



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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## **STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN SEWELL IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION**

Washington, DC – Tonight, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement following President Obama's address to the nation where he outlined the Immigration Accountability Executive Actions he will be taking, within his executive authority, to improve our nation's broken immigration system.

“Tonight, President Barack Obama laid out the actions his administration will take to fix our nation's deeply broken immigration system while urging Congress to do its job by acting through legislation. The President's Immigration Accountability Executive Actions will secure our borders, prioritize deporting felons not families and require certain undocumented immigrants to pass criminal background check and pay taxes.

For the past half century, every President—Democratic or Republican—has used his legal authority to act on immigration. President Obama is now taking an important commonsense step forward to fix our broken immigration system. These executive actions ensure accountability and that everyone plays by the same rules. While legislative action is always preferable, House Republicans have ignored this dire problem for too long while our families, communities, and local and national economies have paid a steep price for this reckless inaction.

While the nation waits for Republicans to pass comprehensive immigration reform, President Obama is doing the right thing by acting within the constitutional confines of his authority to make practical steps to prioritize enforcement and provide a way forward for hard-working immigrant families.

## **On National Rural Health Day, Secretary Vilsack Touts Benefits of Affordable Care Act to Rural Communities, Announces New Health Investments**

*Affordable Care Act provides incentives to encourage doctors to serve in rural America, funds rural health centers, helps rural Americans get access to care*

*USDA awarding more than \$10 million in grants to support telemedicine and rural health research*

Washington, D.C., Nov. 20, 2014 – Today, on National Rural Health Day, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced more than \$10 million in grants through two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs to improve access to health care for rural Americans across the nation. The Secretary also highlighted [initiatives created by the Affordable Care Act](#) that specifically address critical health needs in rural communities.

"Delivering these programs to rural communities that often do not have access to quality, affordable medical and educational services has tremendous economic and social benefits," Vilsack said. "They also mean that people who live and work in rural areas will not have to travel long distances for specialized health care services. These investments mean that students in rural high schools will have educational opportunities often not available outside urban areas."

Through the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) program](#), USDA has helped hundreds of rural communities deliver care in remote areas since it began two decades ago. Today, USDA's [Rural Development](#) is awarding \$20.4 million in grants that will provide rural Americans access to medical services, improve educational opportunities, and support Native American communities. [Fiscal Year 2014 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant recipients](#)

Rural residents are more likely to report a fair to poor health status and have higher rates of health complications, morbidity and mortality due to challenges associated with low levels of employment and education, geographic barriers and isolation, lack of quality nutrition and health education, and lack of access to health care.

USDA's [National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#) (NIFA) is awarding 12 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to universities aimed at enhancing the quality of life in rural areas through improved health and safety education efforts. NIFA funded the grants through the [Rural Health and Safety Education program](#) which addresses these challenges by developing programs that provide the necessary health information to rural residents. The program has three main focus areas: 1) individual and family nutrition and health education; 2) farm safety education; and 3) rural health leadership development education.

Projects funded in fiscal year 2014 focus on a diversity of rural health and safety issues, from diabetes education, obesity prevention, and physical activity and healthy nutrition education, to eco-healthy child care promotion, and rural expansion of 4-H Healthy Living program. [Fiscal Year 2014 Rural Health and Safety Education Grant recipients](#)

In addition to today's announcements, Secretary Vilsack encouraged rural Americans to take advantage of the Health Insurance Marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act and discussed the health care reform law's specific benefits for rural communities.

"Rural residents have higher rates of chronic conditions. This can be exacerbated by a lack of doctors or clinics in rural communities," Secretary Vilsack continued. "The Affordable Care Act is improving the health of rural communities and giving all families the security they deserve. No one should go without healthcare because of where they live, or be forced to leave the communities they love to get the coverage they need."

Rural Americans suffer from higher rates of chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. The Affordable Care Act has taken steps to address the unique challenges rural communities face when it comes to getting the health care they need.

One in five uninsured Americans lives in a rural area, and yet on average only 10 percent of the nation's physicians practice in these communities. The Affordable Care Act has significantly increased the size of the National Health Service Corps, which offers scholarships and loan repayment to health practitioners in return for practicing in rural communities and other underserved areas. More than 3,500 Corps members now serve in rural areas, and an average of 86 percent of them will remain in their communities even after completing their service.

The Affordable Care Act also invests significantly in expanding services at community health centers, where 7.5 million rural Americans get access to primary and preventive care. That comes on top of the more than \$3 billion USDA has invested since 2009 to strengthen health infrastructure in rural areas, building rural hospitals and health clinics and expanding access to health care in remote rural areas through telemedicine.

Not only can a lack of health insurance coverage help lead to high rates of chronic conditions, it threatens rural families economic health as well. Before the Affordable Care Act passed, the average rural family paid nearly 50% of all health costs out of pocket. One in five farmers is in debt because of medical bills. Uninsured individuals living in rural areas are able to use the Marketplaces to compare qualified health plan insurance options based on price, benefits, quality, and other factors with a clear picture of premiums and cost-sharing amounts to help them choose the qualified health insurance plan that best fits their needs.

Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace began Nov. 15, 2014, and runs through Feb. 15, 2015. Those who have plans can continue them without re-enrolling. However, consumers are encouraged to visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) to review and compare health plan options and find out if they are eligible for financial assistance, which can help pay monthly premiums and reduce out-of-pocket costs when receiving services. In order to have coverage effective on Jan. 1, 2015, consumers must enroll or update their coverage by December 15.

# FY15 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Guidelines

## OVERVIEW

**AGENCY:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

**TITLE:** ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING (EWDJT) GRANTS

**ACTION:** Request for Proposals (RFP)

**RFP NO:** EPA-OSWER-OBLR-15-01

**CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO.:** 66.815

**DATES:** Proposals are due by February 3, 2015. Proposals must be submitted through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on February 3, 2015. Please refer to Section IV.B., *Due Date and Submission Instructions*, for further instructions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training. In Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15), EPA anticipates providing some funding preference to applicants who choose to deliver other types of environmental training, beyond brownfields hazardous waste, as referenced in Section I.B and as referenced in Section V.C.

While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants require that Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training be provided to all individuals being trained, as outlined in Section III.C., *Threshold Eligibility Criteria*, applicants may design their own curricula and choose what types of supplemental environmental training they want to deliver as referenced in Section I.C., *Additional Eligible Uses of Grant Funds*. Additionally, under this competition, applicants also may choose to deliver training in various other environmental media as referenced in Section I.B. EPA encourages applicants to develop their curricula based on local labor market assessments and employers hiring needs, while also delivering comprehensive training that results in graduates securing multiple certifications.

For the purposes of these guidelines, the term “grant” refers to the cooperative agreement that EPA will award to a successful applicant. Please refer to Section II.C. for a description of EPA’s anticipated substantial involvement in the financial assistance agreements awarded under these guidelines.

**FUNDING/AWARDS:** The total funding available under this competitive opportunity is approximately \$3,400,000, subject to availability of funds, quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations for FY 2015. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 17 environmental workforce development and job training cooperative agreements at amounts up to \$200,000 each.

