



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7th 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*.

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Rep. Sewell Issues Statement in Observance of Veterans Day

Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in commemoration of Veterans Day:

"Today we salute the selfless sacrifices of our nation's 21 million veterans. These patriots have kept our nation safe while defending our nation at home and abroad. They have served our country with distinction, and we should honor them for their bravery and courage with actions -- not simply words.

"Congress must continue to support and provide critical resources to the Veterans Administration (VA) to ensure that our veterans have access to quality health care, good-paying jobs, affordable housing, and opportunities to continue their education. We should not deny the very liberties they fought to protect, nor deny them any benefits they so fittingly deserve.

"I am committed to ensuring that we honor the promises that were made to these American heroes. Today, we reaffirm our commitment to them and their families by vowing to make sure they succeed. They deserve nothing less."

Rep. Sewell to Visit Cuba with United States Agriculture Secretary

Congresswoman Terri Sewell is joining U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on a Congressional delegation to Cuba to discuss opportunities to expand agricultural trade.

"I am excited to join Secretary Vilsack for this historic visit to Cuba. This visit builds on the trade summit I hosted in Montgomery earlier this year with U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman. Given Alabama's growing trade interests, I look forward to meeting with members of Cuba's Ministry of Agriculture and discussing ways to further expand trade with Cuba. Alabama exported approximately \$32.8 million in food products to Cuba in 2014, according to the Foreign Trade Division of the U.S. Census Bureau. With renewed U.S. diplomatic relations in Havana, my hope is that Alabama will derive huge economic benefits that have been fostered by existing trade relationships with Cuba.

"Access to foreign markets and fair trade policies that benefit American workers are necessary components that will help Alabama exporters to continue to thrive and spur new job creation. President Obama took historic steps to chart a new course for U.S.-Cuba relations when he restored diplomatic relations between our two countries. This will undoubtedly serve as a catalyst for increased trade and investment opportunities in Cuba for Alabama businesses, especially those in our agriculture sector."

Senator Jeff Merkley of Oregon, Representative Suzan DelBene of Washington, and Representative Kurt Schrader of Oregon are participating in the Cuba trip. The Congressional delegation is leaving Washington, D.C. on Wednesday and will return on Saturday.

Rep. Sewell Votes for Passage of the DRIVE ACT

Rep Terri Sewell issued the following statement after voting for the passage of the DRIVE Act, a bipartisan bill that reauthorizes the Highway Trust Fund and the Export Import Bank.

"By making smart, strategic investments in our aging infrastructure, Congress will create more good-paying jobs for Americans and boost commerce. While this bill is not perfect, today's vote for the DRIVE Act was certainly a step in the right direction towards providing critical investments in infrastructure maintenance and development.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that 25 percent of Alabama's roads are in poor or mediocre condition, and that those roads cost motorists an average \$141 in extra vehicle repairs. Many of my constituents can ill-afford these additional costs. Unfortunately, the House version of the Highway bill is insufficient to meet the urgent transportation and infrastructure needs of so many communities across the country.

"However, I believe that the good outweighs the bad. This bill contains important provisions that would promote minority- and women-owned small businesses, and boost recruitment and training of transit workers from underrepresented communities. It also strengthens Buy America requirements to create more jobs right here at home.

"I am proud too that two amendments I offered alongside Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee have been included in the Highway Bill. These amendments help promote the goal of improving transportation efficiency and safety by providing Congress with the critical information and data to enhance the safety of public transit areas used by students, women, seniors, disabled, and other vulnerable members of our community.

"I am mindful too that this bill would reauthorize the critically important Export Import Bank for four years. America cannot compromise its competitive edge in an increasing global marketplace. The Export Import Bank has helped American businesses better compete overseas at no cost to taxpayers. For nearly 20 years, the Export Import Bank has created or sustained 1.5 million private sector jobs.

"Job creation has long been my number one priority. Congress has many tools at its disposal that we haven't been using. I look forward to now conferencing with the Senate version of the bill and providing the President with a comprehensive and long term highway bill that he can sign. It's time to put more Alabamians and more Americans back to work."

Rep. Sewell Unveils #RestoreTheVOTE

Today, Rep Terri Sewell was joined by leaders of the House Democratic Caucus as she unveiled #RestoreTheV.O.T.E, or Restore the Voices of the Excluded, a national legislative effort to mobilize support for the Voting Rights Advancement Act which restores and advances the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

As part of the #RestoreTheVOTE legislative outreach strategy, every Tuesday that Congress is in session will be called "Restoration Tuesday." Members of Congress will wear a #RestoreTheVOTE ribbon pin, speak on the House floor about the importance of protecting voting rights, and share personal testimonials from constituents who have encountered modern day barriers to voting. Since nothing is more American than voting, the ribbon pin is red, white and blue striped and represents a visual symbol of our commitment to restore the vote! Interested organizations and stakeholders will also participate in "Restoration Tuesday" and help mobilize support for the passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, as well as participate on the social media.

"Today, I was proud to stand with my congressional colleagues to launch the #RestoreTheVOTE legislative strategy. This national effort will help mobilize support for the Voting Rights Advancement Act, a bill that I sponsored with Reps. Judy Chu and Linda Sanchez to restore and expand federal oversight to jurisdictions which have a recent history of voter discrimination.

"As a daughter of Selma, I am painfully aware that the injustices suffered on the Edmund Pettus Bridge 50 years ago have not been fully vindicated. The recent decision by the State of Alabama to close 31 DMV offices in spite of the state's photo ID law is just one example of modern day barriers to voting that would have been precluded if federal preclearance provisions were still in effect.

"While we no longer have to count marbles in a jar or recite the names of all the counties, there are still laws and decisions that make it harder for people to vote. To restrict the ability of any American to vote is an assault on the rights of all Americans to equally participate in the electoral process.

"My hope is that by launching #RestoreTheVOTE we gain grassroots support for restoring the right of every American to vote. In order to pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act we must get everyday Americans to care and demand congressional action to protect voting rights. We cannot silence ANY voices within our electorate. We must RESTORE THE V.O.T.E. — the VOICES OF THE EXCLUDED!"

A video of today's press conference is available online: <http://www.dems.gov/live/>

Background Information on the Voting Rights Advancement Act (HR 2867)

Joining Congresswoman Sewell as lead sponsors of House bill include Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27), chairwoman of the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (CA-38), chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Congressman John Lewis signed on as an original co-sponsor. Senators Patrick Leahy (VT), Dick Durbin (IL) and Chris Coons (DE) introduced a companion Senate bill.

Under the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015, federal protections will extend to all voters nationwide. The legislation targets certain voting practices known to suppress the voting rights of minorities and the disabled. The bill is the result of collaboration with those at the grassroots who have witnessed the harmful effects discriminatory voting laws have had in their communities.

Key Provisions of the Bill Include:

- *A new geographic coverage formula that is based on current conditions that includes 13 states: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Arkansas, Arizona, California, New York and Virginia. The bill establishes a "rolling" nationwide trigger that continuously moves so that only states that have a recent record of racial discrimination in voting would be covered.*
- *Allows federal courts to bail in states for preclearance based on discriminatory results not only intentional violation. Current law permits states or jurisdictions to be bailed in if an intentional violation can be shown. The new legislation offers more protection by allowing a court to bail in states or jurisdictions whose voting practices have discriminatory results.*
- *Greater transparency in federal elections to ensure that voters are made aware of late-breaking changes in voting procedures. The additional sunlight will deter discrimination from occurring and protect voters from discrimination.*

FUNDING AND DESIGN ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Citizens' Institute on Rural Design TM Issues Request for Proposals

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The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD) has issued a request for proposals to rural communities interested in applying for funding to host a community design workshop in either 2016 or 2017.

The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ is a National Endowment for the Arts leadership initiative in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Project for Public Spaces, Inc., along with the Orton Family Foundation. CIRD provides communities access to the resources they need to convert their own good ideas into reality.

CIRD offers annual competitive funding to six small towns or rural communities to host a two-and-a-half day community development and design workshop. With assistance from a wide range of design, planning, and creative placemaking professionals, the workshops are intended to bring together local leaders from non-profits, community organizations, and government agencies to develop actionable solutions to the communities' pressing development challenges. The communities will receive additional support through webinars, conference calls, and web-based resources on www.rural-design.org.

Design and development challenges include but are not limited to the following: Main Street revitalization, managing and shaping community growth, the design of community-supportive transportation systems, preservation of natural and historic landscapes and buildings, protecting working agricultural lands, and maximizing the role of arts and culture as an economic driver for local and regional economies. Since 1991 CIRD has convened more than 70 workshops in all regions of the country, empowering residents to leverage local assets today in order to build better places to live, work, and play in the future.

The deadline for submitting a proposal is Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 11:00 pm EST. Successful applicants will receive a \$10,000 stipend (that must be matched one-to-one) in addition to in-kind professional design expertise and technical assistance **valued at \$35,000.** The Request for Proposals is posted on the CIRD website: www.rural-design.org/request-for-proposals. Selected communities will be announced in March of 2016 and workshops will be held during the fall of 2016 through spring of 2017.

[HTTP://WWW.RURAL-DESIGN.ORG/APPLY](http://www.rural-design.org/apply)

MUSEUM GRANTS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Deadline: December 01, 2015

Application: The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2016 is now available.

Grant Amount: \$5,000-\$150,000

Grant Period: Up to three years

Cost Share Requirement:

For applications requesting Museum Grants for African American History and Culture of more than \$25,000, you must provide funds from non-federal sources in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of the request. No cost sharing is permitted for applications requesting amounts from \$5,000-\$25,000.

Program Overview:

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.

Eligibility:

Museums that fulfill the eligibility criteria for museums may apply. Eligible applicants include museums whose primary purpose is African American life, art, history, and/or culture, encompassing: the period of slavery; the era of Reconstruction; the Harlem renaissance; the civil rights movement; and other periods of the African American diaspora. Nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to support museums identified above may also apply. Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs) are also eligible. Please see program guidelines for specific eligibility criteria.

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Webinars:

Learn more about museum grant programs by participating in IMLS webinars. [Click here for instructions.](#)

[A general presentation on IMLS museum grants.](#) *We recommend that you view this presentation before participating in a program-specific webinar.*

[FY16 Museum Grants for African American History and Culture program webinar.](#)

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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. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
 - To apply for Federal Grants: 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.
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Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program: **AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2016**

Description: AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Deadline is January 27, 2016.

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2016/ameri-corps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2016>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **FY16 ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB**

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, integrated pest management, and wastewater-related training. Deadline is January 14, 2016.

Website: http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/16_-01.pdf

Program: **Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement**

Description: The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects which demonstrate the use of the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Model. The purpose of the EJCSPS program is to support community-based organizations to collaborate and partner with other stakeholders (e.g., industry, government, academia, etc.) as they develop and implement solutions that address environment and/or public health issue(s) at the local level. Organizations are encouraged to have a connection between the proposed project activities and applicable neighborhood, local, city, or regional land use planning efforts. Deadline is February 12, 2016.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-cps-grants.html>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

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

Description: The Sparks! Ignition Grants for Museums program is a special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums program. These small grants encourage museums to prototype and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Project results – be they success, failure, or a combination thereof – should offer valuable information to the museum field and the potential for improvement in the ways museums serve their communities. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.imls.gov/grants/available/sparks-ignition-grants-museums>

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, 2015.

Website: <http://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museum-grants-african-american-history-and-culture>

Program: **National Leadership Grants for Museums**

Description: National Leadership Grants for Museums support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.imls.gov/grants/available/national-leadership-grants-museums>

Program: **Museums for America**

Description: Museums for America grants support projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-america>

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. We anticipate two FY16 National Leadership Grants for Libraries funding opportunities with two separate deadlines. In addition to the opportunity described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity, an additional NLG funding opportunity is anticipated to be announced in December 2015 with an application submission due date in February 2016. Deadline is January 15, 2016.

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

Program: **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**

Description: The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports professional development, graduate education and continuing education to help libraries and archives develop the human capital capacity they need to meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public. We anticipate two FY16 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program funding opportunities with two separate deadlines. In addition to the opportunity described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity, an additional LB21 funding opportunity is anticipated to be announced in December 2015 with an application submission due date in February 2016. Deadline is January 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=9>

National Archives and Records Administration

Program: **INSTITUTES FOR HISTORICAL EDITING**

Description: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to improve the training and education of historical documentary editors. The goal of the program is to both provide technical training in necessary skills and inspire documentary editors to think about how they can contribute to the advancement of the field in the 21st century. Deadline is February 11, 2016.

