

2026

Grants & Funding Guide

Federal Funding

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Federal Funding Streams	Can It Fund ABL?	Best Use Cases
Title I Federal Funds	Yes	Academic intervention, engagement, at-risk students
Title IV-A Student Support & Academic Enrichment	Yes	Wellness, enrichment, safe schools
IDEA Special Education Funds	Yes	Sensory pathways, SPED movement supports
ESSA	Yes	Evidence-based school improvement
ESSER	Yes	Learning recovery, SEL, engagement
Perkins	Sometimes	Career/CTE movement labs
School Improvement Grants	Yes	Campus redesign + engagement
CDC Healthy Schools Funding Opportunities	Yes	Physical activity + wellness
21st Century Community Learning Centers	Yes	After-school ABL programs

Federal Programs	Can it Fund ABL?	Why it Fits
Supporting Effective Educator Development Program	Yes	Teacher development + evidence-based practices
Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program	Yes	School improvement and educator effectiveness
Innovative Approaches to Literacy	Yes	Literacy + engagement initiatives
Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program	Yes	Innovative instructional models for advanced learners
Education Innovation and Research Program	Yes	Evidence-based innovation pilots
21st Century Community Learning Centers	Yes	Innovative after-school movement programs

Active Classrooms & Labs, Whole School Integration

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Grant Program	States	Alignment with ABL	Amount	Cycle
Action for Healthy Kids School Grants	All	School wellness, physical activity, active classrooms	\$1,000-\$5,000	Seasonal
Aetna Foundation Health Grants	All	School enrichment, innovative learning	Varies	Varies
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	All	Evidence-based movement learning research	Varies	Varies
CVS Health Foundation	All	Equity, whole-child education	Varies	Varies
Braitmayer Foundation	All	Classroom innovation	Up to \$35,000	Annual
Charter School Growth Fund	All	Charter expansion, active learning redesigns	\$250,000 - 1M	Dec 4 Annual
State Farm Community Grant	All	PD, wellness, community health, & school improvement	\$5,000	Rolling
Donors Choose	All	Sensory tools, standing desks, active seating	\$500-\$10,000	All
National PTA Grants	All	Flexible local innovation funding	\$1,000-15,000	Varies
Whole Kids Foundation	All	Flexible local innovation funding	\$2,000-20,000	Varies
Hearst Foundations	All	Classroom Innovation	\$5,000-100,000	Rolling
Local Education Foundations	Most	Community wellness + youth development	\$500-50,000	Varies

Casey's Cash for Classroom	AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, TN, WI	Active Classrooms & playgrounds	\$3,000-5,000	Nov 14 annually
Reynolds American Foundation	All (emphasis NC & KY)	Public education, underserved students, readiness to learn	\$50-5,000	Nov 15 annually
Laura Bush Foundation Library Grants	All	Literacy + movement integration spaces	Up to \$12,000	Annual
Toshiba America Foundation STEM	All	STEM + movement integration	\$1,000-\$5,000	Rolling
Believe in Reading Grants	All	Literacy + movement integration	Up to \$10,000	Rolling
National Geographic Society	All	STEM movement integration	Varies	Varies
Spencer Foundation	All	Education innovation	Research-based	Varies
Brady Education Foundation	All	Research-backed interventions, data-driven ABL	\$1,000-25,000	Nov 1
Leah M. Sundheimer Foundation	All, IN Priority	Academic achievement, movement integration	\$10,000- 15,000	Apr 1
Hoehl Family Foundation Junior League Community Grants	VT	General education, wellness, learning readiness	\$5,000	Dec 1
Gravely Foundation	Varies	Family engagement & wellness	Varies	Varies

Health, PE & Outdoor Spaces

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Federal Programs	States	Alignment with ABL	Amount	Cycle
Fuel Up to Play 60 Grants	All	Physical activity programs, movement initiatives	Up to \$4,000	Annual
Whole Kids Foundation School Wellness	All	Wellness spaces, outdoor learning, mindfulness + movement	\$2,000-3,000	Annual
Project Fit America	All	Fitness labs and PE enhancements	Varies	Rolling
Action for Healthy Kids School Grants	All	School wellness, physical activity, active classrooms	\$1,000-\$5,000	Seasonal
NFL Foundation Youth Fitness Grants	All	Fitness, wellness, active school environments	Varies	Seasonal
Every Kid Sports	All	Youth development + education, sports/wellness aid	Varies	Seasonal
American Heart Association Grants	All	Student wellness, physical activity	Varies	Varies
Safe Routes to School	All	Youth-focused movement/wellness	Varies	Varies
Kellogg Foundation	All	Public health + school wellness	Varies	Varies
KaBOOM! Playground Grants	All	Play spaces, recess redesign, creative active learning	Varies	Varies
Captain Planet Foundation EcoTech	All	Outdoor movement learning, environmental kinesthetics	\$500-2,500	Seasonal
Toyota USA Foundation	All	Outdoor/experiential learning	Varies	Rolling
KaBOOM! Playground Grants	All	Play spaces, recess redesign, creative active learning	Varies	Varies

Walmart Foundation	All	Community wellness & youth fitness	\$250-\$5,000	Rolling
Target Foundation Grant	All	Outdoor classrooms, wellness, movement	Varies	Varies
Rotary International Local Club	All	Youth-focused movement/wellness	\$500-\$25,000	Varies
Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation	Local BCBS chapters	Whole-child wellness, movement + nutrition	\$5,000-\$100,000	Varies
Albemarle Foundation Impact	All	Athletic programs, teacher innovation, school wellness	\$50-\$5,000	Oct 31st
Junior League Community Grants	Varies	Student wellness, healthy schools	Varies	Varies
Nike Community Impact Fund	Varies	Movement Equity, physical activity access	Varies	Varies
Game On – Community Places to Play	Varies	Innovative teaching methods, playground, & fitness	Varies	Varies

Early Childhood, Inclusion & Special Education



Grant Title	States	Alignment with ABL	Amount	Cycle
Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood	All	Early childhood development, movement, play, readiness skills	\$30,000-50,000	Annual
Frances R. Dewing Foundation	All	Innovative education methods, early childhood movement	\$1,000-\$25,000	Rolling
Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation	All	Health/PE, special education, sensory supports, student wellness	\$1,000-\$20,000	Rolling
Kiwanis International Community	All	Sensory, inclusion, special education supports	Varies	Varies
Lions Clubs International	All	Early childhood, wellness, literacy + movement	Varies	Seasonal
Ezra Jack Keats Foundation	All	Active learning spaces	Small classroom grants	Rolling

Professional Development & Scholarships

Grant Title	States	Alignment with ABL	Amount	Deadline/ Cycle
NEA Learning & Leadership Grants	All	Teacher PD, ABL training, Summit attendance	Varies	Annual
NEA Foundation Grants	All	Professional development, action research, movement instruction	\$2,000-\$5,000	Rolling
Assoc. of American Educators	All	Teacher training, conferences, classroom movement resources	\$500	Oct 1
State Farm Community Grant	All	PD, wellness, community health, & school improvement	\$5,000	Rolling
Edthena Innovation Fund	All	Teacher PD, district innovation, scalable implementation	Up to \$1.5M Match	Monthly
McCarthy Dressman Education	All	Student wellness, physical activity	Up to \$10,000	Annual