**LINK:** <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-15-01.pdf>

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## **Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION**

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Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/grant-information/>
- A federal grant is an award of financial assistance from a federal agency to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States. Federal grants are not federal assistance or loans to individuals. A federal grant may not be used to acquire property or services for the federal government's direct benefit. [The 26 federal agencies](#) offer over 1,000 grant programs annually in various categories. Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants.jsp>
- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- [Grants.gov Applicant Training Video](#) - Need a quick lesson on how to Register, Find and Apply? Watch this short video to get tips on registering with Grants.gov; finding grant opportunities; understanding your search results; and, applying for opportunities.
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

## **Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES**

### **Corporation for National and Community Service**

**Program:** **Operation AmeriCorps**

**Description:** For the first time, applicants may request AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC resources in a single application to use national service as the transformative catalyst to address a community's most pressing local problem. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/fy-15-operation-ameri-corps-competition>

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

**Program:** **Environmental Education Model Grants Program -- Solicitation Notice for 2014**

**Description:** The purpose of the Environmental Education Model Grant Program is to support model, replicable projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about



environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

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**Program:** **Water Quality Benefits**

**Description:** Seeking applications proposing research to advance knowledge of how changes in water quality, including incremental or step improvements, can be valued at appropriate spatial scales using advanced non-use valuation methods for the Nation's inland fresh water small streams, lakes and rivers, estuaries, coastal waters, and the Great Lakes. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

**Website:** <http://epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2015/2015-star-water-quality.html>

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**Program:** **Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant**

**Description:** The objective of the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant is to accelerate and expand the strategic protection of healthy freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds across the country. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

**Website:** [http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/watershed/upload/hw\\_consortium\\_grant\\_rfp.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/watershed/upload/hw_consortium_grant_rfp.pdf)

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**Program:** **Environmental Justice Small Grants Program - Application Guidance FY2015**

**Description:** The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources/publications/grants/ej-smgrants-rfp-2015.pdf>

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## **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**Program:** **Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries**

**Description:** These small grants encourage libraries and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Sparks Grants support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. You may propose activities or approaches that involve risk, as long as the risk is balanced by significant potential for improvement in the ways libraries and museums serve their communities. Successful proposals will address problems, challenges, or needs of broad relevance to libraries and/or archives. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=19>

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**Program:** **National Leadership Grants for Libraries**

**Description:** National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>

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**Program:** **Museum Grants for African American History and Culture**

**Description:** Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) support projects that improve the operations, care of collections, and development of professional management at African American museums. AAHC grants can fund both new and ongoing museum activities and programs. Deadline is December 1, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=12>

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**Program:** **National Leadership Grants Program**

**Description:** National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Deadline is Preliminary Proposal Due Date: Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on October 13, 2014 Full Proposal Due Date: Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on January 15, 2015 (by invitation only)

**Website:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>

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## **National Archives and Records Administration**

**Program:** **Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records**

**Description:** The Literacy and Engagement grant program offers support for projects that will result in archives reaching audiences through digital literacy programs and workshops, new tools and applications, and citizen engagement in archival processes. Deadline is December 14, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/literacy.html>

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## **National Endowment for the Arts**

**Program:** **NEA 2016 Jazz Masters Fellowship Event**

**Description:** The Arts Endowment plans to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with an organization to coordinate a free, public event honoring the 2016 NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship awardees, and related activities as detailed below. The event must take place during the month of April 2016, to coincide with and acknowledge the 15th anniversary of Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM). In addition, the event venue must be located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to coincide with the year-long 50th anniversary celebrations of the National Endowment for the Arts (October 2015-2016). Deadline is December 9, 2014.

**Website:** <http://arts.gov/2016-nea-jazz-masters-announcement-and-awards-ceremony-concert-program-solicitation>

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**Program:** **NEA Our Town, FY 2015**

**Description:** DescriptionArt works to support creative, economically-competitive, healthy, resilient, and opportunity-rich communities. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town>

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## **National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Program:** **Public Scholar Program**

**Description:** The Public Scholar program aims to encourage scholarship that will be of broad interest and have lasting impact. Such scholarship might present a narrative history, tell the stories of important individuals, analyze significant texts, provide a synthesis of ideas, revive interest in a neglected subject, or examine the latest thinking on a topic. Deadline is March 3, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/public-scholar-program>

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**Program:** **Summer Seminars and Institutes**

**Description:** These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university teachers. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes may be as short as two weeks or as long as five weeks. An NEH Summer Seminar or Institute may be hosted by a college, university, learned society, center for advanced study, library or other repository, cultural or professional organization, or school or school system. Deadline is February 24, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/summer-seminars-and-institutes>

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**Program:** **Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations**

**Description:** We welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students), teachers, seniors, at-risk communities, and veterans, but they should also strive to cultivate a more inclusive audience. Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/mlco>

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**Program:** **Media Projects**

**Description:** Projects must be analytical and deeply grounded in humanities scholarship in a discipline such as history, religion, anthropology, jurisprudence, or art history. NEH is a national funding agency, so the projects we support must demonstrate the potential to attract a broad, general audience. We welcome humanities projects tailored to particular groups, such as families, youth (including K-12 students), teachers, seniors, at-risk communities, and veterans, but they should also strive to cultivate a more inclusive audience. Deadline is January 14, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/mp>

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**Program:** **Collaborative Research Grants**

**Description:** Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of one to three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. Deadline is December 9, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants>

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**Program:** **Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants**

**Description:** Scholarly Editions and Translations grants support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents of value to the humanities that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. Deadline is December 9, 2014.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/scholarly-editions-and-translations-grants>

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## **National Science Foundation**

**Program:** **Law & Social Sciences**

**Description:** The Law & Social Sciences Program considers proposals that address social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules. The Program is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-methodological. Deadline is February 4, 2015.

Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf15514](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15514)

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**Program:** **US Ignite**

**Description:** US Ignite aims to break this deadlock by providing incentives for imagining, prototyping, and developing public sector gigabit applications, and by leveraging and extending this network testbed across US college/university campuses and cities. This solicitation builds on the experience gained from initial US Ignite activities to further engage the US academic research and non-profit communities along with local cities, municipalities, and regions in exploring the challenges of developing and applying next-generation networking to problems of significant public interest and benefit. Deadline is January 21, 2015.

Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf15508](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15508)

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**Program:** **National Robotics Initiative**

**Description:** The goal of the National Robotics Initiative is to accelerate the development and use of robots in the United States that work beside or cooperatively with people. Deadline is January 14, 2015.

Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf15505](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15505)

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**Program:** **Partnerships for Innovation: Accelerating Innovation Research- Research Alliance**

**Description:** The NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) program within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) is an umbrella for two complementary subprograms, Accelerating Innovation Research (AIR) and Building Innovation Capacity (BIC).

