

# Searching for Dollars: Finding Funding for Classroom Resources



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Chat (Everyone)

Steve Francis: Good morning. Are handouts available for this session?

Karen Hyder: Yes, please see the Event Resource Page - click the Handout button. It's next to the one you used to login to this room.

### Type in Chat

Steve Francis: Oh, right. Thanks, Karen!

Jane Williams: Greetings from New Zealand!

Chris Benz: Welcome, Jane!

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1.Type questions and responses

2. Click Send or press Enter 



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- 1. Click the Set Status menu
- 2. Choose the appropriate feedback
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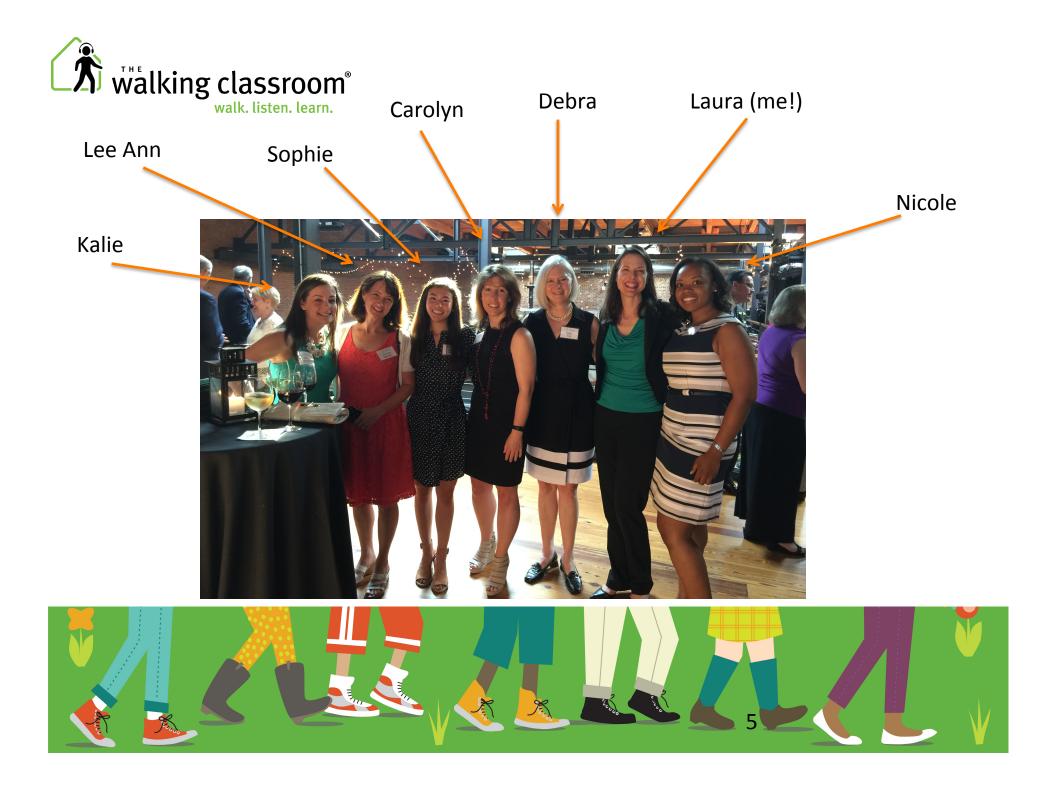