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

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEA Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects, FY2017**

Description: Through fellowships to published translators, the Arts Endowment supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. We encourage translations of writers and of work that are not well represented in English translation. All proposed projects must be for creative translations of literary material into English. The work to be translated should be of interest for its literary excellence and value. Priority will be given to projects that involve work that has not previously been translated into English. Competition for fellowships is rigorous. Potential applicants should consider carefully whether their work will be competitive at the national level. Deadline is December 8, 2015.

Website: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/index.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **Public Scholar Program**

Description: By establishing the Public Scholar program, NEH enters a long-term commitment to encourage scholarship in the humanities for general audiences. In the early rounds of the competition, NEH especially welcomes applicants who are in the writing stages of their projects or who already have a commitment from a publisher. However, the Public Scholar program also supports projects in the early stages of development. The program is open to both individuals affiliated with scholarly institutions and independent scholars. Deadline is February 2, 2016.

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

Program: **Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations: Implementation Grants**
Description: This grant program supports projects for general audiences that encourage active engagement with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. Many different formats are supported, including permanent and traveling exhibitions, book or film discussion programs, historic site or district interpretations, living history presentations, and other face-to-face programs in public venues. All projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship in disciplines such as history, art history, film studies, literature, religious studies, philosophy, or anthropology. Projects must also demonstrate an approach that is thoughtful, balanced, and analytical (rather than celebratory). 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 public audience. **Receipt Deadline January 13, 2016 for Projects Beginning August 2016**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/museums-libraries-and-cultural-organizations-implementation-grants>

Program: **Preservation and Access Education and Training**
Description: The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous, and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing.

Preservation and Access Education and Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national or regional (multistate) education and training programs. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices. **Receipt Deadline May 3, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-and-access-education-and-training>

Program: **Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions**

Description: Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

Applicants must draw on the knowledge of consultants whose preservation skills and experience are related to the types of collections and the nature of the activities on which their projects focus. Within the conservation field, for example, conservators usually specialize in the care of specific types of collections, such as objects, paper, or paintings. Applicants should therefore choose a conservator whose specialty is appropriate for the nature of their collections. Similarly, when assessing the preservation needs of library, museum, or archival holdings, applicants must seek a consultant specifically knowledgeable about the preservation of these types of collections. **Receipt Deadline May 3, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions>

Program: **Media Projects: Production Grants**

Description: Media Projects: Production Grants support film, television, and radio projects for general audiences that encourage active engagement with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. All projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship in disciplines such as history, art history, film studies, literature, drama, religious studies, philosophy, or anthropology. Projects must also demonstrate an approach that is thoughtful, balanced, and analytical (rather than celebratory). The approach to the subject matter must go beyond the mere presentation of factual information to explore its larger significance and stimulate critical thinking. 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. **Receipt Deadline January 13, 2016 for Projects Beginning August 2016**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/media-projects-production-grants>

Program: **Media Projects: Development Grants**

Description: Media Projects: Development Grants support film, television, and radio projects for general audiences that encourage active engagement with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. All projects must be grounded in humanities

scholarship in disciplines such as history, art history, film studies, literature, drama, religious studies, philosophy, or anthropology. Projects must also demonstrate an approach that is thoughtful, balanced, and analytical (rather than celebratory). The approach to the subject matter must go beyond the mere presentation of factual information to explore its larger significance and stimulate critical thinking. 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. **Receipt Deadline January 13, 2016 for Projects Beginning August 2016**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/media-projects-development-grants>

Program: **Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges**

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges are intended to strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities in subjects such as history, philosophy, and literature. These grants may be used to enhance existing humanities programs, resources, or courses, or to develop new ones.

NEH Humanities Initiatives may

- create opportunities for faculty members to study together, in order to improve their capacity to teach the humanities;
- support new humanities programs (which may include but are not limited to new humanities minors, first-year seminars, and capstone courses), and enhance existing ones;
- support humanities contributions to professional training (in such fields as business, law, economics, technology, and nursing and medicine);
- develop bridge programs for at-risk and nontraditional students;
- help institutions take advantage of humanities resources, especially in the digital humanities; and
- support collaborative projects in the humanities between the applicant institution and another institution, such as a college or university, a school or school system, a museum or library, or a historical or cultural society.

Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes. **Receipt Deadline September 7, 2016 for Projects Beginning April 2017**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-community-colleges>

Program: **Awards for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects.

Awards can be used for a wide range of projects that are based on humanities research. Eligible projects include pursuing research in primary and secondary materials; producing articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources; and conducting basic research leading to the improvement of an existing undergraduate course or the achievement of institutional or community research goals. **Receipt Deadline April 13, 2016** for Projects Beginning January 2017

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-historically-black-colleges-and-universities>

Program: **Awards for Hispanic Serving Institutions**

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Hispanic-Serving Institutions pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects.

Awards can be used for a wide range of projects that are based on humanities research. Eligible projects include pursuing research in primary and secondary materials; producing articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources; and conducting basic research leading to the improvement of an existing undergraduate course or the achievement of institutional or community research goals. **Receipt Deadline April 13, 2016** for Projects Beginning January 2017

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/awards-faculty-hispanic-serving-institutions>

Program: **Research and Development**

Description: The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing,

searching, discovering, and using such materials. **Receipt Deadline June 21, 2016** for Projects Beginning January 2017

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/research-and-development>

Program: **Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants**

Description: National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 to support research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

The endowment 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 are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. The grants are intended to support full- or part-time activities for a minimum of one year, up to a maximum of three years.

Deadline is December 9, 2015.

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

Program: **Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**

Description: Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country face an enormous challenge: to preserve collections that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. Ensuring the preservation of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects requires institutions to implement measures that slow deterioration and prevent catastrophic loss. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections>

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. All grantees are expected to communicate the results of their work to the appropriate scholarly and public audiences.

Eligible projects include

- research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding of the humanities;
- conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit scholarly research;
- archaeological projects that include the interpretation and communication of results (projects may encompass excavation, materials analysis, laboratory work, field reports, and preparation of interpretive monographs); and

- research that uses the knowledge and perspectives of the humanities and historical or philosophical methods to enhance understanding of science, technology, medicine, and the social sciences.

Deadline is December 9, 2015.

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

National Science Foundation

Program: **Manufacturing Machines and Equipment**

Description: Proposals relating to a wide range of manufacturing operations are encouraged, including both subtractive and additive processes, forming, bonding/joining, and laser processing. Of particular interest are proposals that relate to the manufacture of equipment and facilities that enable the production of energy products. Competitive projects will propose hypothesis-driven research that advances the frontiers of knowledge in relevant areas. Deadline is February 16, 2016.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13346

Program: **Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation**

Description: Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program assists universities and colleges in their efforts to significantly increase the numbers of students matriculating into and successfully completing high quality degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines in order to diversify the STEM workforce. Particular emphasis is placed on transforming undergraduate STEM education through innovative, evidence-based recruitment and retention strategies, and relevant educational experiences in support of racial and ethnic groups historically underrepresented in STEM disciplines: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders. Deadline is November 20, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15594

Program: **Discovery Research PreK-12**

Description: The Discovery Research PreK-12 program (DRK-12) seeks to significantly enhance the learning and teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by PreK-12 students and teachers, through research and development of STEM education innovations and approaches. Projects in the DRK-12 program build on fundamental research in STEM education and prior research and development efforts that provide theoretical and empirical justification for proposed projects. Deadline is December 7, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15592

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase II Fiscal Year 2016**

Description: All Phase II projects must have previously completed a successful USDA Phase I project before applying for a Phase II grant. Success rates for applicants have been 50-60% for Phase II. Projects dealing with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all 2015 SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water. USDA SBIR has awarded over 2000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological

potential, and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas. Deadline is February 25, 2016.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/small-business-innovation-research-program-phase-ii>

Program: **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program**

Description: Beginning farmer education for adult and young audiences in the United States can be generally traced back to the advent of the 1862 and the 1890 Morrill Land Grant Acts. But for the first time, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub .L. No. 110-234, Section 7410), appropriated \$75 million for FY 2009 to FY 2012 to develop and offer education, training, outreach and mentoring programs to enhance the sustainability of the next generation of farmers. The Agriculture Act of 2014 provided an additional \$20 million per year for 2014 through 2018. The reasons for the renewed interest in beginning farmer and rancher programs are: the rising average age of U.S. farmers, the 8% projected decrease in the number of farmers and ranchers between 2008 and 2018, and the growing recognition that new programs are needed to address the needs of the next generation of beginning farmers and ranchers. Deadline is January 21, 2016.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

Program: **Specialty Crop Research Initiative Request for Pre-Applications (RFPA)**

Description: The purpose of the SCRI program is to address the critical needs of the specialty crop industry by awarding grants to support research and extension that address key challenges of national, regional, and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of food and agriculture, including conventional and organic food production systems. Deadline is December 3, 2015.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/specialty-crop-research-initiative-scri>

Program: **Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities**

Description: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces the availability of up to \$10 million in competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. The grant funds may be used to acquire, construct, or improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities where average annual residential expenditure for home energy exceeding 275 percent of the national average. Eligible projects also include on-grid and off-grid renewable energy projects and implementation of energy efficiency, and energy conservation projects for eligible communities. Projects cannot be for the primary benefit of a single household or business. Grant funds may not be used for the preparation of the grant application, payment of utility bills, fuel purchases, routine maintenance or other routine operating costs, or for the purchase of any equipment, structures, or real estate not directly associated with provision of community energy services. See the published Notice of Solicitation of Applications which describes the eligibility and application requirements, the criteria that will be used by RUS to award funding, and information on how to obtain application materials. Deadline is December 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/high-energy-cost-grants>

Program: **Outreach and Education, Technical Assistance, and Financial Education for FSA Programs, Functions, and Activities**

Description: This RFA seeks proposals to further support and expand FSA's existing outreach and education efforts. The additional outreach and education could, for example, be public meetings, training sessions, and/or workshops for producers including new and beginning farmers, veterans, underserved communities, and/or established producers. Emphasis will be afforded to proposals that propose to address producers who are ethnic minorities, women, new and beginning, veterans, urban, or who grow non-commodity crops (e.g., fruits and vegetables or specialty crops). Proposals may include innovative outreach approaches that ease the learning curve for farmers and ranchers through training on best practices, common challenges and solutions, and local networking opportunities. Deadline is May 27, 2016.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach>

Program: **Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grant Program**

Description: In FY 2016 NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund three types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP), (2) Planning Projects (PP) and (3) Training and Technical Assistance (T & TA) Projects. The primary goals of the CFP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. Deadline is November 30, 2015.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-competitive-grants-program-cfpcgp>

Program: **Delta Health Care Service Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta Region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions and economic development entities in the Delta Region. Deadline is December 2, 2016.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-08/pdf/2015-22546.pdf>

Program: **2015 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program**

Description: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of approximately \$3 million in competitive grant funds to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through collaborative, multi-state projects that address the following regional or national level specialty crop issues: food safety; plant pests and disease; research; crop-specific common issues; and marketing and promotion. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. States are encouraged to submit projects that bring together multi-state teams of partners to research and develop solutions to practical problems that cross state boundaries and address the needs of specialty crop growers. Applications are due January 14, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scmp>

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>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: MBDA Business Centers (29)

Description: This Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO or Announcement) announces the anticipated availability of funding for the MBDA Business Center (“Center”) program, and solicits competitive applications for operators of MBDA Business Centers in twenty-nine (29) locations. MBDA Business Centers are established to provide technical assistance and business development services. The technical assistance and business development services are provided through federal financial assistance awards to generate increased financing and contract opportunities for minority business enterprises (MBEs). In addition, the services provided will assist MBEs in creating and retaining jobs. Pre-Application Teleconference: MBDA will conduct a pre-application teleconference on – October 15, 2015. The time of the pre-application teleconference has yet to be determined. Participants must register at least 24 hours in advance of the teleconference. Deadline is December 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.mbda.gov/main/grantcompetitions>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: OSERS-OSEP: Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services: Focus Area D Preparing Personnel in Minority Institutions of Higher Education to Serve Children, Including Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.325K-4