**Deadline:**

Feb 18, 2015 Letter of Intent Due Date(s): January 12, 2015 Full Proposal Deadline(s): February 18, 2015

Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14612](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14612)

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** **Wood Innovations**

**Description:** This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities: • Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands. • Reduce costs of forest management on all land types. • Promote economic and environmental health of communities. Funding will be awarded in two separate grant categories: GRANT CATEGORY 1: EXPANSION OF WOOD ENERGY MARKETS and GRANT CATEGORY 2: EXPANSION OF WOOD PRODUCTS MARKETS. Deadline is January 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.na.fed.us/werc/>

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**Program:** **Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program**

**Description:** To support projects to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables among low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by providing incentives at the point of purchase. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/fini.html>

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**Program:** **TAT Grant Program FY15**

**Description:** Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed a pre-application with RUS in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Deadline is December 31, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-wwtat.htm>

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**Program:** **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Loan Guarantees Under Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (GRRHP) for Fiscal Year 2014**

**Description:** Eligible lenders are invited to submit responses for new construction and acquisition with rehabilitation of affordable rural rental housing. Deadline: Eligible responses to this Notice will be accepted until December 31, 2015, 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Selected responses that develop into complete applications and meet all Federal eligibility requirements prior to September 30, 2014 will receive conditional commitments until all FY 2014 funds are expended.

**Website:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-21/pdf/2014-11733.pdf>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **Accelerating Industry-Led Regional Partnerships for Talent Development**

**Description:** EDA seeks a non-profit “national partner” that will work with a Federal team led by the Department of Commerce, to launch a learning exchange to identify, promote, and expand upon successful best practices for industry-driven regional partnerships for talent development. The learning exchange is a mechanism to identify, understand, and elevate best practices, facilitate peer learning and deepen knowledge, spark replication and advancement across regions, and inform the long-term public investment in talent development. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.eda.gov/>

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**Program:** **FY15 Nancy Foster Scholarship Program**

**Description:** The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program provides support for independent graduate-level studies in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, social science and resource management of ocean and coastal areas), and particularly encourages women and minorities to apply. Individuals who are U.S. citizens and are applying to or have been accepted to a graduate program at a U.S. accredited institution may apply. Deadline is December 10, 2014.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NOAA-NOS-NMS-2015-2004240>

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## U.S. Department of Education

**Program:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE): Performance Partnership Pilots CFDA Number 84.420A

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) program, authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, Division H, Section 526 (the Act), will enable up to ten pilot sites to test innovative, outcome-focused strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes \1\ for disconnected youth \2\ using new flexibility to blend \3\ existing Federal funds and to seek waivers \4\ of associated program requirements. Deadline is March 4, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-24/pdf/2014-27775.pdf>

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**Program:** OSERS-OSEP: Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities: Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Leadership Personnel CFDA Number 84.325D

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, related services, early intervention, and regular education to work with children, including infants and toddlers, with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research and experience, to be successful in serving those children. Deadline is December 12, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-22/pdf/2014-25188.pdf>

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## U.S. Department of Energy

**Program:** Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001167 Buildings University Innovators and Leaders Development (BUILD) - 2015

**Description:** The BUILD FOA will have the following objectives: (i) Improving the competitiveness of American universities to conduct building energy-efficiency R&D (ii) Enabling American universities to develop stronger partnerships with industry (iii) Improving manufacturing education in American universities EERE envisions awarding multiple competitive financial assistance awards in the form of cooperative agreements with an estimated period of performance of approximately 2 years to USA-based university teams to research and develop innovative building energy efficiency technologies. Deadline not required.

Website: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>

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## U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency

**Program:** ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING (EWDJT) GRANTS

**Description:** This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place

local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training. Deadline is February 3, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-15-01.pdf>

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**Program:** **Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring**

**Description:** This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects designed to assist state, local and tribal communities in identifying and profiling air toxics sources, assessing emerging measurement methods, characterizing the degree and extent of local air toxics problems, and tracking progress of air toxics reduction activities. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.epa.gov/air/grants\\_funding.html](http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html)

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## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Program:** **Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Expansion Grant Program**

**Description:** The goal of this grant program, as with this multi-phase initiative, is to reduce the prevalence of oral disease in both pregnant women and infants through improved access to quality oral health care. Deadline is February 27, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270148>

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**Program:** **High Priority Immunology Grants (R01)**

**Description:** The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to augment the maintenance and growth of the NIAID portfolio of investigator-initiated R01 grants in fundamental immunology. It seeks to address a decline in NIAID immunology R01 applications and awards that has occurred in the past several fiscal years. Deadline is January 7, 2018

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-15-055.html>

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**Program:** **Rural Assistance Center for ORHP Cooperative Agreement**

**Description:** Through daily interactions and responding to inquiries and concerns, the RAC will be able to ensure that ORHP and the Department of Health and Human Services are informed of developing and ongoing grass-roots issues in the rural U.S. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269574>

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**Program:** **Partnership for Urban MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement**

**Description:** This announcement solicits applications for the Partnership for Urban MCH Leadership Community Cooperative Agreement program. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support urban MCH leaders as they work to improve public health programs and the delivery of MCH services, and to assure optimal alignment with the transformed Title V MCH Services Block Grant program. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269421>

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**Program:** **Rural Health Network Development Planning Program**

**Description:** The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated healthcare network, if the network participants do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-036>

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**Program:** **Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research (P50)**

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications to support Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research to stimulate basic and applied research on environmental health disparities. The proposed research is expected to develop innovative approaches to understand environmentally-driven health disparities and improve access to healthy environments for vulnerable populations and communities. Deadline is January 9, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-010.html>

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**Program:** **National Cancer Institute Program Project Applications (P01)**

**Description:** With this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites applications for investigator-initiated program project (P01) grants. Proposed program projects may address any of the broad areas of cancer research, including (but not limited to) cancer biology, cancer prevention, cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment, and cancer control. Deadline is January 7, 2014.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-023.html>

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**Program:** **NIMHD Academic Research Enhancement Award: Enhancing Health Disparities Research at Undergraduate Institutions (R15)**

**Description:** The NIMHD encourages institutions that are eligible to apply for support through the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA) program to submit applications for innovative research projects focused on minority health and health disparities. Deadline is January 12, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-002.html>

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**Program:** **Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43)**

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadline is January 27, 2014.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-004.html>

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**Program:** **Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42)**

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Deadline is January 23, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-15-003.html>

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**Program:** **Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes (DP3)**

**Description:** The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under). Deadline is March 18, 2015.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-14-022.html>

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## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

**Program:** **DHS-2014-OHA-BIOWATCH**

**Description:** The BioWatch Program is a cornerstone of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) comprehensive strategy for countering biological terrorism. The BioWatch Program is an early warning system that is designed to detect the intentional release of select aerosolized biological agents. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DHS-2014-OHA-BIOWATCH>

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## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**Program:** **Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program**

**Description:** Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2. People: Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and 3. Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families; choices about their community. Deadline is February 9, 2015.

**Website:** [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

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**Program:** **Jobs Plus Pilot Program**

**Description:** Purpose of the Program. The purpose of Jobs Plus Pilot program is to develop locally-based approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes such as work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement and financial literacy. Deadline is December 17, 2014.

