

# DonorsChoose.org with Daniel Inman

## How This Organization Can Help You Through Small Grants of Supplies, Equipment, and Professional Development Opportunities

This presentation is an introduction to DonorsChoose.org and how it can help your physical education program through small donations of supplies, equipment, and professional development opportunities. We will discuss and demonstrate how to set up an account with them, when the best time to submit proposals is, and helpful hints for writing your proposals. We will also discuss corporate matching programs that can be found throughout the year.

For teachers just setting up an account with DonorsChoose.org, check out the following link for helpful information:

<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/203201843-Helping-another-teacher-use-DonorsChoose-org->

Basic Hints when writing your proposal:

- Be clear and concise about the supplies/ resources you are requesting. For example, if you are asking for bicycles, say bicycles, helmets, and water bottles in your essay. Be specific about what you are asking for and how your students will benefit from it.
- The proposals should be student-centered. How are the students going to use the items? Benefit from the items? Be sure to include a brief description of this.
- Smaller priced proposals tend to get funded quicker. If you have a project for 10 bicycles, break it into 2 or 3 smaller proposals if you can work with a smaller set of bicycles to begin with.

My background with DonorsChoose.org.

- My first project posted in Spring of 2007. From 2007 to 2015, I had 36 projects fully funded for equipment, supplies, and professional development opportunities.
  - Examples of donations received: Scooters, Rubber Chickens, Tinikling Poles, iPad 2 with case, Speaker System for my gym area, Pull-Ups Bars, Registration to 2015 National PE Institute
- I've also been a grant screener for DonorsChoose.org for several years. This mean I see grants from around the country and screen them for spelling and grammar errors and to make sure each grant answers the questions needed.

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Thank you and I hope to see your project posted on DonorsChoose.org in the future.

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