Description: Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early intervention, related services, 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 14, 2015

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-15/pdf/2015-26290>

Program: OSERS-OSEP: Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services: Focus Area C Preparing Personnel to Provide Related Services to Children, Including Infants and Toddlers, with Disabilities. CFDA Number 84.325K-3

Description: Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early intervention, related services, 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 14, 2014.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-15/pdf/2015-26290.pdf>

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, early intervention, related services, 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. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.325D. Deadline is December 8, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-09/pdf/2015-25876.pdf>

Program: **Institute of Education Sciences (IES): Education Research: Low-Cost, Short-Duration Evaluation of Education Interventions CFDA Number 84.305L**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Low-Cost, Short-Duration Evaluation of Education Interventions and Low-Cost, Short-Duration Evaluation of Special Education Interventions grant programs is to support rigorous evaluations of education interventions implemented by SEAs and LEAs that have important implications for improving student education outcomes. Deadline is January 12, 2016.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-28/pdf/2015-24511.pdf>

Program: **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Demonstration and Training Program: Career Pathways for Individuals with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.235N**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Demonstration and Training Program is to provide competitive grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities to expand and improve rehabilitation and other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act), or to further the purposes and policies in sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Rehabilitation Act by supporting activities that increase the provision, extent, availability, and scope, as well as improve the quality of rehabilitation services under the Rehabilitation Act. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.235N.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-06/pdf/2015-19294.pdf>

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/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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

Description: The Network Planning program promotes the planning and development of healthcare networks in order to: (i) achieve efficiencies; (ii) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and (iii) strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. The health care system is undergoing a significant amount of change and this can be particularly challenging for small rural providers. The goals of the Network Planning program are to help rural providers better serve their communities given changes taking place in health care, as providers move from focusing on the volume of services to focusing on the value of services. Deadline is January 8, 2016.

Website:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/2010/Web2External/Interface/FundingCycle/ExternalView.aspx?fCycleID=3bcf6a6e-aa56-4d34-8d79-90894f31ea24>

Program: **Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center**

Description: The purpose of the EMSC program is to support the expansion and improvement of emergency medical services for children who need treatment for trauma or critical care. The goal of the EMSC Program is to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity sustained as a result of severe illness or injury. The cooperative agreement will fund an EIIC to provide consultative and technical support to EMSC State Partnership, State Partnership Regionalization of Care, Targeted Issues, and Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network Program grant recipients, in order to help them to develop and implement Quality Improvement (QI) strategies to improve pediatric emergency medical services in both prehospital and hospital care settings. Deadline is January 20, 2016.

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Program: **Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants - Alabama (entire State)**

Description: This announcement seeks applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. The Title X statute specifies that local and regional public or private nonprofit entities may apply directly to the Secretary for a Title X family planning services grant under this announcement. Funding of applications that propose to rely on other entities to provide services will take into consideration the extent to which the applicant indicates it can provide the required services and best serve individuals in need throughout the anticipated service area.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55088>

Program:

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)

Description:

This announcement solicits applications for the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP). The purpose of the SHIP is to help small rural hospitals of 49 beds or less, do any or all of the following: 1) enable the purchase of equipment and/or training to help hospitals attain value-based purchasing provision in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA); 2) aid small rural hospitals in joining or becoming accountable care organizations, or create shared savings programs per the ACA; and 3) enable small rural hospitals to purchase health information technology, equipment, and/or training to comply with meaningful use, ICD-10 standards, and payment bundling. Deadline is December 15, 2015.

Website:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/2010/Web2External/Interface/FundingCycle/ExternalView.aspx?fCycleID=2068f048-21ac-4986-b317-2b25385e8f1a>

Program:

Technical Assistance to Support AIDS Directors and HIV Prevention Program Managers in the 50 States, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Islands

Description:

Technical Assistance to Support AIDS Directors and HIV Prevention Program Managers in the 50 States, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Islands National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. Deadline is December 9, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=279556>

Program:

Centers for Agricultural Safety and Health (U54)

Description:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invites applications for Centers for Agricultural Safety and Health (Ag Centers). Ag Centers are expected to conduct high quality research and help translate scientific discoveries into practical applications to improve worker safety and health in the areas of agriculture, forestry, and fishing. Center functions should include developing integrated approaches that link basic science with translation and outreach activities. Center structure should take advantage of diverse scientific resources and focus on local, regional, and/or national worker safety and health issues. Centers should place emphasis on the creation and implementation of evidence-based solutions that address important agricultural safety and health problems. Collaborations with other academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and other occupational safety and health focused groups are expected. Deadline is November 30, 2017.

Website:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-353.html>

Program:

Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants (T03)

Description:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for Training Project Grants (TPGs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training. NIOSH is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the TPGs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate. The majority of TPGs are in academic

institutions that provide high quality training in the core occupational safety and health disciplines of industrial hygiene (IH), occupational health nursing (OHN), occupational medicine residency (OMR), occupational safety (OS), as well as closely related allied disciplines. NIOSH also funds non-academic programs to meet specific training needs of targeted populations including firefighters, commercial fishermen and occupational health and safety interns. Deadline is November 3, 2019.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-352.html>

Program: **BRAIN Initiative: Technology Sharing and Propagation (R03)**

Description: The purpose of this Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage the transfer of new technologies and new data analysis techniques into a research laboratory. One of the key goals of the BRAIN Initiative is to develop new technologies to improve our understanding of the brain. In order for those technologies to be useful, they need to be broadly disseminated beyond the laboratory or company where they originated. This FOA promotes this goal by providing funds to enable the incorporation of new technologies or data analysis techniques into research programs that further the aims of the BRAIN initiative. Deadline is January 6, 2016.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-16-725.html>

Program: **Screening and Brief Alcohol Interventions in Underage and Young Adult Populations (R03)**

Description: The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research on screening and brief interventions to prevent and/or reduce alcohol use and alcohol-related harms among underage and young adult populations. Deadline is May 7, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-296.html>

Program: **The Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (U01)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from multi-disciplinary teams of researchers and clinicians to establish the Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (PCDC) to conduct research to improve the detection of early stage pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) and characterization of its precursor lesions. This initiative addresses one of the four research priorities identified in the National Cancer Institute's 2014 Scientific Framework for Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma. The PCDC is intended to support research for the development and testing of new molecular and imaging biomarkers for identifying patients at high risk for PDAC (because of genetic factors or the presence of precursor lesions) who could be candidates for early intervention. The research will be conducted by individual multi-disciplinary research teams, hereafter called Units. The Units will undertake studies on the following areas: identification and testing of biomarkers measurable in bodily fluids for early detection of PDAC or its precursor lesions; determine which pancreatic cysts are likely to progress to cancer; develop molecular- and/or imaging-based approaches for screening populations at high risk of PDAC; conduct biomarker validation studies; and collect longitudinal biospecimens for the establishment of a biorepository. All Units are expected to participate in collaborative activities with other Units and share ideas, specimens and data within the Consortium. Deadline is April 6, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-289.html>

Program: **Exploration of the Roles of Brown and Beige Adipose Tissue in Humans (R01)**
Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Research Project Grants (R01) to investigate the biological functions of brown and beige adipose tissue in humans, other than heat production and maintenance of body temperature, and to explore their impact on human health. Specifically, it seeks to 1) identify physiologic or pathophysiologic conditions other than prolonged cold exposure under which browning of human subcutaneous or other white adipose depots occurs, or where the brown adipose tissue depot found in the neck region is expanded through browning; 2) test potential non-biopsy biomarkers of human subcutaneous beige fat and 3) explore the biological functions of human brown and beige fat. Deadline is March 9, 2016.
Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-15-031.html>

Program: **Limited Competition: Small Grant Program for NHLBI K01/K08/K23 Recipients (R03)**
Description: The purpose of this FOA is to solicit current or recently completed NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 awardees for grant support to expand their current research objectives or to branch out to a study that resulted from the research conducted under the K award. Recently completed NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 awardees are eligible to apply for this R03 FOA if the earliest possible R03 start date falls within 2 years of their prior NHLBI K award Project Period end date. Thus, this FOA is intended to enhance the capability of NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 award recipients to conduct research as they complete their transition to fully independent investigator status. Deadline is June 15, 2018.
Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-16-020.html>

Program: **NINDS Exploratory Clinical Trials for Small Business (R42)**
Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide a vehicle for Small Business Concerns (SBCs) submitting Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications for investigator-initiated exploratory clinical trials to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). The projects must focus on products related to the mission and goals of the NINDS and may evaluate drugs, biologics, devices, or diagnostics, as well as surgical, behavioral or rehabilitation therapies. Deadline is April 5, 2018.
Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-R-15-278.html>

Program: **Integrated Food Defense**
Description: The Integrated Food Defense & Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement Program (IFD&ER CAP) grant awards are designed to generate food defense tools and resources that are easily replicated and can complement, aid in the development of, and/or improve State, local, Tribal and territorial (SLTT) food defense programs through unique, innovative, and reproducible projects. The known overlap between food safety (unintentional contamination) and food defense (intentional contamination) is extensive. And the pools of resources available are vast and sometimes difficult to locate and implement.

Deadline Dates: Apr 2, 2019 Other key dates include: Open Date (Earliest Submission Date) - May 8, 2015; February 1, 2016; February 1, 2017; February 1, 2018; February 1, 2019 Letter of Intent Due Date(s) - June 15, 2015; March 1, 2016; March 1, 2017; March 1, 2018; March 1, 2019 Application Due Date(s) - July 9, 2015; April 2, 2016; April 2, 2017; April 2, 2018; April 2, 2019:

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-15-022.html>

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>

Program: **Exploratory/Developmental Grants Program for Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (R21)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications from investigators interested in conducting basic research studies into the biological/genetic causes and mechanisms of cancer health disparities. These awards will support pilot and feasibility studies designed to investigate biological/genetic bases of cancer disparities, such as (1) mechanistic studies of biological factors associated with cancer disparities, (2) the development and testing of new methodologies and models, and (3) secondary data analyses. Deadline is November 17, 2015.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-092.html>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP)**

Description: Collateral consequences (including the lack of records expungement) for juveniles who have come into contact with the juvenile justice system can hinder the ability of young people to integrate into their communities and become successful, thriving adults and increase their chances of recidivism. Barriers to housing, education, employment, health care, and insurance as well as serious immigration consequences and financial repercussions are chief among the tangible consequences. Social, emotional and psychological consequences such as trauma, and a sense of shame and humiliation, are also of great concern. Having a juvenile conviction on your record keeps individuals from fully realizing their potential. Deadline is January 4, 2016.

Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program: **Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)**

Description: This SHOP NOFA announces the availability of \$10,000,000 in FY2015 SHOP Grant funds to be awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. Applicants must propose to use a significant amount of SHOP Grant funds in at least two states. Individuals are not eligible to apply for SHOP Grant funds. SHOP Grant funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning, administration and management costs (not to exceed 20 percent). The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds. Deadline is January 4, 2016.

Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program:

Continuum of Care NOFA

Description:

The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. Deadline is Nov 20, 2015 The due date of final HUD approval for FY 2015 GIW changes is September 28, 2015 2015 by 5:00 p.m., local time of the applicant. Collaborative Applicants will be required to attach the final HUD-approved FY 2015 GIW that contains the final FY 2015 ARD to the CoC Priority Listing.

Website:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/>

U.S. Department of Interior

Program:

WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2016

Description:

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) on projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy and improve energy efficiency, benefit endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, or carry out other activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict. Deadline is January 20, 2016.

Website:

Janeen Koza, Grants Management Specialist, jkoza@usbr.gov, Phone 303-445-3446

Program:

American Battlefield Protection Program Battlefield Preservation Planning Project Grants

Description:

The purpose of this grant program is to provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land or historic sites associated with battlefields. Deadline is January 14, 2016.

