



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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## **Rep. Sewell Responds to February 2nd Tornado Damage in Pickens County**

Birmingham, AL- Congresswoman Terri Sewell responds to the February 2nd tornado damage in Pickens County and discusses the state's response efforts and the importance of faith-based and community volunteers. The Congresswoman released the following statement:

"Recently the National Weather Service confirmed that two tornadoes hit Pickens County on February 2nd. My heartfelt thoughts are with those Sapps residents whose homes and property were damaged by these tornadoes. Once again, the resolve and will of the people of Alabama is being challenged by a natural disaster.

"The Alabama Emergency Management Agency personnel, along with my office, are working closely with local officials to support the needs of the affected residents. My office has been on the ground since February 3rd assessing the damage with EMA officials and assisting storm survivors at the Sapps Community Center. I want to thank the Red Cross, churches and volunteers that are addressing the needs of the affected residents.

"Given that the early assessment have revealed that the damages did not meet the threshold to receive FEMA assistances, it is imperative that our state efforts address the immediate and long-term needs of this community and the affected residents. Today, Governor Bentley will tour the damages in Pickens County. It is important that all levels of government work together to address this crisis affecting the Sapps community. We will continue to monitor the damage assessment and explore all federal funding possibilities that can assist the community.

My office is committed to the recovery and rebuilding process and we will continue to assist those devastated families in any way we can. I am confident that the resilient spirit of Alabamians will see us through these difficult times and our communities will rebuild and recover stronger and better than before. We will continue to work with local, state, and federal officials to bring assistance to those affected."

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## **Rep. Sewell Introduces Legislation to Increase Medicare Reimbursements for Rural Hospitals**

Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell and Congresswoman Diane Black (R-TN) introduced the Fair Medicare Hospital Payments Act of 2016 (H.R. 4428), a bipartisan bill that increases Medicare reimbursements for rural hospitals in Alabama and other states with large rural populations.

“When rural hospitals struggle, entire communities suffer. In many parts Alabama’s 7th Congressional District, local hospitals are the lifeblood of the community. When confronted with the unique challenges of caring for older, sicker, and low-income populations, these hospitals are struggling to keep their doors open.

“The Fair Medicare Hospital Payments Act of 2016 would ensure that these hospitals receive their fair share in Medicare reimbursement dollars. The current reimbursement system is skewed in favor of hospitals serving the healthiest and wealthiest parts of our country. Whenever I visit hospitals in the district, hospital administrators cite reimbursement disparities as one of their top concerns. H.R. 4428 would reverse this trend and increase reimbursements for hospitals in 158 Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) nationwide.

“I am proud to work on this very important issue with Rep. Diane Black. The entire Congressional delegations from Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas have signed on to this bill and we have also received strong support from members of the Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, and Louisiana delegations. The broad, bipartisan support this bill has garnered in advance of introduction speaks to the urgency of this issue,” said Rep. Sewell.

Dr. Don Williamson, President of the Alabama Hospital Association expressed the Association’s support for this legislation.

”The Alabama Hospital Association would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for introducing this bill, and we are most appreciative that every member in Alabama’s House delegation has joined as co-sponsors. Addressing the broken wage index system is long overdue. It is an inherently unfair system and it is unreasonable for Alabama’s hospitals to be paid dramatically less for the same care as their counterparts in other states. This issue could not be more critical for the survival of the majority of Alabama’s rural hospitals.”

The bill also has the support of the National Rural Health Association.

“NRHA applauds the introduction of this important bill to ensure that rural providers’ compensation reflects the plethora of challenges related to retention and recruitment in rural America. The Wage Index unfairly penalizes physicians that practice in underserved communities within rural America and this bill takes an important step to reduce this discrepancy.”

