



MRTA CASH FOR CLASSROOMS

“Share Your Classroom Dreams with a Community eager to make them reality!”

www.donorschoose.org

What Is It? DonorsChoose is a nonprofit website that connects the public with public schools.

Who Applies? Fulltime public school teachers create a classroom project request on the website. Vendor companies are listed by subject matter in the application.)

How Does It Work? Once a project is posted online by DonorsChoose, funding comes from citizen donors, your community as well as corporations and foundations that want to support students and teachers. If a project is not fully funded after 4 months, it will be removed from the website. (See ACAPSR / MRTA donor note below.)

What Is Possible? Request anything you need to enrich students’ experiences at school. “If you can imagine it, you can post a classroom project request for it. (Use DonorsChoose website at [donorschoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org) .)

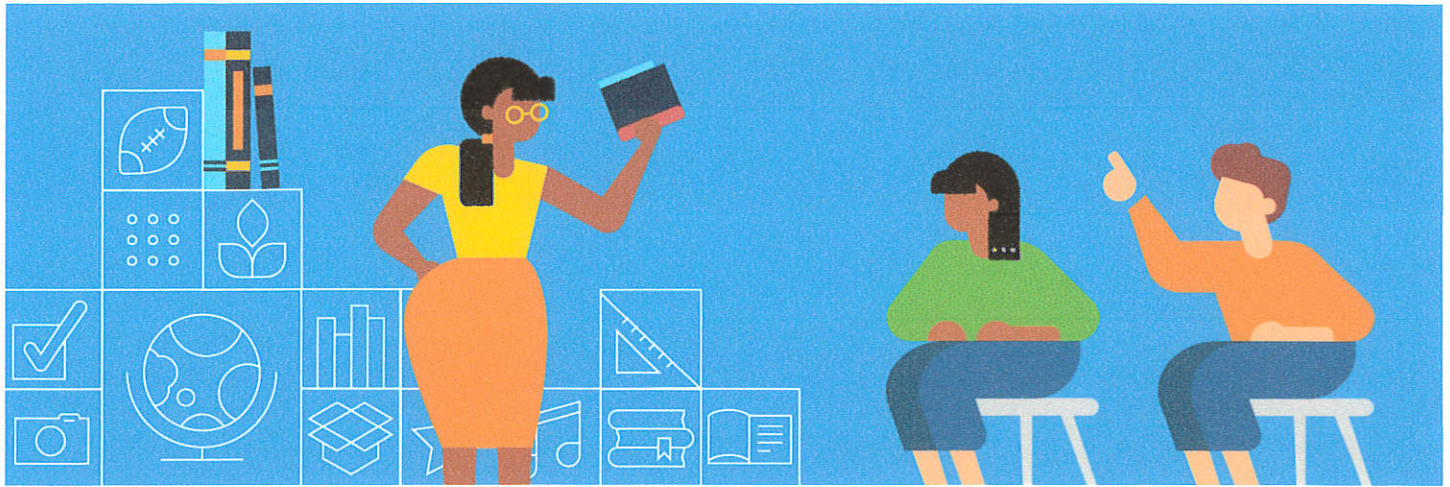
STEPS

1. **Create your project application before August 1, 2021.** Requests for projects under \$500 are easier to fund. Choose from vendors aligned with your project type from the online application. (details at <https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/202000177-DonorsChoose-Vendors>)
2. Get funded through online commitments from your families, community members and even corporate supporters across the nation.
3. Receive the goods. DonorsChoose orders everything for the project and ships it directly to your school.

ACAPSR / MRTA The Audrain County Area Public School Retirees will donate \$100 to one online project to be matched with an additional \$100 from the state Missouri Retired Teachers Association. That final \$200 will be terrific local publicity for the students, teacher and our organization.

Remember, nine \$500 grants using Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation applications submitted by teachers and staff members will soon be available in your building and on the district website. Those applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2021.

For local information, contact Diana Henage dhenage@sbcglobal.net



Your Classroom. Your Students. The resources you need.