**Website:** [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

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**Program:** **National Disaster Resilience Competition**

**Description:** The goal of the competition is to make Community Development Block Grant; Resilient Disaster Recovery (CDBG-RDR) funds available for compelling resilient recovery projects. Deadline is March 15, 2015.

**Website:**

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

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## **U.S. Department of Justice**

**Program:** **U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

**Description:** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. Deadline is February 24, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>

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## **U.S. Department of Transportation**

**Program:** **Value pricing pilot program**

**Description:** This notice announces the availability of funding for the Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP). In addition this notice identifies selection criteria, application requirements, and assistance during the solicitation period for the VPPP. Deadline is January 16, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=269393>

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**Program:** **FY 2015 Commercial Drivers License Program Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Availability**

**Description:** Additionally, the CDLPI grant program provides financial assistance for other entities capable of executing national projects that aid States in their compliance efforts and that will improve the national CDL (Commercial Drivers License) program. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

**Website:**

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50299>

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**Program:** **Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative)**

**Description:** Approximately \$9M will be made available in cooperative agreements to transit agencies and other entities to promote innovative nationally and regionally significant public transportation workforce development models and programs that invest in America's economic growth and help build ladders of opportunity into the middle class for American Workers. Deadline is December 23, 2014.

**Website:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077\\_16198.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16198.html)

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## **U.S. Department of Treasury**

**Program:** **RESTORE Act Direct Component - Construction Activities**

**Description:** The RESTORE Act created five components through which funds will be disbursed. Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity notices as part of the RESTORE Act. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component,

and is only for applications for eligible construction activities. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50000>

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## **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Program:** **Veterans Cemetery Grants**

**Description:** Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39. Deadline is July 1, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/>

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## **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** **Meyer Memorial Trust Issues RFP for Affordable Housing Initiative**

**Description:** The Meyer Memorial Trust has issued a Request for Proposals from affordable housing organizations in Oregon for the development and implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans.

Through its Affordable Housing Initiative, MMT will award grants of up to \$150,000 over two years to organizations to participate in a standardized assessment of their portfolios, develop an individualized portfolio plan, and begin implementation of the plan. In addition to the funds, technical assistance will be provided in the first year to assist organizations in conducting their portfolio assessment and plan development. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.mmt.org/program/rfp>

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**Program:** **Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Social Inequality Research**

**Description:** The foundation's Social Inequality program supports research on the social, economic, political, and labor market consequences of rising economic inequality in the United States. To that end, the program seeks Letters of Inquiry for investigator-initiated research projects that will broaden current understanding of the causes and consequences of rising economic inequality. Priority will be given to projects that use innovative data or methodologies to address important questions about inequality. Deadline is January 16, 2015 (Letter of inquiry).

**Website:** [http://www.russellsage.org/research/social-inequality/funding\\_opportunity](http://www.russellsage.org/research/social-inequality/funding_opportunity)

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**Program:** **NCTM Invites Proposals for PreK-8 Pre-Service Teacher Action Research Grant**

**Description:** The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is inviting proposals from pre-K teachers to support a collaborative action research project by university faculty, pre-service teachers, and classroom teachers seeking to improve their understanding of mathematics in preK-8 classrooms.

Primary emphasis will be placed on collaboration among a team of researchers consisting of university, elementary/middle school teachers, and pre-service teachers from the undergraduate ranks. Research should be designed, implemented, and completed with a focus on enhancing the teaching and/or learning of mathematics in grades preK-8. Deadline is May 4, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=15479>

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**Program:** **SHAPE America Issues RFP for 2014-2015 Research Grant Program**

**Description:** SHAPE America promotes school-based health, physical education, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles among children in the United States.

To advance its mission, the organization has issued a Request for Proposals from early career investigators and graduate students for original research projects designed to document the value, influence, and/or effect of social justice and diversity in health, physical education, physical activity, dance, and/or sport. January Phase I pre-proposals are due January 5, 2015. Finalists will be announced on February 16, 2015, with Phase II full proposals due April 6, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.shapeamerica.org/grants/research/>

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**Program:** **Patagonia Accepting Applications for Grassroots Environmental Campaigns**

**Description:** Outdoor clothing and gear company Patagonia provides support for environmental work through grants to nonprofit organizations.

The company's environmental grant program supports small, grassroots organizations that have provocative direct-action agendas and are working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded for projects that are action-oriented, build public involvement and support, focus on root causes, and demonstrate a commitment to long-term change. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>

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**Program:** **Louisville Institute Invites Academic and Pastoral Researchers to Apply for Sabbatical Grants Program**

**Description:** The Louisville Institute offers the Sabbatical Grants for Researchers program to identify and support ecclesiastically engaged academics and intellectually astute pastoral and religious leaders whose scholarly research work can contribute to

the vitality of Christianity in North America. The program is designed to bring pastors and academics together and help them share their insights into the life of churches.

The program supports year-long sabbatical research and writing projects that will advance religious and theological scholarship in ways that also address practical issues concerning Christian faith and life, pastoral leadership, and/or religious institutions. Ordinarily applicants will be fully employed at accredited academic institutions and will be eligible for up to a full academic year leave from teaching. Pastoral applicants are also encouraged to apply. Deadline is November 1, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgfrdetail.aspx>

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**Program:** **BUILD Health Challenge Accepting Applications for Community Health Collaborations**

**Description:** The BUILD Health Challenge is a national award program designed to support community collaborations that are working to give everyone a fair chance to be healthy.

Specifically, the program awards planning grants of up to \$75,000 and implementation grants of up to \$250,000 to strengthen partnerships among hospitals, nonprofits, local health departments, and other community organizations to improve the health of low-income neighborhoods in cities with a population of 150,000 or greater. Deadline is January 15, 2015 (pre-applications)

**Website:** <http://www.buildhealthchallenge.org/>

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**Program:** **Macy Foundation Seeks Applications for 2015 Faculty Scholars Program**

**Description:** To that end, the foundation has issued a Call for Applications for the fifth class of Macy Faculty Scholars, an annual program designed to identify and nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing.

With support from the Macy Foundation, scholars will implement new educational innovations at their home institutions and participate in career development activities. To help them, scholars will receive salary support of up to \$100,000 per year for two years; at least 50 percent protected time for two years to pursue their project; active mentorship by a senior faculty member at their institution; access to the program's national advisory committee; and opportunities to participate in Macy conferences and other national meetings. Deadline is February 11, 2015.

**Website:** <http://macyfoundation.org/news/entry/call-aps-2015-macy-scholars>

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**Program:** **Air Medical Physician Association Invites Applications for Research Seed Grants**

**Description:** The Air Medical Physician Association is an international organization committed to patient-focused, quality critical care transport medicine.

AMPA established the Air Medical Physician Seed Grant Research Program in 2011 to encourage medical students, physician residents, and fellows to enter the transport medicine research field. The program provides grants of \$2,500 in support of basic science, applied, or clinical research projects. Funds are intended to round out new project budgets rather than sustain current initiatives. Priority will be given to research related to air medical or pre-hospital transport. Deadline is March 20, 2015.