### **Background**

*The bill is strongly supported by a multitude of state hospital associations and the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). The bill’s 31 original cosponsors include the entire Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas delegations, as well as members from Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, and Louisiana.*

*This legislation would establish a national minimum of 0.874 for the Medicare Area Wage Index (AWI) for hospitals. CMS bases a portion of a hospital's reimbursements for inpatient services based on the AWI, a formula designed to reflect the relative hospital wage level in the geographic area of the hospital compared to the national average. All 13 Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) in Alabama have among the lowest AWIs in the country, and would benefit significantly from this legislation. Significant distortions over the past three decades have resulted from administrative and legislative actions favoring certain regions over others. Since the formula is calculated on a budget-neutral basis, any increase from one particular state means a decrease for other states. Under the current system, 20 CBSAs in California, Massachusetts, and New York have AWIs ranging from 1.332 to 1.724, while 158 CBSAs in 25 states have AWIs between 0.685 and 0.874. The Fair Medicare Hospital Payments Act of 2016 is designed to level the playing field so hospitals in those 25 states will no longer endure inadequate reimbursements due to gains in other parts of the country.*

## **Rep. Sewell Honors Black History Month**

Congresswoman Terri Sewell released the following statement in recognition of Black History Month:

"This month, we pause to remember and honor the sacrifices the Foot Soldiers of the Civil and Voting Rights movements made in order to make our nation a more equal, just, and fair society. The story of Alabama and the 7th Congressional District cannot be told without remembering those who sought to free our land from racial animosity and discrimination.

"As we pause to remember their efforts, we must also seek to preserve the historical landmarks associated with the struggle for equal rights. In keeping with the theme for the 2016 Black History Month is "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories," my office has been working with local, state, and federal officials to discuss how to best protect and preserve the historic Civil Rights sites across Alabama's 7th Congressional District. Our district is the birthplace of the fight for equality, and we owe it to future generations to preserve this rich legacy.

"Our nation has made much progress since the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We owe it to ourselves, our children, and those who came before us to continue to break down any barriers that divide our society and in its place build new foundations for understanding and reconciliation. We should all commemorate this month by fulfilling the promise of our nation's democracy, and committing ourselves to uplifting our communities. By standing as one people, one nation, we can bring about change."

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## **Rep. Sewell Issues Statement on Fairfield Walmart Closure**

Congresswoman Terri Sewell issued the following statement after speaking with Walmart executives about the pending closure of the Walmart Supercenter in Fairfield, Alabama:

"I am disappointed that Walmart has chosen to close its Supercenter in Fairfield, Alabama. That store was a vital part of Fairfield's local economy, and approximately 300 employees will lose their jobs as a result. The closure also creates a food desert in Fairfield, an underserved area where residents have few viable alternatives to purchase quality and affordable food.

"Creating jobs continues to be my top priority. The economy has turned back from the brink and is growing, but the recovery is far too modest and more needs to be done to address persistent unemployment. Closing this Walmart store will be a step in the wrong direction. Despite remarkable economic gains I believe that our work is not done. Too many working men and women continue to struggle just to provide the basic necessities for their families.

"The closing of the Walmart Supercenter in Fairfield is simply wrong for my constituents. Too many communities of color find themselves underserved and disadvantaged and closing this store will not help the situation. If we are to truly and substantively address these inequities, we must ensure that economic prosperity is a dream attainable to all who are willing to work for it.  
**Closing this Walmart is the wrong thing to do!**

"I have expressed my concerns to senior Walmart executives. My hope is that Walmart will reconsider this decision after analyzing the negative effect this would have on the Western Birmingham communities. Walmart is one of our nation's largest employers, and it is critically important that they consider the impact of their decisions on the communities they serve."

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## **Rep. Sewell Honors Dr. King's Legacy**

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell released the following statement in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day which our nation will observe on Monday, January 18, 2016.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., proved that the hearts of many could be changed by the voice of one. Eloquently declaring that, 'Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend,' Dr. King laid the framework for the essential bridge toward equality. His dream of a collective nation, dedicated to peace and harmony, is the cornerstone of his teachings. We should arm ourselves with the love and compassion Dr. King carried daily.

"As a daughter of Selma, Alabama, I am proud to represent a district historically rooted in the fight for civil and voting rights. We cannot forget the many sacrifices that have been made to advance the cause of equality, and we must do our part to carry the torch that has been passed down to us. Dr. King's timeless vision should continue to guide us as we push forward. We cannot become complacent, but should remain steadfast in our push to secure fair voting rights across the nation. On this Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, let us recommit ourselves to the principles of equality and justice for which Dr. King died."

