Any public school teacher or public school therapist serving special needs children (moderate to severe disabilities), grades pre-K through 12, in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties is eligible to apply. A maximum of two grants will be awarded per school each year, with one grant per teacher.

Grants of up to $500 are available to public school teachers and therapists to serve special education students in grades pre-K through 12. Requests can be for classroom supplies and resources, therapists’ pull-out sessions, educational field trips, or professional development.

Examples: sensory integration resources, developmental toys, speech and language materials, oral motor kits, independent living skills field trip, math manipulatives, resource books.

We’ve made it easy! Simply submit a description of your idea on school letterhead, including the following information:

• Date and notation on top that request is for a Special Education Grant
• School and district name, address, telephone and fax numbers
• Your name, grade level, and email address
• Classroom description (please indicate you serve moderate-severe)
• Compelling description of project and needs of student(s)/classroom
• Total amount requested
• Item by Item listing of how the money will be spent
• Applications must be signed by both the submitting teacher and the school principal (If you cannot get your application physically signed, please cc your principal/director when submitting your request by email and let them know to respond by confirming that they approve your application for review. This email will serve as their “signature”)

Email your request to slira@venturesfoundation.org as soon as it is ready. If approved, funds will immediately be disbursed. Please check our website at www.venturesfoundation.org before writing up a proposal to ensure funding is still available.

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