Website:

<http://www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/planninggrants.htm>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program:

NIJ FY 16 Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

Description:

NIJ is seeking proposals for basic or applied research and development projects that will: (1) increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice, or (2) result in the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods that have the potential for forensic application. The intent of this program is to direct the findings of basic scientific research, research and development in broader scientific fields applicable to forensic science, and ongoing forensic science research toward the development of highly discriminating, accurate, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid methods for the identification, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence for criminal justice purposes. Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Website:

<http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/nij-2016-4305.pdf>

Program: **NIJ FY 16 Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

Description: The Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GRF-STEM) provides awards to accredited academic institutions to support graduate research leading to doctoral degrees in areas that are relevant to ensuring public safety, preventing and controlling crime, and ensuring the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States. Deadline is December 16, 2015

Website: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/nij-2016-4320.pdf>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry , FOA-ETA-15-07-A**

Description: This Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry (T2W3) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) provides the opportunity for organizations to develop and implement career pathways programs in demand sectors and occupations for men and women, including veterans, and people with disabilities, who are at least 18 years old and who are enrolled in work release programs (WRP). Additionally, grantees must provide a strategy to prioritize services to veterans that are in these WRPs. Career pathways are frameworks that help to define and map out a sequence of education, training and workforce skills training resulting in skilled workers that meet employers' needs. Deadline is January 15, 2016.

Contact: Brinda Ruggles Grants Management Specialist Phone 202-693-3437
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U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **Ladders of Opportunity Initiative: Pilot On-the-Job-Training Supportive Services Program**

Description: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is seeking applications for a Notice of Funding Availability for a Ladders of Opportunity Initiative Pilot On-the-Job-Training Supportive Services (OJT/SS) Program.

The FHWA is seeking projects that create new nationally or regionally significant workforce development programs or that augment or replicate successful existing programs that will benefit highway construction firms or the highway construction industry.

In evaluating proposed projects, FHWA will give priority to projects that focus on one or more of the following activities:

- targeting areas with high rates of unemployment;
- encouraging increased participation of minority groups, disadvantaged individuals, and women;
- providing career pathways that support the movement of targeted populations from initial or short-term employment opportunities to sustainable careers;
- leveraging the use of other resources to support the proposed project;

- addressing gaps in areas with current or projected workforce shortages in fields related to highway construction;
- pre-employment training/preparation/tracking; and
- recruitment and hiring.

Deadline is December 23, 2015.

Website: https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/09/24/2015-24245/notice-of-funding-availability-for-the-ladders-of-opportunity-initiative-pilot-on-the-job-training?utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_medium=email&utm_source=federalregister.gov

Program: **Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Program (LoNo) Program**

Description: The main purpose of the LoNo Program is to deploy the cleanest and most energy efficient U.S.-made transit buses that have been largely proven in testing and demonstrations but are not yet widely deployed in transit fleets. The LoNo Program provides funding for transit agencies for capital acquisitions and leases of zero emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities. Deadline is November 23, 2015.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16577.html

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, 2016.

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

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **OFRF Invites Proposals for Organic Farming and Food System Research**

Description: The Organic Farming Research Foundation is dedicated to fostering the widespread adoption and improvement of organic farming systems in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. To that end, OFRF provides funding for research on organic farming and food systems and the dissemination of those research results to organic farmers and the greater agricultural and research communities.

One-year grants of up to \$15,000 are available for research projects related to agricultural production and/or a social, economic, or policy-related topic of concern to organic farmers and/or ranchers. The foundation supports research that is relevant to and takes place in certified organic systems. OFRF does not normally fund studies that compare conventional with organic systems as a primary objective. Deadline is February 8, 2016.

Website: <http://ofrf.org/2016-request-proposals>

Program: **Kresge Foundation Issues RFP for Creative Food Initiative**

Description: Since 2008, the Kresge Foundation has supported the growth of regional food systems intended to serve low-income urban communities. The foundation also has encouraged policy change at the federal level as well as innovative place-based efforts to increase access to healthy food in cities and regional supply chains serving urban markets.

As part of this commitment, the foundation is inviting grant proposals from nonprofit organizations for food-oriented initiatives that contribute to economic revitalization, cultural expression, and health in low-income communities. Through its Fresh, Local & Equitable: Food as a Creative Platform for Neighborhood Revitalization initiative, a collaboration between Kresge's Arts & Culture and Health programs, the foundation will award up to twenty one-year planning grants of up to \$75,000 each in the first quarter of 2016. Grants may support project management, partnership development, community engagement, strategic communications, evaluation, policy development, and other activities directly related to successful outcomes. Recipients will participate in a national learning network and also have the opportunity to apply for implementation grants. The foundation will host a webinar on December 7 at 1:00 P.M. (EST) to explain the grant opportunity and answer questions.

Deadline is December 14, 2015.

Website: <http://kresge.org/news/kresge-arts-culture-health-teams-launch-food-oriented-grant-opportunity>

Program: **American Music Abroad Invites Applications for International Exchange Program**

Description: American Music Abroad, a partnership between American Voices and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is an international exchange program designed to communicate America's rich musical contributions and diverse culture to audiences around the world.

Each year, approximately ten ensembles of three to five musicians working in traditional American genres are selected to conduct regional cultural exchange tours in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, and the Middle East for approximately a month. For the purpose of this program, traditional American genres are defined as including, but not limited to, Contemporary Urban, Hip Hop, Rock & Roll, Indie Rock, R&B, Jazz, Blues, Broadway Musical Theater, and American roots music genres like Country, Gospel, Soul, Bluegrass, Zydeco, Cajun, Afro-Caribbean, Tejano, Southwestern American Conjunto, Native-American, and Folk.

AMA tours operate under the official auspices of the U.S. government. The State Department funds international travel, hotels, and an allowance for meals and incidental expenses. In addition, a tour honorarium of \$200 per day for expenses incurred while on the road will be awarded to each musician in an ensemble. American Voices organizes the tours with the input of ECA/State Department and participating U.S. embassies and consulates.

Musicians must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the U.S., and either hold or be able to obtain a valid U.S. passport.

Applications must be submitted by **January 24, 2016**. Finalists will be announced in late January/early February, and live auditions will be held March 14–19 in New York City and March 18 in San Francisco. Final ensembles will be selected by April 4.

Website: <http://amvoices.org/ama/>

Program: **Pollock-Krasner Foundation Accepting Applications From Artists With Financial Need**

Description: The mission of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation is to aid those individuals who have worked as artists over a significant period of time. The foundation's dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and financial need, whether professional, personal, or both.

The foundation welcomes, throughout the year, applications from visual artists (painters, sculptors, and artists who work on paper, including printmakers) with genuine financial needs. Grants are intended for a one-year period of time, with the size of the grant to be determined by the artist's individual circumstances and professional exhibition history. Artists applying for a grant must be actively exhibiting their current work in a professional artistic venue such as a gallery or museum space.

The foundation does not accept applications from commercial artists, video artists, performance artists, filmmakers, crafts-makers, computer artists, or any artist whose work primarily falls into these categories. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.pkf.org/grant.html>

Program: **NEA Foundation Invites Applications for Learning and Leadership Grants**

Description: The NEA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Education Association, is a public charity supported by contributions from educators' dues, corporate sponsors, and others. The foundation supports student success by helping public school educators work with key partners to build strong systems of shared responsibility.

As part of its effort to achieve this goal, the foundation is inviting applications for its Learning and Leadership Grants program. The program provides support to public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education through grants to individuals in support of their participation in high-quality professional development experiences such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups in support of collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

Grant amounts are \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study. All group grant applicants must include partner information.

To be eligible, applicants must be a public school educator in grades pre-K–12; a public school education support professional; or a faculty/staff member at a public institution of higher education. The foundation encourages education support professionals to apply. Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association. Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Website: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

Program: **Kinship Conservation Accepting Applications for 2016 Fellowships**

Description: The Kinship Conservation Fellows is an environmental leadership program that emphasizes market-based solutions to environmental problems. Kinship's global network of two hundred and twenty-eight fellows in fifty-one countries across seven continents is collaborative, entrepreneurial, and dedicated to effective conservation.

Fellowships provide month-long, in-residence programming delivered by a faculty of global experts who work closely with each cohort of fellows. Fellows attend dynamic sessions, participate in collaborative and independent projects, and enjoy a rich, multi-faceted experience. In addition, fellows have the opportunity to work directly with principles and practices that can improve the way we interpret and respond to complex environmental conservation problems.

Kinship's curriculum uses a case study approach to directly experience and evaluate market-driven conservation practices through expert-led interactive discussions, systems-thinking exercises, role-play, skills practice, peer learning sessions, and field visits that provide the opportunity to work directly with principles and practices to improve how practitioners interpret and respond to complex environmental conservation problems.

Each fellow receives a \$6,000 stipend and lodging for one month. Approximately eighteen Kinship Fellowships will be awarded in 2016.

The 2016 program will be held on the campus of Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, from June 26 through July 27, 2016. Deadline is January 18, 2016.

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

Program: **RWJF Announces RFP for High-Value Innovations From Low-Resource Communities**

Description: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has issued a Request for Proposals for projects that support the identification and evaluation of promising innovations that improve health and healthcare quality — without increasing costs — in low-resource communities.

Up to ten evaluations will be funded for a total of up to \$2.5 million. Priority will be given to evaluations of innovations that are set in and meant to benefit the health of

people in low-resource communities; intended to substantially improve a pressing community health problem; and recognize consumers as important arbiters of value.

The primary purpose of the RFP is to support the evaluation of innovations to improve value rather than the implementation of innovations. As such, at least 80 percent of the grant funding should be allocated to activities such as evaluation design, sample selection, data collection and acquisition, analysis, and reporting. Evaluations of existing but untested innovations, or innovations that have undergone small pilot tests, are eligible for funding. Innovations that disrupt or displace less effective practices also are eligible for funding. Modest enhancements or improvements to existing procedures will not be funded.

Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations). In addition, applicant organizations must be based in the United States or one of its territories. Deadline is December 10, 2015.

Website: http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evaluating-high-value-innovations-from-low-resource-communities.html?rid=CR0RfoW1kVrIxFKudcSYjL9Zh7yWU63VdhdaVE2UAc&et_cid=384260

Program: **Pollination Project Invites Applications From Social Entrepreneurs for Seed Grants**

Description: The Pollination Project is accepting applications from social entrepreneurs looking to make their communities and world a better place.

Seed grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to projects in the early stages of development, including those that promote compassion toward all life (people, planet, animals), environmental sustainability, justice in all its forms, community health and wellness, and social change-oriented arts and culture. Only applications for seed funding, as opposed to ongoing operational or program costs of a nonprofit organization, will be accepted.

To be eligible, applicants must be a passionate, committed individual with a social change vision that fits within one or more of the categories above. Established nonprofit organizations with paid staff will not be considered. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://thepollinationproject.org/applicantinfo/funding-guidelines/>

Program: **Hope for The Warriors Accepting Applications for Critical Care Support for Wounded Veterans**

Description: Hope For The Warriors believes those touched by military service can succeed at home by restoring their sense of self, family, and hope. Nationally, the organization provides service members, veterans, and military families with comprehensive support programs focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and community resources.

Originally designed to meet short-term needs in the days following an injury, the Hope for The Warriors' Critical Care Coordination program has expanded to assist post-9/11 combat-wounded veterans and their families as they navigate through long-term recovery.

Program case coordinators work daily with post-9/11 combat-wounded service members and veterans, their families, and families of the fallen to meet immediate financial needs related to daily living including utilities, groceries, rent, mortgage, and rental deposits. The program provides casework assistance and resource referrals that will help clients immediately and in the future. Payment is always made to a third party.

To be eligible, applicants must be seeking support for needs that are a direct result of a service member's post-9/11 combat-related injury. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/story/18721712/critical-care-coordination>

Program: **U.S. Soccer Foundation Invites Letters of Interest for Safe Places to Play Grants**

Description: Since 1995, the U.S. Soccer Foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States in support of projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. Urban areas often lack available space for children to play outside. In order to provide an opportunity for all children to play soccer, the foundation has taken on the task of providing children across the nation with safe places to play.

To that end, the foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for its Safe Places to Play program, which provides grants to organizations to help them build or enhance a field space in their communities. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded for the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation for field space in urban settings.

To be eligible, an applicant must apply on behalf of a program or project operating in the U.S.; and be a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation. Applicant must own or have a minimum ten-year land lease/land use agreement for the land where the field is or will be built, and must possess at least 50 percent of funding required to complete the project. All work must be done by a vendor identified as a U.S. Soccer Foundation Corporate Partner; Safe Places to Play grants are mostly in-kind grants and function as a credit with the respective vendor.