## HUD OFFERS NEXT ROUND OF PLANNING GRANTS TO HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

*Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants to help communities revitalize distressed areas*

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of new funding to help local communities across the country to redevelop severely distressed public and HUD-assisted housing and transform surrounding neighborhoods. The funding announcement introduces an additional, innovative component to the [Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant](#), called Planning and Action Grants.

Grants of up to \$2 million will enable communities to create a locally driven plan to transform struggling neighborhoods, as well as implement early improvements, such as reclaiming vacant property and attracting new businesses. [Read HUD's funding notice.](#)

“HUD’s mission of expanding opportunity extends beyond a family’s front door to the neighborhoods where they live,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. “These grants will let local leaders create homegrown plans to strengthen their neighborhoods and to take those first vital steps to turn their plans into reality.”

Choice Neighborhoods is HUD’s signature place-based initiative in support of the President’s goal to build Ladders of Opportunity to the middle class. Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

- **Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.
- **People:** Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families.
- **Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families’ choices about their community.

Up to now, Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds could only be used to create a neighborhood Transformation Plan. However, experience with the 63 previously awarded Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grantees has shown that tangible, early actions help sustain community energy, attract new resources, and build momentum to turn that plan into reality.

HUD’s FY15/16 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds build upon these lessons by introducing Planning and Action Grants. Under these grants, communities with severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing will continue to develop a successful neighborhood transformation plan and build the support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. In addition, Planning and Action Grant funds will also enable activities including:



- Reclaiming and recycling vacant property into community gardens, pocket parks, farmers markets, or land banking;
- Beautification, place making, and community arts projects;
- Homeowner and business façade improvement programs;
- Neighborhood broadband/Wi-Fi;
- Fresh food initiatives; and
- Gap financing for economic development projects.

Through the Choice Neighborhoods planning process local governments, housing authorities, residents, nonprofits, tribal authorities, private developers, school districts, police departments, and other civic organizations create a common vision and develop effective strategies to revitalize their neighborhood. The resulting Transformation Plan and locally driven Action Activities lay the foundation for revitalizing the distressed public and/or assisted housing units, transforming the surrounding neighborhood, and promoting opportunities for families.

Today, Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grantees can be found across the country in cities and towns, such as Kansas City, Missouri, Norwalk, Connecticut, and Sacramento, California. Several Planning Grantees have already launched neighborhood improvements that provided the inspiration for Planning and Action Grants. For example, in Salisbury, North Carolina, partners expanded a Mobile Fresh Farm to residents, spurring a nearby college to open a new culinary school that will provide mentoring to local students and sell surplus produce at discount prices. In Columbus, Ohio, partners created a gateway to the community by redeveloping a highway bridge and creating a mural wall with a history of the neighborhood.

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds are available for public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and tribal entities. Applicants must submit a completed electronic application through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by February 9, 2016. [Read HUD's funding notice.](#)



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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>
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  - [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:** [FY 2016 Social Innovation Fund Pay for Success Cooperative](#)

**Description:** The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) Pay for Success (PFS) Grants Competition seeks to advance and develop emerging models that direct resources toward interventions that produce measurable outcomes. Consistent with the broader mission of the SIF, the PFS Competition intends to encourage the implementation of PFS projects in order to enhance the reach and impact of innovative community-based solutions in low-income communities. Deadline is February 11, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2016/social-innovation-fund-2016-pay-success-grant>

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### Environmental Protection Agency

**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>

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

**Program:** **Museum Assessment Program**

**Description:** The Museum Assessment Program (MAP) is supported through a cooperative agreement between the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the American Alliance of Museums. It is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future.

A MAP assessment requires members of the museum staff and governing authority to complete a self-study. After completion of the self-study, a site visit is conducted by one or more museum professionals, who tour the museum and meet with staff, governing officials, and volunteers. The reviewers work with the museum and MAP staff to produce a report evaluating the museum's operations, making recommendations, and suggesting resources.

There are three types of MAP assessments:

Organizational Assessment: Reviews all areas of operations.

Collections Stewardship Assessment: Focuses on collections policies, planning access, documentation, and collections care within the context of the museum's total operations.

