Grant Opportunity

The American Heart Association supports the health and well-being of our nation’s students. That’s why we’re awarding $400,000 in grants to educators as part of the Kids Heart Challenge™ and American Heart Challenge™.

CRITERIA:

• Schools must participate in the Kids Heart Challenge or American Heart Challenge.
• There’s no minimum requirement for dollars raised.
• Submit one application per school for each grant schedule.
• Principal must approve grant submission.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

• Current and new programs connected to physical activity, health promotion, dance and music during and after school
• Physical Activity equipment and resources
• Technology related to physical activity and wellness
• Playground or recreation space improvement
• Classroom enrichment related to physical activity and wellness
• Cafeteria or school kitchen improvement equipment and resources
• Water filling stations and/or safe water access improvement
• Social and emotional/counseling resources
• Music and dance resources and equipment
• Staff wellness resources

AWARDS WILL BE BASED ON A RUBRIC CRITERIA:

• Clear measurable project goals that relate to improving the health or well-being of students and/or staff
• Demonstrated need of school and students
• Intended impact on health or well-being of the staff or students
• Identified measures for evaluating success
• Sustainability for lasting impact

Please note: Professional memberships, conference fees, conference expenses or curriculum requests will not be funded through the grant program. T-shirts or customized giveaways are ineligible for grant funding requests.
Check out some of our early grant winners.

PE Teacher Megan Griffin, Environmental Charter School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- “Receiving this grant allows me to immediately implement a variety of activity units and creates a unified program for K-5 students. It also allows me to continue to reach kids who may not enjoy or excel in traditional sports.”
- “This grant came at THE perfect time and was easy to apply for online.”

Crivitz Elementary/Middle, Crivitz, Wisconsin

- “Students are getting more active through playground improvements, equipment and creating disability access.”

Jose De Escandon Elementary, Mission, Texas

- “Our grant is helping to renovate and improve existing playground structures.”

Sandpiper Shores Elementary, Boca Raton, Florida

- “Our Kids Heart Challenge grant is purchasing a new water bottle refilling station, teaching our students sustainability!”

Kennedy Elementary, Pierre, South Dakota

- “We’re supporting students and staff by using our grant for fitness-based equipment at new fitness stations.”