

**Carlsbad Educational Foundation Grant Writing Collaborative
(CEF - GWC)
Fact Sheet**

What is the GWC?

GWC is an acronym for the Grant Writing Collaborative. Established in 2002, the GWC is a committee of community and parent volunteers, called GWC liaisons, who represent school sites within the Carlsbad Unified School District (CUSD).

Operating under the umbrella of the Carlsbad Educational Foundation (CEF) with separate by-laws, the GWC addresses the educational needs of CUSD students by researching and applying for grants as additional or alternative sources of funding to support learning opportunities at the school site they represent.

What is the role of the GWC liaison?

- Communicates grant opportunities with other Liaisons and their school community members
- Researches grant opportunities
- Writes/co-writes and submits a grant proposal
- Assists teachers with written proposals
- Follows up with a funded proposal
- Creates community awareness about the GWC and CEF and their goals

How often does a GWC Liaison write a grant?

Writing a grant proposal depends on the Liaison's time, comfort and commitment levels. A GWC Liaison could write as often as one proposal a month to one proposal a year. A liaison can also support the GWC and its goals in multiple ways besides grant writing. There is no requirement about how often a GWC Liaison should submit a proposal.

What types of grants does a GWC Liaison seek?

GWC Liaisons seek grants that are fiscally managed by the school sites or by CEF from corporate or private foundations sources.

How long is a grant proposal?

Depending on the grant guidelines, a grant proposal can be one page or multiple pages. The structure of the proposal ranges from an online application in a Q & A format to a standard.

Sampling of Grants Received via the GWC

- California Special District Association (CSDA)
- City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Grant
- City National Bank "*Reading is the Way Up*" Grant
- Coastal Community Education Plus! Education Grants
- Endow Carlsbad Education Grant
- Herman Hockenhull Science Education Grant
- Home Depot Foundation Grant
- "Kids -in-Need" Teacher Grant
- La Jolla Garden Village Club Grant
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant
- San Diego Agriculture in the Classroom
- San Diego Foundation Environmental Fund Grant
- San Diego K - 6 Teachers' Fund Grant (San Diego Foundation)
- Target Arts Enrichment Trip
- Target Field Trip Grant
- Target Reading Store Grant
- Taylor Guitars Grant
- Top Schools Fundraisers
- Wells Fargo Foundation Grant

Sampling of Funded Programs/Projects

- School Site libraries
- Science programs
- Reading programs
- Field trips
- Grade level and/or teacher classroom projects
- School gardens
- Art programs
- Music programs
- Theater programs
- Environmental education program
- Entrepreneurship Education program
- Physical Education/Fitness program