Community Engagement Assessment: Assesses the museum's understanding of and relationship with its communities as well as its communities' perceptions of and experiences with the museum. Two Application Deadlines is July 1 and December 1.

**Website:** <http://aam-us.org/resources/assessment-programs/MAP>

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

**Description:** National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment. For FY16, there are two National Leadership Grants for Libraries funding opportunities with two separate deadlines. Deadline is June 1, 2016.



**Website:** <https://www.ims.gov/grants/available/national-leadership-grants-libraries>

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**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. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.ims.gov/grants/available/laura-bush-21st-century-librarian-program>

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### **National Archives and Records Administration**

**Program:** [State Board Programming Grants](#)

**Description:** The purpose of this grant program is to assist state boards to enhance access to historical records, increase citizen engagement with records, and provide learning and development opportunities for students, citizens and professional archivists. The Commission will award grants to State Historical Records Advisory Boards to:

- Provide educational and outreach programs, workshops, and other activities that enhance citizen and student engagement with historical records
- Operate state-based regrant and scholarship programs that advance access to historical records
- Collaborate on projects with other organizations to address common problems or shared opportunities within a state or among a consortium of state archives
- Hold or participate in meetings and public forums on statewide or national archival issues.

Deadline is June 15, 2016.

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

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**Program:** [ACCESS-201606](#)

**Description:** This grant program is designed to support archival repositories in preserving and processing primary source materials. The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities:

- Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats
- Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats

After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. Deadline is June 15, 2016.

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

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**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>

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### **National Endowment for the Arts**

**Program:** [2017 Mayor's Institute on City Design \(MICD\)](#)

**Description:** An organization may submit only one proposal under this program solicitation. This Cooperative Agreement may begin no earlier than October 1, 2016, and may extend for up to 12 months. Description The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (Cooperator) to administer the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD), a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). MICD brings U.S. mayors together with design professionals in workshops to assist mayors with urban design

challenges, to promote design excellence, and to enhance the livability of communities across the country. Deadline is March 29, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/program-solicitation/mayors-institute-on-city-design-micd>

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**Program:** [2017 National Heritage Fellowships Awards Program](#)

**Description:** An organization may submit only one proposal under this program solicitation. This Cooperative Agreement may begin no earlier than December 1, 2016, and may extend for up to 12 months. Description The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization to assist the National Endowment for the Arts with the 2017 National Heritage Fellowships Awards program by coordinating a concert, ceremony and reception, awardee dinner, and associated events. **Deadline:** Apr 5, 2016 The Grants.gov system must receive your proposal no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 5, 2016. We strongly recommend that you submit your application by March 25, 2016 to give yourself ample time to resolve any problems that you might encounter.

**Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/program-solicitation/2017-national-heritage-fellowships>

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**Program:** [NEA Art Works Creativity Connects Projects, FY2017](#)

**Description:** The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on or after January 1, 2017. Generally, a period of performance of up to two years is allowed. The official applicant must be an arts organization. An organization may submit only one application for an Art Work: Creativity Connects grant. Grant Program Description Creativity Connects\* is an initiative that will show how the arts are central to the country's creativity ecosystem, investigate how support systems for the arts have changed, explore how the arts connect with other industries, and invest in innovative projects to spark new ideas for the arts field. Deadline is March 3, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/creativity-connects-projects>

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**Program:** [NEA Literature \(Poetry\) Fellowships, FY2017](#)

**Description:** Grant Program Description The National Endowment for the Arts' Literature Fellowships program offers \$25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. Applications are reviewed through an anonymous process in which the only criteria for review are artistic excellence and artistic merit. Deadline is March 9, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-individuals>

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**Program:** [NEA Art Works I Application, FY2017](#)

**Description:** Grant Program Description The guiding principle of "Art Works" is at the center of everything we do at the NEA. "Art Works" refers to three things: the works of art themselves, the ways art works on audiences, and the fact that art is work for the artists and arts professionals who make up the field. Art works by enhancing the value of individuals and communities, by connecting us to each other and to something greater than ourselves, and by empowering creativity and innovation in our society and economy. Deadline is February 18, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations>

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**Program:** [National Endowment for the Arts Accepting Applications for Challenge America Grants](#)

**Description:** The National Endowment for the Arts is accepting applications from small and midsize organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Through the Challenge America grants program, NEA will award grants of \$10,000 to professional projects that have a \$10,000 match from an outside funder. Applicants are encouraged to consider partnerships among organizations, both in and outside the arts, as appropriate to their project.