**Website:** <https://ampa.org/node/93>

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**Program:** **Glaucoma Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Grants Program**

**Description:** The Glaucoma Foundation offers grants to researchers striving to improve the lives of glaucoma patients through novel innovations and scientific advances.

In 2015, the area of focus for the foundation's Grant Research program is exfoliation syndrome and exfoliation glaucoma. Initial grant funding for a one-year period will range up to \$40,000, and grantees are permitted to apply for a grant renewal of up to \$50,000. Renewal grants are awarded for a period of one year based on the promise of the findings generated by the initial research. Deadline is January 1, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.glaucomafoundation.org/Grant\\_Application.htm](http://www.glaucomafoundation.org/Grant_Application.htm)

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**Program:** **Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grant Applications Deadline Extended**

**Description:** Established by children's book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is accepting applications to its mini-grants program from public schools and public libraries anywhere in the United States and its territories.

The mini-grants program supports projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community. To that end, the program will award grants of up to \$500 to educators interested in creating special activities outside the standard curriculum. Deadline is March 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/>

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**Program:** **CEC Artslink Issues RFP for International Projects**

**Description:** Through the annual program, the organization provides support to artists, curators, presenters, and arts organizations in the U.S. who are undertaking projects in any of thirty-seven eligible countries. Applicants must be working with an artist or organization in the host country, and projects should be designed to benefit participants and audiences in both the U.S. and that country.

In 2015, grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to individual artists, presenters, and nonprofit arts organizations working in the visual and media arts. In 2016, applications will be accepted from individual artists, curators, and nonprofit arts organizations working in dance, music, theater, and literature. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.cecartslink.org/grants/artslink\\_projects/](http://www.cecartslink.org/grants/artslink_projects/)

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**Program:** **Anthony Quinn Foundation Accepting Applications for 2015 Arts Scholarship Program**

**Description:** The Anthony Quinn Foundation is accepting applications for its 2015 Scholarship Program, an annual program that aims to perpetuate the legendary actor/artist's vision for an art-conscious society.

Through the program, the foundation supports high school students' extracurricular study of the visual arts and design, performing arts, media arts, and literary arts. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Deadline is January 5, 2015.

**Website:** <https://anthonyquinnfoundation.fluidreview.com/>

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**Program:** **Starbucks Youth Leadership Grants**

**Description:** The Starbucks Foundation's Youth Leadership Grant Program supports organizations that provide young people ages 15-24 a continuum of services in developing creative approaches to address pressing concerns in their communities. Grants range from \$10,000-\$30,000. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.starbucks.com/responsibility/community/opportunity-youth/grant>

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**Program:** **Glenn/American Federation Seeks LOIs for Breakthroughs in Gerontology Awards**

**Description:** The American Federation for Aging Research, in partnership with the Glenn Foundation for Medical Research, is seeking Letters of Intent for the 2015 Breakthroughs in Gerontology Awards, an annual program that provides timely support to a small number of research projects that build on early discoveries and show translational potential for clinically relevant strategies, treatments, and

therapeutics related to human aging and health span. Deadline is December 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.afar.org/research/funding/big/>

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**Program:** **Big Read Accepting Grant Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs**

**Description:** The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, aims to restore reading to the center of American culture. Managed by Arts Midwest, the program provides organizations with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to inspire their community to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet.

Community organizations participating in the Big Read develop and produce reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse local audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Deadline is January 28, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

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**Program:** **Posen Foundation Accepting Applications for Fellowship for Jewish Scholars**

**Description:** The Posen Family Foundation has announced a call for applications for the third cohort of Posen Society Fellows, a program that supports doctoral students in modern Jewish history and culture. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.posenfoundation.co.il/en/plan/the-posen-society-of-fellows/>

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**Program:** **Youth Service America, Sodexo Foundation Offer Grants for Hunger Service Projects**

**Description:** Youth Service America and the Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to join the fight to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants will provide \$400 for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees, and other community members to address childhood hunger. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>

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**Program:** **Lemelson-MIT Program Announces 2014-15 InvenTeam Initiative**



**Description:** Created by the Lemelson-MIT Program, the InvenTeam initiative provides opportunities for high school students to cultivate their creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving abilities and apply lessons from science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects to the invention of technological solutions to real-world problems.

Teams comprised of high school students, teachers, and mentors receive grants of up to \$10,000 to invent technological solutions for a problem of their choice. Deadline is February 27, 2015.

**Website:** <http://lemelson.mit.edu/inventeams>

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**Program:** **Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation Invites Proposals for Innovative Educational Projects**

**Description:** Paralyzed Veterans of America advocates for better health care and benefits, aids in the search for a truly satisfying career, and provides the path to adventure through adaptive sports for paralyzed American veterans. Through its charitable arm, the Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation, the organization supports educational projects that benefit, serve, and enhance quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, their families, and their caregivers. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.pva.org/site/c.aJIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA\\_Education\\_Foundation.htm](http://www.pva.org/site/c.aJIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA_Education_Foundation.htm)

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**Program:** **American College Health Foundation Seeks Applications for Student Wellness Programs**

**Description:** The American College Health Foundation, the charitable arm of the American College Health Association, is accepting applications in support of a novel program that addresses an issue related to the retention and overall well-being of college students.

The project should be creative in its scope, formulated on the basis of published research, measurable in its impact, and applicable to the health enhancement of college students who participate in it. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.acha.org/ACHF/aetna\\_award.cfm](http://www.acha.org/ACHF/aetna_award.cfm)

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**Program:** **Nominations Invited for 2015 Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards**

**Description:** Based on the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam*, or “repair of the world,” the Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards seek to recognize teens who are exceptional role models in their communities and beyond. The awards celebrate teens who have demonstrated remarkable leadership and are actively engaged in projects that

embody the values of *tikkun olam*. Teen projects may benefit the Jewish community or the general community. Deadline is December 14, 2014

**Website:** <http://www.dillerteenawards.org/>

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**Program:** **Mary Byron Project Announces 2015 Roth Award for Domestic Violence Programs**

**Description:** As part of its annual Celebrating Solutions Awards honoring innovative programs in the United States that demonstrate promise in ending the generational cycle of domestic violence, the Mary Byron Project created the Roth Award to reward and spotlight domestic violence programs that address the needs of underserved populations.

Eligible programs provide services to populations (including those based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, faith, disabilities, low socioeconomic status, sexual preference, and victims from economically comfortable suburban areas) that traditionally do not know how to avail themselves of services or who are too ashamed to find them. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

**Website:** <http://marybyronproject.org/index.php/our-work/the-roth-award/>

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**Program:** **Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Future of Work Research**

**Description:** The foundation's program on the Future of Work supports research on the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of jobs for less- and moderately-skilled workers in the United States. The foundation seeks research proposals related to the role of changes in employer practices; the nature of the labor market; and public policies concerning the employment, earnings, and quality of jobs of American workers. Deadline is January 16, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.russellsage.org/research/future-work>

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**Program:** **Agricultural Safety and Health Council Seeks Applications for Worker Safety Grants Program**

**Description:** The Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America is seeking applications for its 2015 Safety Grants Program, the purpose of which is to encourage and provide financial support for the implementation of evidence-based safety and health interventions that protect agricultural workers.

