewing a request, Foundation directors or staff may initiate a call or visit with applicants to further understand the organization and its proposal. The review process may take up to six months from the date of submittal of an application.</p>
<p>M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust http://www.murdock-trust.org/</p>	<p>“special interest in education and scientific research” General Grants - Education The Trust considers educational projects and programs offered in both formal and informal settings. We emphasize program enhancement or expansion, as well as new approaches consistent with your institution’s mission and resources.</p>	<p>Submit letter of inquiry</p>
<p>The Spirit Mountain Community Fund http://www.thecommunityfund.com/</p>	<p>“Education to us is any organization that is teaching sustainability, knowledge and skills to individuals that promote self-sufficiency.”</p> <p>“Fast track” small grant program, \$10,000 or less for organizations whose annual operating budgets must be \$250,000 or less. Reviewed several times a year.</p> <p>Large grants program for all others reviewed quarterly.</p>	<p>“Technology Aids Willamina Students on Their Road to Success” grant, \$80,543, January 2008 (<i>unable to find more info</i>) “Animation Camp”, Children’s Healing Art Project, \$20,000 January 2008.</p> <p>2008 Giving to date, large grants: \$748 K.</p>