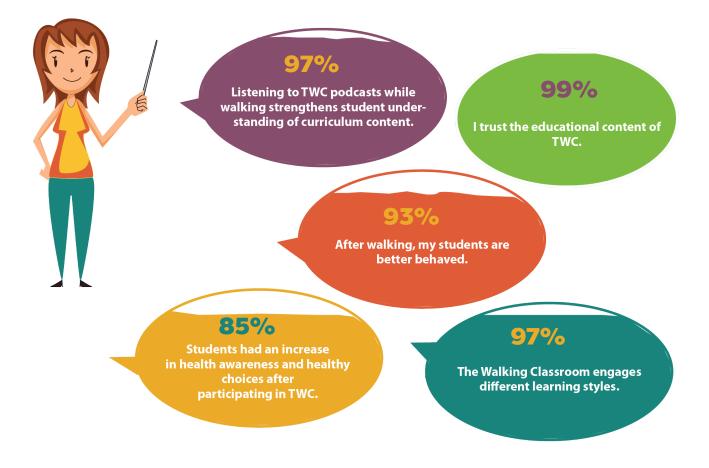
## Webinar Overview:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Searching for dollars
  - $\checkmark$  National searches
  - ✓ Local searches
- 3. Grant writing tips
- 4. Donors Choose













## Searching for Dollars Nationally

GetEdFunding.com Deadline Alerts

Edutopia.org: The Big List of Educational Grants and Resources

SparkPE.org The SPARK Grant-Finder

The NEA Foundation Other Grant Opportunities





# Searching for Dollars Locally

## **Community Foundations**

- *independent charitable organizations designed to pool donations, conduct research into community needs, and make grants in a defined geographic area (see attached Denver Post article)*
- 1. Go to TGCI.com (The Grantsmanship Center)
- 2. Click on Funding Sources -> State by State
- 3. Find your state & click on Community Foundations
- 4. Do your research!
- 5. Call them 🙂
- 6. We can provide you suggested wording for your grant.





# Grant Writing Tips

- Read the instructions, read the instructions, and re-read the instructions.
- ✓ Be specific.
- ✓ Keep it simple.
- ✓ Know your funder and their guidelines to ensure you are meeting them.
- ✓ Propose a realistic budget, and remember:
  - Do not ask for more than you need
  - Make sure the figures are correct
  - Keep records of how those figures were calculated
- ✓ Have several people PROOFREAD your proposal.
- ✓ **Submit** all of the requested application materials on time.





Grant Writing Tips

Perhaps not so obvious 😊

### Incorporate the funder's language into your proposal.

(ex. active learning, engaging different learning styles, etc.)





#### Taken from our website application:

#### Why do you think The Walking Classroom will benefit your students?

My students are held to very high standards and work hard in class all day long. However, I feel that allowing them to do more of their **learning while moving** their bodies and getting some exercise could be very beneficial not only to their physical health, but also to their educations. My students also have many different learning styles. This program would help appeal to the auditory learners as well as assisting the kinesthetic learners. The time for sharing/discussing with a partner at the end of each podcast would allow my students time to talk about their ideas and what they learned in a "private" setting before presenting/discussing anything with the entire class. This could be very beneficial to some of the more shy kids' self-esteem.

Answer shows that applicant has done her research on the program and is familiar with implementation. Words and phrases mirror those on our website.





#### Taken from our website application:

#### How do you plan to incorporate The Walking Classroom into your teaching?

There are two main ways I would like to incorporate the walking classroom first as a morning program we're students who arrive before the 7:40 but have the opportunity to watch and learn something relating to the standards also during the day 2 days a week in between the transition from science and social studies soon as we would be able to interact with the walking classroom materials then as well

Answer shows that applicant has NOT done her research on the program and is NOT familiar with implementation. Poorly written & not proofread – poor reflection on the teacher.





Grant Writing Tips

Perhaps not so obvious ©

- Incorporate the funder's language into your proposal.
  (ex. active learning, engaging different learning styles, etc.)
- ✓ Don't complain!
- Include a brief summary cover letter that enables you to put a bit more of your personality into the request & highlight the key components.

✓ Thank them for their consideration after you receive notification that your proposal was submitted.

Follow up and check in every six weeks or so – keep them updated on the great things you're doing.
 The squeaky wheel gets the grease – and the funding!





## **Donors Choose**

### Kathie Yonemura's funded application





# Suggested webinars:

<u>GetEdFunding.com</u>

You CAN Win Grants for Your School:

Secrets and Strategies from a Pro (3 Parts)





# Thank you!

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