LOIs must be received no later than January 29, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a complete application by February 5, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/our-programs/safe-places-to-play>

Program: **Broad Foundation Invites Applications for Extramural Alzheimer's Grant**

Description: The Ruth K. Broad Biomedical Research Foundation, in partnership with Duke University, is accepting applications for the Broad Extramural Award.

Through the annual program, the foundation will award a two-year grant of up to \$180,000 over two years to non-Duke faculty for research with the potential to advance the knowledge or treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Priority will be given to pilot studies that can lead to more conventional funding.

To be eligible, applicants must be young or established non-Duke investigators proposing new or novel research. Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Website: <http://sites.duke.edu/broadfoundation/extramural-award-application/>

Program: **CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation Invites Applications for Teacher Technology Grants**

Description: Headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, media-provider CenturyLink aims to improve lives, strengthen businesses, and connect communities by delivering advanced technologies and solutions with honest and personal service. The company extends this vision through its CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to contributing to endeavors that improve the well-being and overall quality of life for people in CenturyLink communities.

Named for CenturyLink founder Clarke M. Williams, the foundation supports community initiatives that encourage its employees to use their time, talents, and resources to strengthen the communities in which they live and work. To that end, the foundation's Teachers and Technology grants are designed to help fund projects that advance student success through the innovative use of technology.

Teachers in public or private pre-K-12 schools located in CenturyLink's residential service areas are encouraged to apply. Applicants do not have to be a CenturyLink customer in order to apply for this grant. *Deadline is January 12, 2016.*

Website: <http://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/foundation/teachers.html>

Program: **AFA Accepting Applications for Respite Care Grants**

Description: The mission of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America is to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, as well as their caregivers and families.

As part of this mission, AFA is accepting applications for its fall Family Respite Care Grant program, which is designed to help alleviate the cost of respite care for families caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Grants are awarded to AFA's nonprofit member organizations, which must utilize the funds to provide scholarships to clients with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and/or their families with financial needs. The scholarships are for respite services such as social model adult day programs, in-home aides, companion care, or overnight respite at the grantee's own organization or another organization.

Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.alzfdn.org/AFAServices/family_grant.html

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. Previous grantees must select a different reading choice from their previous programming.

The program is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop reading programs between September 2016 and June 2017. Organizations selected to participate receive a grant, educational and promotional materials, and access to online training resources and opportunities. Approximately seventy-five organizations will be selected from communities of varying size in the United States.

Eligible organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis with non-federal funds. Grant funds may be used for a variety of expenses, including book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental. Deadline is January 26, 2017.

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

Program: **Herb Society of America Accepting Applications for Educator Grants**

Description: The Herb Society of America's mission is to promote the knowledge, use, and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community.

Through the Grant for Educators program, the society will award a grant or two totaling up to \$5,000 to a project(s) that enhances herbal education in school systems, communities, or in any public forum (electronic or person-to-person). To be eligible, projects must have learning goals and a mechanism to measure educational outcomes.

Applications are requested from educators (formal or informal teachers), persons engaged/employed in botanical or horticultural activities, museum directors, botanical/garden writers, and small herbal business owners. Proposals from students will not be accepted. Deadline is December 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/educator-grants.html>

Program: **NCTM School Invites Applications for In-Service Training Grants for Pre-K-5 Math Teachers**

Description: The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#) is accepting applications for its 2016 School In-Service Training grants to support the professional development of teachers in the areas of mathematical knowledge for teaching, pedagogical content knowledge, and knowledge of students as learners of mathematics.

Grants of up to \$4,000 each will be awarded to elementary schools. Costs may include honoraria and expenses for consultants, materials, substitute teacher time, and conference or workshop registrations. No funds may be used for staff travel or equipment. While the program does not fund the purchase of technology, proposals including professional development in the use of technology to enhance student learning are encouraged.

Only schools with a current NCTM Pre-K–8 school membership are eligible to apply. Funded activities must be completed between September 1, 2016, and August 31, 2017. Deadline is May 6, 2016.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/Grants/School-In-Service-Training-Grants/>

Program: **National Leadership Grants for Museums**

Description: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awards National Leadership Grants for Museums to support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession so that museums can improve services for the American public. Grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Project Categories

Learning Experiences: IMLS supports the unique ability of museums to empower people of all ages through experiential learning and discovery. Successful projects provide high-quality, inclusive educational opportunities that address particular audience needs.

- **Community Anchors:** IMLS promotes the role of museums as essential partners in addressing the needs of their communities by leveraging their expertise, knowledge, physical space, technology, and other resources. These projects strive to create a better quality of life within communities.
- **Collections Stewardship:** IMLS supports the exemplary management, care, and conservation of museum collections. Projects address a clearly articulated and well-documented need and contribute to the long-term preservation of materials entrusted to the museum's care.

Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=22>

Program: **Annie's Grants for School Gardens**

Description: Annie's offers grants to K-12 school gardens that connect children directly to real food. Funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies.

Thirty schools will receive \$2,500 and three schools (must be returning Grants for Gardens applicants who have received a grant Annie's in the past five years) will receive \$5,000.

Winners will be selected and notified in February 2016.

Apply by December 4, 2015.

Website: <http://www.annies.com/giving-back/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens/grant-application>

Program: **Monarch Lab Schoolyard Garden Grants**

Description: The grant provides up to \$1,000 to purchase plants, gardening equipment, curriculum, staff development and any other items that foster connections between K-12 students and nature. Schools may design their own garden, enhance an existing garden, or better use an existing garden. This proposal invites you to use your creativity and knowledge about gardening to tailor the request for your specific needs.

Through the distribution of these garden grants, the Schoolyard Ecology Exploration (SEE) program at the University of Minnesota in partnership with the United States Forest Service, division of International Programs, seeks to increase K-12 student interest and knowledge about monarchs and ecological processes through direct observation and authentic inquiry based activities conducted in their schoolyard garden.

A team of teachers, master gardeners, staff and faculty of the University of Minnesota will evaluate proposals. Criteria for judging applications include, but are not limited to: innovative integration of garden use into multiple disciplines, a clear understanding of the implications of managing a garden at a school site, a plan to involve stakeholders in creating and maintaining the garden, a plan to involve many students in outdoor learning, and a knowledgeable garden plan.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Notification of awards will be e-mailed by Monday, February 15, 2016.

Website: <http://monarchlab.org/education-and-gardening/gardening-for-monarchs/garden-grants>

Program: **APA Accepting Applications for Congressional Fellowship Program**

Description: The American Psychological Association is inviting applications for its APA Congressional Fellowship Program.

Through the annual program, fellows spend a year working for a member of Congress or a congressional committee. Activities may involve drafting legislation, conducting oversight work, assisting with congressional hearings and events, and/or preparing

briefs and speeches. Fellows also attend a two-week orientation program on congressional and executive branch operations that provides guidance for the congressional placement process and will participate in a yearlong seminar series on science and public policy issues. The American Association for the Advancement of Science administers these professional development activities for APA fellows and fellows sponsored by more than two dozen other professional societies.

APA and the American Psychological Foundation will each sponsor up to two congressional fellows for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 2016. The APA fellowship is open to all full APA members, but the APF fellowship was created to support psychologists with a background in developmental or clinical psychology and experience working directly with children. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, demonstrate competence in scientific and/or professional psychology and sensitivity toward policy issues, have a strong interest in applying psychological knowledge to the solution of societal challenges, and be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics and work cooperatively with individuals representing diverse viewpoints. Deadline is January 8, 2016.

Website: <http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp6060-apa-accepting-applications-for-congressional-fellowship-program>

Program: **ASCAP Foundation Accepting Submission for Young Jazz Composer Awards**

Description: Established in 1975, the ASCAP Foundation is dedicated to nurturing the music talent of tomorrow, preserving the legacy of the past, and sustaining the creative incentive for today's creators through educational, professional, and humanitarian programs and activities that serve the entire music community.

To that end, the foundation, in partnership with the Herb Alpert Foundation, is accepting applications for its Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Awards. Through the annual program, monetary prizes are awarded to encourage talented young jazz composers. To be considered, applicants must submit an original score of a composition accompanied by a CD (indicating the proper track, if applicable).

To be eligible, applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or enrolled as a student with a student visa. All applicants must be under the age of 30 as of December 31, 2015. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/programs/awards/herb-alpert-composer.aspx>

Program: **TD Bank and Arbor Day Foundation Invites Applications for Urban Forestry Projects**

Description: TD Bank and the Arbor Day Foundation are accepting applications to TD Green Streets, a grant program that will offer ten grants of \$20,000 each in support of innovative urban forestry initiatives in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.

Funding will support the purchase of trees, tree planting and maintenance, and educational activities. Up to 50 percent of the proposed funding can be used to purchase new trees.

To be eligible for a TD Green Streets grant, qualified municipalities must be a current Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA-designated community within TD Bank's U.S. footprint. In addition, new trees must be planted in neighborhoods identified as low- to moderate-income. Municipalities are encouraged to apply in partnership with community partners such as nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses, et cetera.

Complete program information, a list of eligible communities, and the online application are available at the TD Green Streets website. Deadline is November 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.arborday.org/programs/tdgreenstreets/index.cfm>

Program: **Wells Fargo and the NFWF 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.

The program will support highly visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment.

Priority for grants will be given to projects in specific urban areas in twenty-four states across the country. Preference will be given to projects that successfully address one or more of the following: innovative, cost-effective stewardship of private agricultural lands aimed at enhancing water quality and quantity and/or improving wildlife habitat for species of concern while maintaining or increasing agricultural productivity; community-based conservation of local habitats and natural areas; efforts to enhance water quality, promote urban forestry, educate and train community leaders on sustainable practices, promote related job creation and training, and/or engage diverse partners and volunteers; cost-effective and environmentally friendly approaches to improving environmental conditions within urban communities by "greening" traditional infrastructure and public projects such as storm water management and flood control, public park enhancements, and renovations to public facilities; and boosting the economic and biological resiliency of the nation's coastal communities and ecosystems (including the Great Lakes).

Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations; state, tribal, and local governments; and educational institutions. Applicants must be working in states where Wells Fargo operates. Individuals, federal agencies, and private for-profit firms are not eligible.

Approximately \$2.4 million will be available for projects in 2016. Grants typically range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for projects of eighteen months. Deadline is December 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/2016RFP>

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 for paralyzed veterans, aids them in the search for a truly satisfying career, and provides them with a path to adventure through adaptive sports. Through its charitable arm, the Paralyzed Veterans of America Education and Training Foundation, the organization supports educational projects that benefit, serve, and enhance the quality of life of individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, their families, and caregivers.

The foundation has five topic categories for funding consideration: consumer, caregiver, and community education; professional development and education; research utilization and dissemination; assistive technology; and conferences and symposia. Projects in any of these categories should be designed to improve the quality of life for individuals with SCI/D, educate consumers about the consequences of and complications associated with SCI/D, improve the knowledge and skills of SCI/D healthcare professionals, and aim to prevent the occurrence and complications of new SCI/D.

The foundation supports one-year projects with a maximum of \$50,000; conferences and symposia are supported with a \$15,000 maximum award. Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Website: http://www.pva.org/site/c.ajIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA_Education_Foundation.htm

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 would not have access to them.

Grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded to help libraries in schools where 85 percent or more of students qualify for free or reduced lunches expand, update, and diversify their book collections

Deadline is December 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/how-to-apply/index.html>

Program: **IRA Invites Proposals for Teacher as Researcher Grant**

Description: The International Reading Association, a global network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy, supports literacy professionals through a wide range of resources, advocacy efforts, voluntarism, and professional development activities.

To that end, the association is seeking proposals for the annual Teacher as Researcher Grant program.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to support teachers' inquiries about literacy and instruction. Grant-related studies may be carried out using any research method or approach so long as the focus is on reading/writing or literacy. Activities such as developing new programs or instructional materials are not eligible for funding unless the activities are necessary for conducting the research. Deadline is January 15, 2016.

Website:

http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/research_teacher_as_researcher.aspx

Program:

Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities

Description:

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to promote and support high-quality educational programs that engage children and youth in active hands-on learning experiences focused on the environment in their schools and communities.