Applicants are expected to be engaged in agriculture-related production, education/training, and/or research. The key contact (principal) will generally meet one or more the following criteria: a) be a farm/agribusiness owner (farmer, grower, producer, rancher); b) be an agricultural organization representative; c) be an agricultural community-based organization or service leader; d) be an

agribusiness risk manager or safety advisor; e) be a safety or public health academic instructor; and/or f) be an agricultural youth organization representative. Deadline is January 7, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.ashca.org/safety-grants-program/>

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**Program:** **Heritage Preservation Seeks Nominations for Commitment to Collection Preservation Award**

**Description:** The award is presented annually to an organization in North America that has been exemplary in terms of the importance and priority it gives to conservation concerns and in the commitment it has shown to the preservation and care of cultural property within the context of its broader mission, which may include interpretation, research, scholarship, education, and/or public outreach. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/awards/aic.htm>

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**Program:** **BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

**Description:** The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grants/>

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**Program:** **NEH Accepting Applications for Scholarly Edition/Translation Projects**

**Description:** The endowment currently is accepting applications through its Scholarly Editions and Translations grants program. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that currently are inaccessible or available only in inadequate editions. Grants are designed to support full- or part-time activities for periods of one (minimum) to three (maximum) years. December 9, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/scholarly-editions-and-translations-grants>

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**Program:** **NEA Invites Creative Placemaking Proposals for Our Town Grant Program**

**Description:** The program seeks to invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with arts and design organizations and artists, seek to improve the local quality of life; encourage greater creative activity; foster

stronger community identity and a sense of place; and revitalize economic development. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town>

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**Program:** **BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

**Description:** The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. The foundation is looking for creative projects that promote safe and clean boating on local waterways. January 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grants/>

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**Program:** **Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grants**

**Description:** Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation are offering financial assistance through Environmental Solutions for Communities, a grant program designed to help communities in the United States create a more sustainable future through responsible environmental stewardship. To that end, the program supports highly visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. Deadline is December 10, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/>

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**Program:** **Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries Accepting School Library Grant Applications**

**Description:** The mission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, a fund of the George W. Bush Foundation, is to help school libraries encourage and foster a love of reading, support student learning, and make books and reading materials available to students who otherwise wouldn't have access to them. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** <http://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu/lbf-grant-application>

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**Program:** **American College Health Foundation Accepting Applications for Annual College Mental/Behavioral Health Award**

**Description:** The annual award is designed to fund the development of creative initiatives that address prevention, early intervention, and/or treatment for mental and

behavioral health disorders among college students. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.acha.org/ACHE/first\\_risk\\_advisors.cfm](http://www.acha.org/ACHE/first_risk_advisors.cfm)

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**Program:** **Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Invites Applications for Young Investigator Grants**

**Description:** Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that has evolved from a young cancer patient's front-yard lemonade stand to a national foundation for childhood cancer, awards grants designed to fill critical voids in current pediatric cancer research. Deadline is December 15, 2014.

**Website:** [https://www.alexlemonade.org/files/via\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.alexlemonade.org/files/via_guidelines.pdf)

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**Program:** **Middle School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Christopher Columbus Awards**

**Description:** The program challenges students in grades six to eight working in teams of three to four with an adult coach to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Deadline is February 2, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

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**Program:** **The Office Depot Foundation Grants**

**Description:** The Office Depot Foundation awards grants to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families, and to support civic organizations and activities that serve community needs.

**Website:** [http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page\\_id=237](http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page_id=237)

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**Program:** **Environmental Competitive Grant**

**Description:** Legacy provides environmental education grants annually through the Competitive Grants Program. Funds for this program are allocated specifically to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education.

**Website:** [www.legacyenvd.org](http://www.legacyenvd.org)

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**Program:** **Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant**

**Description:** The Cornell Douglas Foundation provides grants to organizations that advocate for environmental health and justice, encourage stewardship of the environment, and further respect for sustainability of resources. The average grant amount is \$10,000. Deadline is accepted all year.

**Website:** <http://www.cornelldouglas.org/apply/>

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**Program:** **The RGK Foundation awards grants**

**Description:** The RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of education, community and health/medicine. The average grant is \$25,000.

Grants Committee Meeting Dates for 2015 (only relevant to requests over \$100,000)

March 6, 2015

June 12, 2015

September 16, 2015

**Website:** <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

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**Program:** **American Association of School Librarians Invites Applications for Innovative Reading Projects**

**Description:** The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, is accepting applications from school librarians for its AASL Innovative Reading Grant program. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative>

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**Program:** **Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program**

**Description:** Through the program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations within the service area of individual Walmart stores in support of initiatives in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. Deadline is December 31, 2014.

**Website:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

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**Program:** **Public Welfare Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Juvenile Justice Programs**

**Description:** The Public Welfare Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent from organizations and programs working to end the criminalization and over-incarceration of youth in the United States. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** <http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/FullProposal.aspx>

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**Program:** **William T. Grant Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Distinguished Fellows Program**

**Description:** The William T. Grant Foundation's Distinguished Fellows Program is designed to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. To accomplish its goals, the program gives influential mid-career researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice or policy settings and gives influential practitioners and policy makers the opportunity to work in research settings. Deadline is January 6, 2015.

**Website:** <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants#faq-distinguished-fellows>

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**Program:** **AAUW Accepting Applications for Community Action Grants**

**Description:** AAUW is accepting applications for its Community Action Grants Program, an annual program that provides funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs and non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>

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**Program:** **Ben & Jerry's Foundation Seeks Proposals for Social and Environmental Justice Projects**

**Description:** One-year grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofit grassroots community-organizing groups in the United States working to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just-food systems. Grants can be used to support both program and operational costs.

**Website:** <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/>

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**Program:** **KaBOOM! Invites Applications for Community Playground Grants**

**Description:** KaBOOM!, a program that provides eligible communities with most of the funds, tools, and resources they need to build a custom-made playground in one day. Deadline is OPEN.

Website:

[http://kaboom.org/build\\_playground/build\\_it\\_kaboom\\_playground\\_grant](http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant)

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Program:

**Binoculars for Young Citizen Scientists**

Description:

Cornell's BirdSleuth K-12 initiative is awarding binoculars to schools where educators have made outstanding efforts to engage their students in citizen science. Deadline is OPEN.

Website:

<http://www.birdsleuth.org/binoculars-for-the-citizen-scientists/>

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Program:

**International Paper Environmental Education Grants**

Description:

The International Paper (IP) Foundation supports non-profit organizations in communities where its employees live and work. Environmental education is one of the primary areas the Foundation supports. The Foundation seeks programs that help generations understand a sustainable approach to business that balances environmental, social and economic needs.

Website:

<http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/IPGiving/ApplicationGuidelines.html>

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Program:

**Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation**

Description:

Our strategy is also to seek partners both public and private who share common interests for collaborations and positive change. Focus Areas: Education, Health and Human Services, Basic services for at risk families and children, Family literacy and adult education, Community Improvement and Nonprofit Capacity Building, Culture and increasing accessibility to the arts and Philanthropy and Volunteerism. Deadline is March 15 for April Board Meeting and September 15 for October Board Meeting.

