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If you are looking for more resources apart from the ones noted below to fund your expedition, we recommend doing a web search to locate regional and national foundations that fund professional development or educational programs. You may find the site Community Foundations helpful in narrowing results for your county. The following are some possible resources as you start to consider partial or full funding for an Earthwatch expedition experience:

**NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants**
Description: These grants will fund your participation in professional development experiences. Applications are reviewed three times a year.
Eligibility: National Education Association member in a public school system.
Amount: $2,000

**Fund for Teachers**
Description: Fund for Teachers provides grants for self-designed professional development. Each year they fund 1 to 3 teachers for Earthwatch expeditions.
Amount: $5,000 or more
Website: [http://www.fundforteachers.org/](http://www.fundforteachers.org/)

**American Chemical Society ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Grant**
Description: Funds professional development that will enhance classroom learning. Eligibility: High School Chemistry teacher
Amount: up to $1,500
Applications are accepted between October 15th - January 4th annually
Website: [https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/grants/hachhighschool.html](https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/grants/hachhighschool.html)

**The Pollination Project**
Description: Grants for inspiring social change-makers.
Amount: $1,000
Applications accepted on a rolling basis
Website: [https://thepollinationproject.org/](https://thepollinationproject.org/)

**Lockheed Martin STEM Education**
Description: Will fund teacher development in STEM education.
Eligibility: Must be from communities in which Lockheed Martin has businesses.
Amount: “generous funding”
Website: [http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/education.html](http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/education.html)
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National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Grant
Description: Professional development grant to improve competence in teaching mathematics.
Eligibility: Pre-K through 5th grade Math teacher.
Amount: $3,000
Website: http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/Grants/Teacher-Professional-Development-Grants

State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Community Grants
Description: Your school can apply for educational improvement which can be put towards your professional development. Talk to your school to see if they are interested, especially if professional development resources in your community are slim.
Amount: $5,000 or more
Applications due October 31 of year prior to funded experience
Website: https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community-involvement/community-grants/good-neighbor-citizenship-grants

Save on Energy Teacher Grant
Description: Once you’ve fielded and created your lesson plan, Save on Energy will fund materials if you submit one of the best lesson plans on how to teach sustainability.
Amount: $500
Website: https://www.saveonenergy.com/teacher-grant/

McCarthey Dressman Education Foundation Academic Enrichment Grants
Description: If your students come from low-income households and you have a great idea for a Community Lesson or Action plan, this grant will fund that project for up to 3 years. Amount: Up to $10,000 each year for a maximum of three years.
Application system closes when they reach 350 submissions. Submissions accepted JANUARY 15 - APRIL 15
Website: https://mccartheydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants/

Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award
Description: If awarded, you will receive a stipend to be used for continued professional learning endeavors.
Eligibility: NY State Teacher
Amount: $5,000 stipend
Website: https://www.ny.gov/programs/nominate-teacher-empire-state-excellence-teaching-award
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