Grants are intended to serve as a means of bringing environment-based education to schools and to inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. The foundation will fund unique and innovative projects that do not precisely match the grant guidelines but otherwise promote the foundation's mission of hands-on environmental activities.

The foundation makes grants to schools and nonprofit environmental and educational organizations in the United States with annual operating budgets of less than \$3 million.

Preferential consideration is given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50 percent matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability of the activity, projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority.) The foundation will on occasion consider grants of up to \$2,500.

Deadline is January 31, 2016.

Website:

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

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 2016 Safety Grants Program.

The purpose of the annual program is to encourage and provide financial support for interventions at the local and/or regional level in order to facilitate timely application of evidence-based safety and health strategies to protect agricultural workers.

With a theme of “strengthening partnerships for safety,” ASHCA’s 2016 grants prioritize projects that engage both management and workers in the planning and delivery of safety; facilitate new partnerships for providing timely, effective safety programs; reach out to stakeholders who have limited access to safety programs; implement evidence-based agricultural safety and health strategies; and have the potential to be sustained after the grant period.

A maximum of \$10,000 may be requested. Applicants are encouraged to secure matched funds for their proposed project either from within their own organization or another external funding source. Matched funds could be actual or “in-kind” in the form of personnel salary, provision of supplies, consultation, and/or travel support. Deadline is January 7, 2016.

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

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 Pre-K–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. The action research should be designed, implemented, and completed with a focus on enhancing the teaching and/or learning of mathematics in Grades Pre-K–8.

One grant of up to \$3,000 will be awarded. Grant funds should be used to support project expenses to plan and carry out the action research.

The applicant must be a current full individual or e-member of NCTM or must teach at a school with a current NCTM Pre-K–8 school membership. The participating pre-service teacher(s) must be in an initial licensure/certification program at the undergraduate level and, at some point during the term of the grant, must be engaged in some form of practicum experience or student teaching. Deadline is May 6, 2016.

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

Program: **AAUW Accepting Applications for Career Development Grants**

Description: The American Association of University Women is accepting applications for its Career Development Grants program, which assists women who, through additional higher education, technical training, or participation in a professional development institute, are making career changes, seeking to advance in their current careers, or re-entering the workforce.

Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded in support of coursework toward a degree program other than a doctorate or for specialized training in a technical or professional

field. Primary consideration will be given to women of color, women pursuing credentials in a non-traditional field, and women who do not currently hold an advanced degree.

Career Development Grants are open to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents; hold an earned (not honorary) bachelor's degree; received their bachelor's degree on or before June 30, 2011; do not hold an earned (not honorary) graduate or professional degree; and plan to enroll or are enrolled in courses/activities that are required for professional employment or advancement.

All courses of study must occur at a regionally accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed and/or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Applicants must reside within the United States during the grant period.

Deadline is December 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/cdg-application/>

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With a theme of "strengthening partnerships for safety," ASHCA's 2016 grants prioritize projects that engage both management and workers in the planning and delivery of safety; facilitate new partnerships for providing timely, effective safety programs; reach out to stakeholders who have limited access to safety programs; implement evidence-based agricultural safety and health strategies; and have the potential to be sustained after the grant period.

A maximum of \$10,000 may be requested. Deadline is January 7, 2016.

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

Program: **Broward Education Foundation Accepting Applications for Teacher Innovation Grants**

Description: Established in 1983, the Broward Education Foundation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is a direct support organization of Broward County Public Schools.

The foundation is accepting applications from Broward County educators for its Teacher Innovation Grants program. Grants of up to \$1,200 will be awarded for classroom projects designed to enrich the standard curriculum and explore new alternatives to traditional methods of learning. Eligible project topics include the arts,

career planning/training, character education, civics, classroom management, diversity, early childhood, the environment, foreign languages, health and physical education, life skills, multicultural issues, parental involvement, public speaking, and STEM subjects. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://browardedfoundation.org/what-we-do/educators/teacher-innovation-grants>

Program: **CEC ArtsLink Announces Grant Opportunities for Artists & Arts Managers**

Description: [CEC Artslink](http://www.cecartslink.org) is inviting applications from artists and arts managers from eligible countries for project grants that enable them to carry out self-directed projects in the United States.

The ArtsLink Award program accepts applications from contemporary and traditional creative artists working in the performing, design, media, literary, and visual arts, as well as arts managers at independent, nonprofit, and government organizations working in these artistic disciplines. Arts managers must be affiliated with an organization in the non-commercial sector. Artists seeking to work with commercial firms are ineligible. Applicants must be citizens of, and currently reside in, an eligible country. Deadline is December 3, 2015.

Website: http://www.cecartslink.org/grants/independent_projects/

Program: **A Blade of Grass Invites Letters of Interest for Fellowship for Socially Engaged Art**

Description: [A Blade of Grass](http://www.abladeofgrass.org) provides resources to artists who demonstrate artistic excellence and serve as innovative conduits for social change. To that end, ABOG is inviting Letters of Interest for its Fellowship for Engaged Art.

The \$20,000 ABOG fellowship supports socially engaged projects that promote art as a catalyst for social change; that feature artists in leadership roles; that emphasize active and sustainable partnerships with communities; and/or in which artists engage community members as equal partners on locally relevant issues (or globally relevant issues as they apply to the local context). Projects in which co-creation with non-artists is part of the process are encouraged.

Applicants are strongly recommended to attend an informational workshop on either September 29 or November 2 before submitting application materials.

Letters of Interest must be received no later than November 20, 2015. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications by January 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.abladeofgrass.org/application/guidelines/>

Program: **Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Invites Applications for Mini-Grants**

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

The program is intended to support projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community. The funding program will award grants of up to \$500 to educators to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students. Projects funded in the past include murals, pen pal groups, quilts, theater productions, newspapers and other publications, intergenerational activities, and programs that bring disparate communities together. Starting in 2015, mini-grants from the foundation will also fund programs that support the Common Core Standards.

Public schools and public libraries are eligible to apply. Preschool Head Start programs also are eligible. Only public organizations are eligible to receive a mini-grant; private and parochial schools should not apply. Charter schools also are ineligible. Applicants must be located in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories, including Puerto Rico and Guam. Only one application from each library or school will be considered. Deadline is March 31, 2016.

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

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.

A single grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program that motivates and encourages reading among children, especially struggling readers.

Projects should promote the importance of reading and facilitate literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy. In addition, projects must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting, encourage innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading, and demonstrate potential to impact student learning.

Deadline is February 1, 2016.

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

Program: **American College Health Foundation Seeks Applications for Campus Health Initiatives**

Description: The American College Health Foundation, the charitable arm of the American College Health Association, is accepting applications from initiatives that foster positive Health Campus 2020 outcomes for the campus community.

ACHA's Healthy Campus 2020 serves as a framework for improving the health of all students, faculty, and staff on campuses across the country. Strategies recommended in Healthy Campus 2020 guidelines extend beyond traditional interventions. Healthy Campus 2020 resources includes ten-year national objectives for students and faculty/staff, an action model that incorporates an ecological approach, and a toolkit for implementation based on the MAP-IT (mobilize, assess, plan, implement, and track) framework. Priority consideration will be given to proposals that result in sustained mobilization and engagement of campus partners to achieve the goals of Healthy Campus 2020.

Up to two recipients will be awarded grants of \$3,000, which will be announced at the 2016 ACHA annual meeting, May 31 - June 4, 2016, in San Francisco.

Deadline is January 31, 2016.

Website: http://www.acha.org/ACHF/HC2020_award.cfm

Program: **XPRIZE Invites Applications for Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy Competition**

Description: XPRIZE, in partnership with the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, is accepting applications for the Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy XPRIZE.

The global competition challenges teams to develop a mobile application for existing smart devices that results in a significant increase in literacy skills among participating adult learners in a twelve-month period. The solutions should overcome key barriers to literacy learning, increase literacy retention, and be able to scale to meet demand.

The grand prize of \$4 million will be awarded to the team that can demonstrate the greatest literacy gains among its field-test participants over twelve months as measured by CASAS pre- and post-tests. Two bonus prizes of \$500,000 each will be given to the teams that can demonstrate the greatest literacy gains among their field-test participants over twelve months.

Teams will be responsible for funding their own solution development costs. Expenses for the on-site in-cities test stage of the competition are included as part of the competition and covered by XPRIZE. Deadline is December 8, 2015.

Website: <http://adulthoodliteracy.xprize.org/>

Program: **RGK Foundation Accepting LOIs for Education, Community Programs**

Description: The RGK Foundation in Austin, Texas, is inviting grant proposals in the areas of education, community, and health and medicine.

The foundation's primary education interests include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science, and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. Within the community area, the foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. In the area of health and medicine, the foundation's current interests include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, access to

health service, and programs initiated by the foundation focused on ALS. Deadline is Rolling.

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

Program: **Singing for Change Accepting LOIs for Projects to Address Social and Environmental Problems**

Description: Created by Jimmy Buffett in 1995, Singing for Change initially was funded with contributions from the singer's summer concert tour. Since then, SFC has offered competitive grants to progressive nonprofit organizations working to address the root causes of social or environmental problems.

Priority will be given to organizations that keep their overhead low, include community members in planning, and collaborate with other groups to find innovative ways of solving common problems. SFC aims to advance the common good by empowering people to thrive and strengthen and sustain vibrant, diverse communities.

Grants will range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to organizations that have a sponsoring agency with exempt status. Deadline is Ongoing.

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

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

Description: Heritage Preservation, in partnership with the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, is seeking nominations for the AIC/Heritage Preservation Ross Merrill Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections.

The award is presented annually to an organization in North America that has been exemplary in the importance and priority it has given to conservation concerns and in the commitment it has shown to the preservation and care of its cultural property within the context of its broader mission, which may include interpretation, research, scholarship, education, and/or public outreach. Deadline is December 15, 2015.

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

Program: **A Little Hope Announces Youth Bereavement Support Services Grants**

Description: A Little HOPE supports organizations that provide bereavement support services and grief counseling to children and teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or loved one.

To be considered, applicants must e-mail (no telephone calls) the name of their program, website address, names of the executive director and program director, and the location of the program. No other information is needed or will be processed. Strong preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to the use of community trained volunteers.

Grant award amounts are based on the scope and budget of the project.
Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.alittlehope.org/granting>

Program: **AAUW Invites Applications for Career Development Grants**

Description: The American Association of University Women strives to promote equity and education for women and girls. Since the organization's founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental educational, social, economic, and political issues of the day--.

AAUW is accepting applications for its Career Development Grants program, which provides funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce.

Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded to provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, certification program, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education.

December 15, 2015, by 11:59 p.m. (CST) Deadline for online submission of application and supporting documents .

April 15, 2016 Notification of decisions e-mailed to applicants. AAUW is not able to honor requests for earlier notification.

July 1, 2016--June 30, 2017 Grant year

Website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/>

Program: **Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for USArtists International Grant Program**

Description: Administered by the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the USArtists International program is committed to ensuring that the impressive range of performing arts in the United States is represented abroad, and that

American artists can enhance their creative and professional development through participation at international festivals.

To that end, grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at international festivals and/or for performance engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities anywhere in the world outside the United States.

There is a September 4, 2015, deadline for projects taking place between December 15, 2015, and December 14, 2016; a December 4, 2015, deadline for projects taking place between March 15, 2015, and March 14, 2016; and an April 15, 2016, for projects taking place between July 15, 2016, and July 14, 2017.

Website:

http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/us_artists/index.html

Program:

Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program

Description:

The Walmart Foundation is accepting applications through its Community Grant Program.

Through the annual program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organization serving residents within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities.

To be eligible, an organization must be tax exempt s under sections 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes; a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large. Deadline is December 31, 2015.

Website:

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

Program:

Shubert Foundation Accepting Applications for Performing Arts Grants

Description:

The foundation awards unrestricted grants for general operating support rather than for specific project funding. Grants are awarded exclusively to U.S. nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. The foundation does not make grants to individuals.