Website:

<http://www.jsbcf.org/funding.asp>

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## SECTION IV

## STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Program:

**2016 Alabama Library Service Technology Act (LSTA)**

Description:

The purpose of the LSTA is improving information access through technology and information empowerment through special services. Direct grants to libraries for equipment, materials, programs, digitizing materials, library vehicle, service for disabled, etc. May apply for Small Library Development Grants(Population 10,000 or less), General



Grants(Population over 10,000), Professional Training Grants (Population any size)

**Links:** **Notice of Intent December 5, 2014:**  
[http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls\\_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20notice%20of%20intent.doc](http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20notice%20of%20intent.doc)  
**Deadline to apply April 3, 2015:**  
[http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls\\_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc](http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc)  
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[http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls\\_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc](http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc)  
**Website:** [http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls\\_web/apls/apls/?q=lsta](http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/?q=lsta)

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**Program:** **ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES FOR MATCHING GRANTS**

**Description:** The Alabama Tourism Department (ATD) will continue its Matching Grants Program in 2014. The Matching Grants Program provides assistance to nonprofit Alabama organizations promoting travel and vacation business to Alabama on a reimbursement 50/50 matching basis. All event specific brochure projects must be for events in 2014. Deadline for August 2014 for November 2014 event. Deadline is September for December 2014. Brochures must be completed by November, 2014, or the grant will be withdrawn at 5:00 PM on December 1, 2014. **This includes receipt of final paperwork by the Alabama Tourism Department. (ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS)**

**Website:** <http://tourism.alabama.gov/content/uploads/Matching-Grant-Guidelines-Brochure-2014.pdf>

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**Program:** **Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants**  
**Description:** Applicants are encouraged to develop projects for a wide variety of audiences including: library and museum patrons, teachers and scholars, youth, senior citizens, nursing home residents, hospital patients, the economically disadvantaged, the incarcerated, and the hearing and sight impaired.  
**Application submission deadlines:**  
Major Grants (\$1,500 and up) – February 15, June 16, September 15  
Minor Grants (\$1,500 or less) – February 15, June 16, September 15  
**Website:** <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>

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## **SECTION V FELLOWSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID/ AWARDS**

**Program:** **Fund for Teachers Professional Development Grants**

**Description:** Fund for Teachers provides PK-12 teachers with up to \$5,000 per person or \$10,000 per team (two or more eligible teachers) to support professional development activities.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years classroom teaching experience, spend at least 50 percent of their time in the classroom, and intend to return to teaching in their district in the following consecutive school year. All funds must

be expended in summer 2015. (Teachers who are employed by year-long institutions may use their funds during the equivalent of their summer vacation.) Deadline is January 29, 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.fundforteachers.org/>

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**Program:** **ING Foundation Grants**

**Description:** ING Foundation is the charitable giving arm of ING in the Americas. The foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations addressing a variety of community needs and resources, but focuses on four primary areas:

Financial Literacy  
Children's Education  
Diversity  
Environmental Sustainability

**Website:** <http://ing.us/about-ing/responsibility/giving/grants>

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**Program:** **Independent Sector Accepting Nominations for Gardner Leadership Award**

**Description:** Independent Sector annually presents the John W. Gardner Leadership Award to honor a living American whose leadership in or related to the nonprofit community has been transformative and who has mobilized and unified people, institutions, or causes that improve people's lives. The award program seeks to honor visionaries who have empowered constituencies, strengthened participation, and inspired movements. Deadline is January 30, 2015.

**Website:** [http://www.independentsector.org/gardner\\_leadership\\_award](http://www.independentsector.org/gardner_leadership_award)

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**Program:** **Harpo Foundation Accepting Applications for Native American Artists Fellowships**

**Description:** The foundation is accepting applications for its Native American Fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center program, which supports the development of artists with the potential for intercultural dialogue. Each year, the program awards two residency fellowships to Native American artists at the Vermont Studio Center, an historic artist colony located along the Gihon River in Johnson, Vermont, a village in the heart of the northern Green Mountains. Each fellow receives a one-month residency, which includes room and board, a private studio, and a \$500 travel stipend. Deadline is February 15, 2015

**Website:** <http://www.harpofoundation.org/fellowships/>

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**Program:** **FY15 Nancy Foster Scholarship Program**

**Description:** The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program provides support for independent graduate-level studies in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, social science and resource management of ocean and coastal areas), and particularly encourages women and minorities to apply. Individuals who are U.S. citizens and are applying to or have been accepted to a graduate program at a U.S. accredited institution may apply. Deadline is December 10, 2014.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NOAA-NOS-NMS-2015-2004240>

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**Program:** **Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants**

**Description:** Through its National Giving Program, the Walmart Foundation awards grants of \$250,000 and above to non-profit organizations that operate on a national scope through chapters/affiliates in many states around the country or through programs that operate regionally/locally but seek funding to replicate program activities nationally. Deadline is OPEN.

**Areas of focus for the Foundation include:**

Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating  
Sustainability  
Women's Economic Empowerment  
Career Opportunity

**Website:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/national-giving>

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**Program:** **William G. McGowan Charitable Fund Issues Request for Proposals for Projects That Address Homelessness**

**Description:** The fund will award grants in support of initiatives that seek to correct circumstances contributing to homelessness, as well as initiatives designed to help eradicate the condition of homelessness in the long term. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** <http://www.williamgmcgowanfund.org/pdf/Homelessness%20RFP.pdf>

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**Program:** **Aspen Institute Invites Applications for William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students**

**Description:** The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. The Hearst Fellow serves as a PSI intern at the Aspen Institute's Washington, D.C., office. Through the fellowship, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. Deadline is July 18, 2014 for Fall 2014 and **December 5, 2014** for Spring 2015.

**Website:** <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/nonprofit-philanthropy/leadership-initiatives/hearst>

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**Program:** **John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Accepting Fellowship Applications From Artists and Scholars in the United States and Canada**

**Description:** The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields -- including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts -- except the performing arts

**Website:** <http://www.gf.org/applicants/the-united-states-canadian-competition/>

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### **HBCU Scholarship Directory**

**Website:** <http://hbcuconnect.com/scholarships/>

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

**Website:**<http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

### **Alabama Scholarships**

**Website:** <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

**Website:** <http://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/scholarships/>

### **Fast Web**

**Website:** <http://www.fastweb.com/>

### **Scholarship Experts**

**Website:** <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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**FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**Federal Aid Website:** <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/federal-aid/>

## **FELLOWSHIP SEARCH**

### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities. Projects may be at any stage of development.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants>

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**Minority Fellowship Program**