At DonorsChoose, we believe teachers know what's best for their students. Our site, used by educators at over 82% of US public schools, empowers you to bring the materials and resources you need into your classroom. Join the community of fellow teachers going above and beyond for their students at donorschoose.org/teachers.

What is DonorsChoose?

DonorsChoose is a nonprofit website that engages the public in public schools. Teachers from every corner of America create classroom project requests that are funded by generous citizen donors as well as corporations and foundations that want to support our nation's students and teachers.

Do teachers like me use it?

Yes! Teachers in every state, subject area, and grade level use our site. They work in communities of every size and with every level of economic need. If you are an educator at a public or public charter school, are employed full-time by the school or district, and work directly with students at least 75% of the time, you are eligible to post projects.

70%

Of teachers get funded

+507,603

Teachers with projects funded

+1,425,044

Projects funded

+\$832M

Raised

+33M

Students supported

+81,000

Schools participating

What can I ask for?

From pencils to 3-D printers, you can request anything you need to enrich your students' experience at school. Sports equipment? A classroom library? Furniture? Musical instruments? Class trips? We can help with those too. If you can imagine it, you can post a classroom project request for it.

How long does it take?

The average project takes about 25 minutes to create and submit. Once your project is funded, we purchase all the resources for you and ship them directly to your school, providing you and your school or district with complete transparency and accountability throughout the process.

What kind of support will I get?

You're never alone! We raise more than half of the funds available on our site, and we're always here to answer your questions through our help center. Let's work together to get what you need for your students.



1. Create Your Project

Request musical instruments, books, field trips—**anything you're dreaming of for your students.**



2. Get Funded

Your friends and family lend a hand; our community of supporters takes care of the rest. **Join the 350,000 teachers who've funded projects through our site**



3. Receive the Goods

We order everything for you and ship it straight to your school. **Hello, packages!**

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donorschoose.org/teachers

PURPOSE: MRTA Cash for Classrooms helps provide financial means for educators to create experiences that enrich and enhance student learning.

BUDGET: MRTA will provide \$15,000 in matching funds each year, and eligible MRTA Units will be allowed to apply for up to \$100 in matching funds to go to a DonorsChoose program of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, MRTA Units must have a current MRTA Unit Officer Report on file at the MRTA office and be in good standing with MRTA. Units must also raise funds within their area to participate and are required to raise a minimum of \$100 per DonorsChoose project they wish to fund. MRTA will match dollar for dollar all raised funds up to \$100.

REQUIREMENTS: MRTA Units must agree to promote MRTA Cash for Classrooms in the following manners:

- Requesting access to speak to the school faculty at which the project was funded
- Placing MRTA materials and MRTA Cash for Classrooms materials in the faculty work room(s)
- Creating a Press Release for the local newspaper and any other forms of local news
- Requesting the School District make a Facebook post about the funded program
- Posting photos and information about the program funded on the Unit's Facebook page

OTHER: If there are any dollars left from the initial round of MRTA Cash for Classrooms disbursement, MRTA Units of Excellence may apply for an additional \$100 dollar match on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE? August 1, 2021

HOW WILL FUNDS BE DISBURSED? MRTA Units have the following options to donate funds to DonorsChoose: *(PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION)*

- Units may submit their donation amount to MRTA with a check or call in to pay with a credit card, and MRTA will go online to submit the Unit's donation and MRTA's matching amount to DonorsChoose in one transaction.
- MRTA will mail a check for the matching amount to the Unit, and the Unit will go online to submit their donation and MRTA's matching amount to DonorsChoose in one transaction.

It is pertinent that the Unit's and MRTA's donation amounts are submitted online in one transaction, so both parties can be acknowledged for fully funding a project on DonorsChoose. Please note that DonorsChoose accepts payment via credit card, PayPal, or check. If you choose to pay with a check, DonorsChoose will provide you with instructions after declaring your donation online at <https://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html>. Units may call the MRTA office at (877) 366-6782 with any questions.