



World Music Drumming Transforming Lives . . . Building Community

World Music Drumming Grant Ideas

by Will Schmid, Ph.D. and Workshop Participants

We discuss grant possibilities at each workshop. Here are a few ideas that have surfaced in past years:

Getting Stakeholder Support

Remember the movie quote, "If you build it, they will come."? Well, the equivalent for World Music Drumming is "If you demonstrate, they will support." Thousands of teachers all over the world have reported that once administrators, parents, and other members of the community see how engaging and valuable a World Music Drumming experience is for students, they will provide the support. If you want to read hundreds of stories about this, go to www.worldmusicdrumming.com and click on "Local News and Concert Programs" in the navigation bar. One enterprising teacher even started an "Adopt-a-Drum" program where families, businesses, and fraternal organizations can support the purchase of instruments with a contribution of something like \$100, \$150, or \$200. Keep talking to stakeholders about the benefits to kids — stronger community, improved focus and listening, and a reason for "at risk" students to come to school. There will never be enough money in your own budget, so look elsewhere.

- US Office of Education grants for at-risk students
- Foundation grants - inquire first if the foundation gives to projects like yours
- Bank grants - The US Gov. mandates that all banks give some monies to the community as public service grants
- PTA funding or other parent groups
- Adopt-a Drum programs where parents, businesses, etc. give about \$150 which pays for one drum- it only takes about 20 of those to pay for a REMO package A (for a class of 30)
- Fraternal Organizations--Rotary, Lions, Women's clubs, etc.
- Mini grants from education associations such as MEAs
- Target gives local grants for projects.
- Talk to guidance counselors about programs to help students adjust to school / community / getting along with each other
- Pitch WMD as an antidote to the social isolation that leads to school shootings and other forms of school violence

In a message dated 2/18/02 9:37:45 AM, NancyMcBride@anderson5.net writes:

<< I received a \$10,000 Target 2000 Arts in Education Grant from South Carolina for my World Music Drumming Program. My grant proposal was based on Service

Learning. The project was titled "Drumming up Success with Service Learning" In this project I will be pairing Special Ed students with Regular Ed students who have trained in the drumming program with me.

The grant packets are available right now through the State Department of Education now for new grant proposals. Each district has been sent a copy, so the teachers should contact their district administration if they haven't received them in their schools.

Nancy McBride, SC>>

I have been successful in finding funding through a variety of sources. Proposals to Home and School Associations is effective if you break the cost down per student and emphasize that the drums are built to last for decades. In addition, the drums and percussion instruments will maintain or appreciate in value, unlike computers. I have received funding through local foundations, banks and Credit Unions. Some of the most effective fundraising can be done by developing a two-page package that you can fax to local businesses and organizations in the community. Asking for \$200.00 to \$500.00 can be a lot more successful than trying to go for the big grants. In the long run, it is not a lot more work than actually sitting down and writing a grant.

Richard Dubé, Saskatoon, SK Canada

<http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/press/fund4.html>

McDonald's MAC grant

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Academy/4588/uamusic.html>

Education Minnesota Grants

http://www.educationminnesota.org/index.cfm?PAGE_ID=3168

In a message dated 9/23/02 9:23:12 PM, chubbard@mail.mcps.org writes:

I received notification last week that I was awarded a Jordan grant from NIKE, Inc. for \$2500 to purchase instruments for WMD in our school. (FYI - this grant is available to schools where 40% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches. Information about the grant may be accessed at the NIKE web site.)

In a message dated 6/30/03 1:16:43 PM, CavanaughRA writes:

www.surdna.org Surdna offers \$5,000 Arts Teachers Fellowships to teachers whose assignment includes work in publicly funded arts magnet high schools.