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

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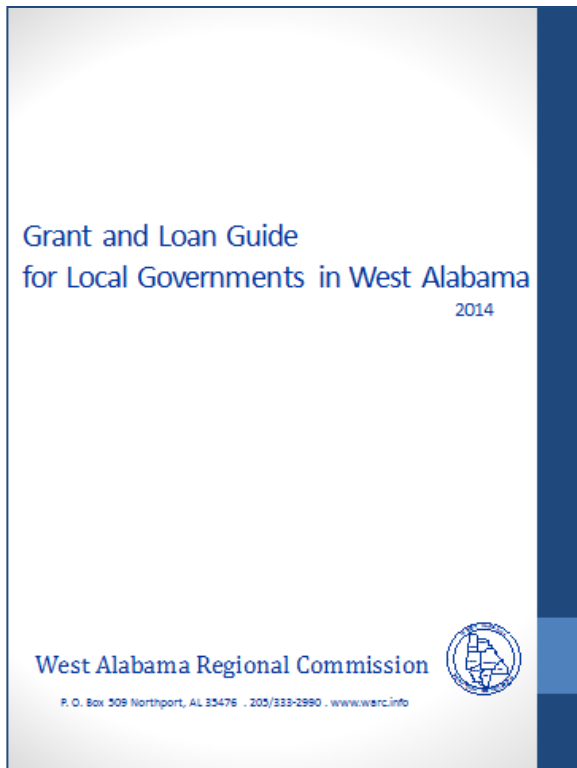
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**Section VI RESOURCES**

**THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!**

*The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.*

Find the Guide at <http://warc.info/planning-a-development/documents>. Scroll down to REGIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS.

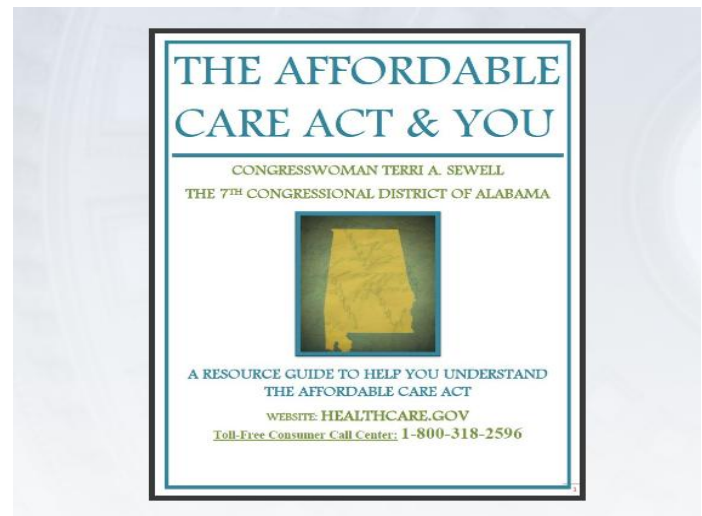


The guide is a free web-based resource designed to provide counties and municipalities in the West Alabama region with information about available grant and loan programs for community and economic development activities.

The guide provides program details on major Federal and State programs including agency contacts; award cycles; grant ceilings; matching requirements; and eligibility factors.

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**Website:** <http://sewell.house.gov/the-aca-you/>

Enroll now in a plan that covers essential benefits, pre-existing conditions, and more. Plus, see if you qualify for lower costs.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

## **Alabama**

Health Insurance Marketplace - [HealthCare.Gov](http://HealthCare.Gov) is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit [HealthCare.Gov](http://HealthCare.Gov) to learn more.

Find out where the uninsured live in Alabama: [Enroll America's Outreach Maps](#)

The new Alabama Health Insurance Marketplace is operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Visit [marketplace.cms.gov](http://marketplace.cms.gov) to see how you can partner with HHS to help people enroll in the new coverage options in Alabama.

See more at: <http://www.enrollamerica.org/states/alabama#sthash.uT0mDsbB.dpuf>

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## **ATTENTION VETERANS:**

### **FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center**

The online Veterans Employment Center is the single federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service Members transitioning to the civilian workforce, military and Veteran spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, GI Bill beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. It is the first interagency tool that brings together public and private job opportunities with resume building and other career tools currently offered on a variety of websites together in one place.

Through the online Veterans Employment Center, Veterans, transitioning Service Members and spouses are connected to high quality career choices by matching their identified skills with available public and private job opportunities. The site is built using an open application programming interface (API) to attract private sector innovation.

### **Veteran Applicant Resources:**

- Quick public resume posting with an instant connection to thousands of public and private employers
- Target job search based on specific, high-demand career paths
- Single search for both public and private sector positions
- Military skills translator and resume generator
- Social media integration with popular bookmarking sites for saving job postings

### **Employer Resources:**

- Access targeted feed of qualified resumes from Veteran applicants
- View reverse skills translation (military to civilian skills) for applicants
- Set Veterans hiring goals and track progress
- Connect to resources designed to help recruit and retain talented, Veteran employees

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden's Joining Forces initiative, the Department of Veterans Affairs worked with the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Education, and the Office of Personnel Management to design and develop the site and incorporate features of existing online employment tools at each agency. The result is an upgrade to the existing Veterans Job Bank and an integrated solution connecting Veterans, transitioning Service Members and employers.

Employers, Veterans and transitioning Service Members deserve a single, authoritative source for connecting to each other. Now that the core tools and an integrated search function exist in one single location, each agency is engaged in minimizing duplication and redundancy of current sites and services.

The Veterans Employment Center can be found at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

For a tutorial video on how to use the Veterans Employment Center, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWfhI-eSoWk>

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## REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

P.O. Box 2603

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

Phone: 256.389.0500

Fax: 256.389.0599

Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission

4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990

Fax: 205.333.2713

Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Phone: 205.251.8139

Fax: 205.328.3304

Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 2186

Anniston, Alabama 36202

Phone: 256.237.6741

Fax: 256.237.6763

Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission

5900 Carmichael Place

Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Phone: 334.244.6903

Fax: 334.270.0038

Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

107 Broad Street

Camden, Alabama 36726

Phone: 334.682.4234

Fax: 334.682.4205

Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 1406

Dothan, Alabama 36302

Phone: 334.794.4093

Fax: 334.794.3288

Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpc/searpc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

P.O. Box 1665

Mobile, Alabama 36633

Phone: 251.433.6541

Fax: 251.433.6009

Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission

125 Washington Avenue

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Phone: 334.262.4300

Fax: 334.262.6976

Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments

2207 Gateway Drive

Opelika, Alabama 36801

Phone: 334.749.5264

Fax: 334.749.6582

Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments

P.O. Box C

Decatur, Alabama 35601

Phone: 256.355.4515

Fax: 256.351.1380



Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments

5075 Research Drive, NW

Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912

Phone: 256.830.0818

Fax: 256.830.0843

Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

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## COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

Website: <http://alabamagiving.org/cf-directory/>

Autauga Area Community Foundation

*c/o* Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.

434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223

Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of South Alabama

*c/o* The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990

Mobile, AL 36601

Phone: 251-438-5591

Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com)

Black Belt Community Foundation

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Selma, AL 36701-4555

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Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation

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Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama

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Anniston, Alabama 36202

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Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
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Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

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Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
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Decatur, AL 35602  
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Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

The Community Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County  
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Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-564-7430  
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

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Riverbend Community Foundation  
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Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
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Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
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Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
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Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>