Nonprofit, professional resident theater companies are the primary recipients of Schubert Foundation funding, with an emphasis on producing, rather than presenting, organizations. A smaller amount of funding is provided for dance companies. The foundation also makes a limited number of grants to arts-related nonprofit

organizations that support the development of theater and dance, and to graduate drama departments at private universities

Deadline is October 18, 2015 or **December 1, 2015**.

Website: <http://www.shubertfoundation.org/grantprograms/default.asp>

Program: **Kurt Weill Foundation Accepting Applications for Grant Program**

Description: Since 1984, the foundation has awarded more than five hundred grants totaling \$3 million to organizations and scholars worldwide in support of excellence in the presentation and study of Kurt Weill's compositions. In 2013, the Blitzstein catalogue joined the list of works eligible for support.

The foundation awards grants to individuals and nonprofit organizations for performances of musical works by Weill and Blitzstein; for scholarly research pertaining to Weill, Lenya, and Marc Blitzstein; and for relevant educational initiatives. The foundation is accepting applications for projects and performances taking place on or after January 1, 2016, and before June 30, 2017.

Website: <http://www.kwf.org/current-news/press-releases/698-the-kurt-weill-foundation-for-music-announces-2015-grant-program>

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Description: The foundation awards grants to individuals and nonprofit organizations for performances of musical works by Weill and Blitzstein; for scholarly research pertaining to Weill, Lenya, and Marc Blitzstein; and for relevant educational initiatives. The foundation is accepting applications for projects and performances taking place on or after January 1, 2016, and before June 30, 2017.

Website: <http://www.kwf.org/current-news/press-releases/698-the-kurt-weill-foundation-for-music-announces-2015-grant-program>

Program: **Partnership for Clean Competition Accepting Applications for Doping Research Projects**

Description: PCC is accepting applications for its grants program, which supports original projects focused on improving existing methods for detecting particular drugs, developing new analytical methods to test for substances not currently detectable, and discovering cost-effective approaches for testing widely abused substances across all levels of sport. The programs areas of interest include developing methods of cost-effective testing to detect and deter the use of banned and illegal substances; developing testing protocols to detect designer substances used for doping purposes; improving existing analytical methods to detect particular drugs (e.g. GH, IGF-1, EPO, hCG); developing analytical methods to detect performance enhancing drugs not currently detectable; critical reviews that support interpretation of laboratory data; and alternative specimens, (e.g., oral fluid, dried blood/plasma spots) for testing. Deadline is rolling. PCC reviews pre-applications three times a year, with applications due March 1, July 1, and November 1. Full applications are due on April 1, August 1, and December 1.

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

Program: **Women's Sports Foundation Issues RFP for Women in the Winner's Circle Project Podium Grants**

Description: The overarching goal of the program is to provide direct financial assistance in the form of matching grants to women in racing to help further their professional careers in all forms of racing, including go kart, quarter midget, drag racing, sports car racing, and oval track racing. To that end, grants are awarded to young women in racing who have achieved success in competition, have the potential to achieve even higher levels of performance, and have the ability to generate sponsorship dollars. The 2016 application window is from August 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015. Applicants will be notified by November 30, 2015, and grants will be awarded in the first quarter of 2016.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/sitecore/content/home/programs/grants/project-podium-grant.aspx>

Program: **American Electric Power Invites Applications for Classroom STEM Projects**

Description: American Electric Power is accepting applications from pre-K-12 teachers for mini-grants in support of classroom projects during the 2016-17 school year.

Through the Teacher Vision grant program, AEP will award grants of up to \$500 for projects designed to improve student achievement. Priority will be given to projects that promote science, mathematics, technology, electrical safety, the balanced study of energy and the environment, and energy efficiency. Deadline is February 26, 2016.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/community/TeachersAndStudents/TeacherVisionGrants.aspx>

Program: **Annenberg Foundation Grants**

Description: The Annenberg Foundation exists to advance the public well-being through improved communication. As the principal means of achieving its goal, the Foundation encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge throughout the U.S. and globally.

The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the following program areas:

Education and youth development
Arts, culture, and humanities
Civic and community
Animal services and the environment
Health and human services

The Foundation only considers organizations defined as a public charity and tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Letters of inquiry that address the Foundation's interests are accepted throughout the year. Deadline OPEN.

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

Program: **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Invites Letters of Intent**

Description:

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood supports innovative, creative projects, and programs designed to significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, and/or quality of life of children from infancy through five years of age.

The foundation provides funding in the areas of early childhood welfare, early childhood education and play, and parenting education.

1) Early Childhood Welfare: Children can only reach their full potential when all aspects of their development, intellectual, emotional and physical are optimally supported. Providing a safe and nurturing environment for infants and preschoolers is essential, as is imparting to them the skills of social living in a culturally diverse world. To that end, the foundation supports programs that research best child rearing practices and identify models that can provide creative, caring environments to ensure all children thrive.

2) Early Childhood Education and Play: Research shows that children need to be stimulated as well as nurtured, early in life, if they are to succeed in school, work, and life. That preparation relates to every aspect of a child's development, from birth to age 5, and everywhere a child learns -- at home, in childcare settings, and in preschool. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of both early childhood teaching and learning through the development of innovative curricula and research-based pedagogical standards, as well as the design of imaginative play materials and learning environments.

3) Parenting Education: To help parents create nurturing environments for their children, the foundation supports programs that teach parents about developmental psychology, cultural child-rearing differences, pedagogy, issues of health, prenatal care and diet, as well programs that provide both cognitive and emotional support to parents.

Letters of Intent are accepted on a rolling basis. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications.

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

Program: [Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities](#)

Description: The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to promote and support high-quality educational programs that help children and youth understand and appreciate our world through hands-on learning experiences aimed at improving the environment in their schools and communities.

Grants are intended to serve as a means of bringing environment-based education to schools and inspiring youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. The foundation will fund unique and innovative projects that do not precisely match the grant guidelines but otherwise promote the foundation's mission to advance hands-on environmental activities.

The foundation makes grants to schools and nonprofit environmental and educational organizations in the United States with annual operating budgets of less than \$3 million

Deadline is:

January 31 (typically for fall and winter projects)
September 30 (typically for spring and summer projects)

Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Program: **Chambers of Commerce Invited to Start Young Entrepreneur Academies**

Description: The Young Entrepreneurs Academy today serves thousands of students across America. In 2011, the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation became a national sponsor and partner of the academy to help celebrate the spirit of enterprise among today's youth and the future leaders of tomorrow.

To that end, YEA, in partnership with Sam's Club and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is accepting applications from chambers of commerce across the country to start Young Entrepreneurs academies of their own. The thirty-week program teaches students in grades 6-12 how to generate business ideas, conduct market research, write business plans, pitch to a panel of investors, and launch their own companies. In 2015, Sam's Club will award startup funds of up to \$2,500 each to thirty chambers of commerce across the country.

Website: <http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/young-entrepreneurs-academy>

Program: **Advocacy Event Fund**

Description: Building public and political support is critical for successfully advocating to incorporate **permanently affordable housing (PAH)** into public policies and programs. Building this support requires bringing together the right stakeholders to inform, discuss, and strategize. We know that this is often challenging for our members who have limited resources. During 2015, the Network will award three to four grants of up to \$3,000 for eligible Network members to support the planning of one-time events that bring stakeholders together and garner support for the incorporation of PAH into state or local housing, transportation, and community development public policies and programs. The purpose of the grants is to fund events that will have a catalyzing effect on policy discussions, partnerships, advocacy campaigns, and eventually, policies and programs themselves.

Website: <http://cltnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/RFP-for-Advocacy-Event-Funds-FINAL-2.pdf>

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

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

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/>

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>

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/>

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

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/>

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>

SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Program: **Economic Development Fund**

Description: Land, facilities and infrastructure to benefit industry that will create jobs. Create minimum of 15 permanent jobs to benefit 51% low to moderate income beneficiaries. **Continuous. Applications are taken throughout the year.** Maximum request: \$250,000. Minimum Request: \$50,000. Note: Waiver of match available for applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less. May also waive the grant ceiling for projects that demonstrate significant long-term economic benefit to the State.

Contact: **Community and Economic Development; Shabbir Olia, CED Programs Manager, 334.242.5462, shabbier.olia@adeca.alabama.gov**

Program: **Economic Development Incubator projects**

Description: Units of local government. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Program must benefit 51% low to moderate income beneficiaries. Project must commit to create jobs. Maximum request: \$250,000. Match request: 20%. **Applications are taken throughout the year. Award upon approval and as funding is available. Application workshop held in April and compliance workshop held in the fall.**

Website: **Community and Economic Development; Shabbir Olia, CED Programs Manager, 334.242.5462, shabbier.olia@adeca.alabama.gov**

Program: **States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)**

Description: Applicants: State and local units of governments, public bodies, and non-profit entities. Eligible counties in West Alabama: Bibb, Fayette, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa.

Activities: Water and wastewater facilities, telecommunications, health care, planning activities, leadership development, education and training programs, business development, and entrepreneurship.

Requirements: Project must meet one of ARC's goals: increase job opportunities and per capita income, strengthen the capacity of people to compete in the global economy or develop and improve infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive. Construction projects funded by ARC must have an "Administering Agency" such as ADECA, USDA Rural Development or TVA. The project will be administered by and take on the requirements of that agency

Pre-application due date in August. Applicant notified in late fall/winter if a full application is requested. Award announcements typically made in May.

Contact: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), Jimmy Lester, ARC Program Manager (334) 353-4490, jimmy.lester@adeca.alabama.gov

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/>

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

Program: **Sidney Hill Foundation Invites Nominations for 2016 Hillman Prize**

Description: Since 1950, the [Sidney Hillman Foundation](#) has honored journalists, writers, and public figures who pursue investigative journalism and public policy for the common good.

The foundation is accepting nominations for the 2016 Hillman Prizes, an annual program that honors investigative journalism and commentary in the public interest. Winners exemplify sound news judgment, resourcefulness and courage in reporting, skilled storytelling, and social impact.

The 2016 prizes will be awarded for work produced, published, broadcast, or exhibited in 2015. Categories include books (nonfiction); newspaper reporting (print or online); magazine reporting (print or online); broadcast journalism (video or radio programs longer than twenty minutes and documentary film); Web journalism (online multimedia

reporting by an individual or an institution; should have a substantial visual component as well as text); and opinion journalism (commentary and analysis in any medium).

Winners will be announced in April 2016. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 prize and a certificate designed by *New Yorker* cartoonist Edward Sorel at an awards ceremony and cocktail reception on May 3, 2016, in New York City. Travel expenses will be provided. Deadline is January 30, 2016.

Website: <http://www.hillmanfoundation.org/hillman-prizes/nominations>

Program: **Radcliffe Institute Accepting Graduate Fellowship Applications**

Description: The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is accepting applications for its 2016-17 Graduate Student Fellowship Program.

Each year, the institute awards a few Radcliffe Institute Dissertation Completion Fellowships to doctoral students in the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For the 2016–17 school year, the fellowships provide a stipend of \$31,000, with the possibility of an additional \$750 for travel related to conferences and job interviews; tuition and health fees; and a work space with a desktop computer at the Radcliffe Institute's Byerly Hall.

Fellows are expected to reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts, during their fellowship year and must attend all weekly fellows' talks and lunches. Fellows also are invited, though not required, to present their own work in a talk to other fellows.

While a candidate's scholarly qualifications, the merits of the dissertation topic, and faculty references are important in the selection process, consideration is also given to graduate fellows with research interests matching those of one or more of the year's Radcliffe Institute fellows. This increases opportunities for intellectual interaction and mentorship within the community. Deadline is February 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/fellowship-program/graduate-student-fellows>

Program: **Nominations Invited for 2016 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 recognize teens who are exceptional role models in their communities and beyond. The awards celebrate Jewish 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.

Up to fifteen teens — five from California and ten from other communities across the country — will each be acknowledged for their visionary actions with an award of \$36,000, to be used to further their philanthropic work or education.

Anyone is eligible to nominate a teen, except for a member of his or her family. And any teen is welcome to apply without a nomination. In that case, no nomination form need be filled out, but an additional (third) recommendation is required. Anyone except an applicant's nominator or a member of the applicant's family can serve as a reference for a teen.

To be eligible, nominees must be between the ages of 13 and 19 at nomination, work to repair the world in a leadership capacity, volunteer without any compensation, and self-identify as Jewish.

Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.dillerteenawards.org/apply-and-nominate/>

Program: **Beckman Center Announce History of Science Fellowships**

Description: The Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, an independent research library in Philadelphia, is inviting applications for short- or long-term fellowships related to the history of science, technology, medicine, and industry.

The research collections at CHF range chronologically from the fifteenth century to the present and include six thousand rare books, significant archival holdings, thousands of images, and a large artifact and fine arts collection supported by over one hundred thousand reference volumes and journals. Within the collections there are many areas of special strength, including alchemy, mining and metallurgy, dyeing and bleaching, balneology, gunpowder and pyrotechnics, gas lighting, inorganic and organic chemistry, biochemistry, food chemistry, and pharmaceuticals.

The center supports roughly twenty fellows each year, creating a vibrant community of scholars whose work is in some way tied to the history of materials and materiality, chemistry, and related sciences. Applications come from people in a wide range of disciplines across the humanities and social sciences.

The Beckman Center currently offers four levels of fellowships.

- 1) Senior Fellowships include stipends of \$60,000 for a nine-month residence program and are open to scholars who have had their Ph.D. for at least five years.
- 2) Postdoctoral Fellowships include stipends of \$45,000 for a nine-month residence program and are open to scholars at the postdoctoral level.
- 3) Dissertation Fellowships include stipends of \$26,000 for a nine-month residence program and are open to graduate students at the dissertation stage.
- 4) Short-Term Fellowships include stipends of \$3,000 per month in for residence programs of one to four months and are open to all scholars and researchers.

Short-term fellowships are specifically designed around access to the center's research collections, while long-term fellows' work must help support the mission of the institution and fit with the collections more generally. Deadline is January 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.chemheritage.org/BeckmanCenter>

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

Description: The Anthony Quinn Foundation has announced the deadline for its 2016 Scholarship Program, an annual program that aims to perpetuate the legendary actor/artist's vision for an art-conscious society.

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

Scholarships may be used for a recognized pre-college, summer, or afterschool arts education program, but may not be used for either secondary school or college tuition.

To be eligible, applicants must be a young adult in high school who demonstrates exceptional talent, dedication, and a strong commitment to personal artistic growth and who will benefit from financial support.

The foundation will begin accepting applications on October 15, 2015. Full applications must be returned no later than January 3, 2016.

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

Program: **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Invites Entries From Creative Teens**

Description: The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing the most talented teen artists and writers in the United States and Canada, has issued a call for entries for the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Creative teens in grades 7-12 are invited to submit work in twenty-eight categories of art and writing, including film and animation, video game design, sculpture, photography, fashion design, poetry, journalism, humor, dramatic script, and science fiction.

Student submissions are judged on the regional level by the alliance's affiliates, with the top winning works then presented to national panels of creative leaders to determine which will receive the highest honors. Fifteen graduating high school seniors will be awarded with Portfolio Gold Medals, which include a \$10,000 scholarship. Additional scholarships are made available to Portfolio Silver Medalists and through sponsored awards and stipends for summer arts programs.

New to this year's competition are a special editorial cartoon category sponsored by the Herb Block Foundation to promote awareness of the editorial cartoon medium and provide three young artists with \$1,000 scholarships for their outstanding work; the Neiman Marcus Fashion Award and the Neiman Marcus Jewelry Award to provide one artist in each category with \$1,000 scholarships; and the RBC Flaunt It Award to

provide two \$1,000 scholarships to students whose work showcases and celebrates individual differences.

To be eligible, students must be in grades 7-12 in a public, private, parochial, home-schooled, or out of school program in the U.S. or Canada, or in an American school abroad.

Deadlines for submission vary by region throughout the winter months, with National Medalists announced in March 2016.

Website: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/press-release/2016-scholastic-art-writing-awards-call-submissions-opens-new-scholarship-opportunities>

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Website: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/press-release/2016-scholastic-art-writing-awards-call-submissions-opens-new-scholarship-opportunities>

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

Description: The Chicago-based Harpo Foundation was established in 2006 to support artists who are under-recognized by the field. The foundation seeks to stimulate creative inquiry to encourage new modes of thinking about art.

The foundation is accepting applications for its Native American Fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center program, which supports the development of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian visual artists and 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, in the northern Green Mountains. Each fellow receives up to four weeks of residency, which includes room and board, a private studio, and a \$500 travel stipend. Deadline is February 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.harporfoundation.org/apply/native-american-fellowship/>

Program: **Kurt Weill Foundation Invites Applications From Vocalists for Lotte Lenya Competition**

Description: Founded in 1962, the Kurt Weill Foundation for Music is dedicated to promoting understanding of the life and works of composers Kurt Weill (1900-1950) and Marc Blitzstein (1905-1963) and preserving the legacies of Weill and his wife, actress-singer Lotte Lenya (1898-1981).

In 1998, to honor the centenary of the birth of Lenya, the foundation established the annual Lotte Lenya Competition, a unique international contest that bridges the worlds of opera/opera and Broadway musical theater. More than a vocal competition, the contest emphasizes wide-ranging repertoire and the acting of songs and arias within a dramatic context. The 2015 competition seeks exceptionally talented young singer/actors who excel in a wide range of musical theater styles to compete for top prizes of \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$7,500.

Deadline is January 25, 2016.

Website: <http://kwf.org/grants-a-prizes/lotte-lenya-competition43>

Program: **American Psychological Foundation Invites Applications for Violet and Cyril Franks Scholarship**

Description: The American Psychological Foundation is accepting applications for the 2016 Violet and Cyril Franks Scholarship.

The annual program supports graduate-level scholarly projects that use a psychological perspective to help understand and reduce stigma associated with mental illness. The \$5,000 scholarship helps address research which shows that stigma is a significant barrier to treatment and recovery for many of the fifty million Americans living with mental illness.

To be eligible, applicants must be a full-time graduate student, in good standing at an accredited university, and have a demonstrated commitment to stigma issues surrounding mental illness. APF encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/franks.aspx>

Program: **Applications Invited for Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards**

Description: The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation is inviting applications for the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards. The awards program is designed to acknowledge the critical role of child care teachers in providing high-quality child care.

Fifty award recipients will receive \$1,000 each — \$500 to acknowledge each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund a classroom enhancement project designed as part of the application process. The top ten qualifiers become finalists for the Helene Marks Award for the National Childcare Teacher of the Year. The teacher chosen as the Helene Marks Award recipient will receive an additional \$1,000 award.

The program is open to child care teachers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and on all United States military bases and installations. Applicants must be teachers of infants, toddlers, or preschool-age children, and must work full time in a home, group, or center-based program that is fully compliant with local and state regulations for operating child care programs. Applicants must be working as paid full-time childcare teachers in their current regulated program for a minimum of thirty-six consecutive months by December 2015, and programs must be open a minimum of ten hours a day, five days a week, twelve months a year. Only one application per center may be submitted. Deadline is January 4, 2016.

Website: http://www.tlccf.org/pr_nccta.php

Program: **Bank of America Grants**

Description: The Bank of America (BoA) offers grants that support high-impact initiatives, organizations and the development of visionary leaders. Schools with farm-to-school type programs may be eligible under the funding areas:

- Developing Career Leadership and Skills: Opportunities that increase civic and community engagement, career exploration and youth employment, financial knowledge and life-skill and soft-skill development
- Assisting with Food Access: Food deserts, green/fresh food access, etc

BoA's Charitable Foundation provides philanthropic support to address needs vital to the health of communities through a focus on preserving neighborhoods, educating the workforce for 21st century jobs and addressing critical needs, such as hunger.

Requests for proposals are issued three times per year.

Website: <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/find-grants-sponsorships.html#fbid=pYn5RLQL62N>

Program: **Costco Wholesale Grants**

Description: Costco Wholesale grants support programs focusing on children, education and health and human services. They look to achieve the greatest impact where Costco's employees and members live and work. Only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, which meet their giving guidelines and focus areas, are considered.

Applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis.

Website: <http://shop.costco.com/About/Charitable-Giving/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>

Program: **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Invites Entries for 2016 Human Rights Award**

Description: The annual award program seeks to stimulate the production of scholarly work in international human rights law. Participants have the flexibility to choose any subject related to the assigned topic, but the essay must be a legal article. The topic for the 2016 competition is Extractive Industries and Human Rights.

The academy will grant two awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. The award in each case will comprise a scholarship to the Program of Advanced Studies in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law for either the diploma or certificate of attendance options; travel expenses to Washington, D.C.; housing at a university dorm; and a per diem for living expenses. In addition, the best articles may be published in the *American University International Law Review*

Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hreward.cfm#eligibility>

Program: **James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Accepting Applications for Fellowship**

Description: The program provides fellowship grants of \$24,000 to individuals who are looking to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary-school level. The foundation plans to offer one fellowship per state per year. Deadline March 16, 2016.

Website: <https://jamesmadison.scholarsapply.org/>

Program: **National Science Teachers Association Invites Nominations for Shell Science Teaching Award**

Description: The award includes a cash prize of \$10,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to NSTA's national conference; two finalists will also receive all-expense-paid trips to the conference.

Nominees must be classroom teachers whose responsibilities include teaching science. In addition, nominees must have a minimum of eight years of experience (not including the current school year) as a teacher of science, and must teach in a private or public school in the United States, a U.S. territory, Department of Defense school, or in Canada. Deadline is November 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx#shell>

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>

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>

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.williammcmgowanfund.org/pdf/Homelessness%20RFP.pdf>

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>

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>

Minority Fellowship Program

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

Section VI RESOURCES

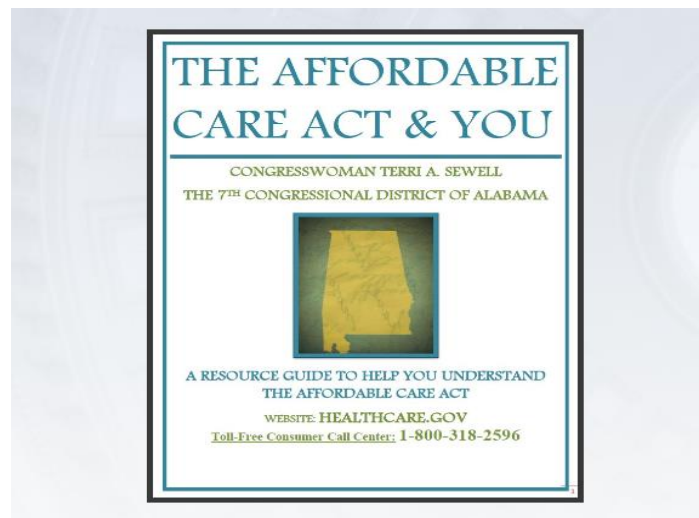
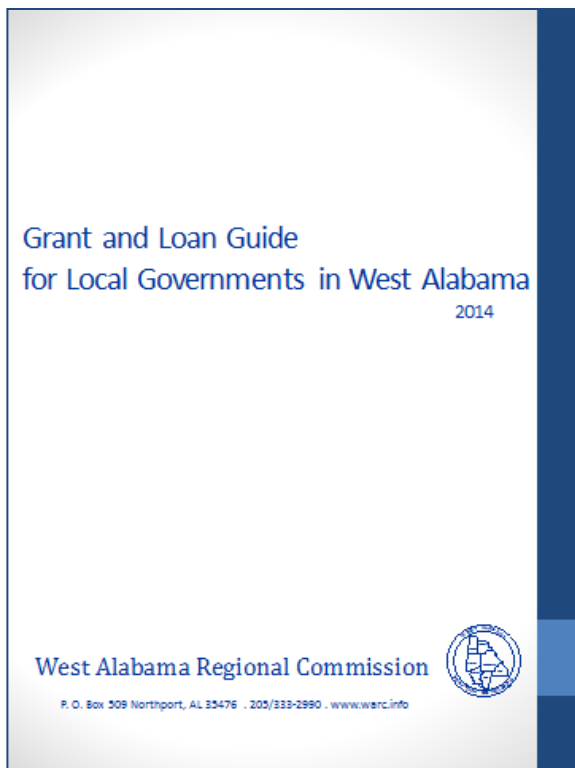
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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.



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 is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit 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 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>

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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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.aacfinfo.org

The Community Foundation of South Alabama
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P.O. Box 990
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