To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization; a unit of state or local government; or a federally recognized tribal community or tribe. Applicants may be an arts organization, a local arts agency, an arts service organization, a local education agency (school district), or other organization that can help advance NEA's goals. All organizations must have a three-year history of programming prior to the application deadline. Under a new policy to limit consecutive-year funding, NEA will not award Challenge America grants to organizations that have received grants from the program in consecutive fiscal years from 2014 to 2016. Deadline is April 14, 2016.

**Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>

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

**Program:** [\*\*Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities\*\*](#)

**Description:** These NEH grants support national or regional (multistate) training programs for scholars and advanced graduate students to broaden and extend their knowledge of digital humanities. Through these programs, NEH seeks to increase the number of humanities scholars using digital technology in their research and to broadly disseminate knowledge about advanced technology tools and methodologies relevant to the humanities. The projects may be a single opportunity or offered multiple times to different audiences. Institutes may be as short as a few days and held at multiple locations or as long as six weeks at a single site. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/institutes-advanced-topics-in-the-digital-humanities>

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**Program:** [\*\*Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions\*\*](#)

**Description:** These grants support ancillary public humanities programs to accompany NEH on the Road traveling exhibitions. Typical formats involve lectures, reading and discussion programs, film discussion programs, Chautauqua presentations by scholars, family programs, exhibition tours, and other appropriate formats for reaching the general public. Deadline is December 29, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/programming-grants-accompany-neh-the-road-exhibitions>

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**Program:** [\*\*Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers\*\*](#)

**Description:** The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports a series of one-week workshops for K-12 educators. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and related subjects in the humanities. Each workshop is offered twice during the summer. Workshops accommodate thirty-six school teachers (NEH Summer Scholars) at each one-week session. At least one

workshop week must serve a national audience and provide housing for participants. The other workshop week may also serve a national audience; alternatively, it may limit its audience to participants who are able to commute and do not require housing. The goals of the workshops are to • increase knowledge and appreciation of subjects, ideas, and places significant to American history and culture through humanities reading and site study; • build communities of inquiry and provide models of civility and of excellent scholarship and teaching; • provide teachers with expertise in the use and interpretation of historical sites and of material and archival resources; and • foster interaction between K-12 educators and scholarly experts. Deadline is February 25, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/landmarks-american-history-and-culture-workshops-school-teachers>

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**Program:** [Summer Seminars and Institutes](#)

**Description:** These grants support professional development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university faculty. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes may be as short as one week or as long as four weeks. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes • provide models of excellent teaching; • provide models of excellent scholarship; • broaden and deepen understanding of the humanities; • focus on the study and teaching of significant topics, texts, and other sources; • contribute to the intellectual vitality of participants; and • build communities of inquiry. An NEH Summer Seminar or Institute may be hosted by a college, university, learned society, center for advanced study, library or other repository, cultural or professional organization, or school or school system. The host site must be suitable for the project, providing facilities for collegial interaction and scholarship. These programs are designed for a national audience of participants. Deadline is February 25, 2016.

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

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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## **National Science Foundation**

**Program:** **Expeditions in Computing**

**Description:** The far-reaching impact and rate of innovation in the computing and information disciplines has been remarkable, generating economic prosperity and enhancing the quality of life for people throughout the world. The Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) has created the Expeditions in Computing (Expeditions) program to provide the CISE research and education community with the opportunity to pursue ambitious, fundamental research agendas that promise to define the future of computing and information. In planning Expeditions projects, investigators are encouraged to come together within or across departments or institutions to combine their creative talents in the identification of compelling, transformative research agendas that promise disruptive innovations in computing and information for many years to come. Funded at levels up to \$2,000,000 per year for five years, Expeditions represent some of the largest single investments currently made by the directorate. Together with the Science and Technology Centers CISE supports, Expeditions form the centerpiece of the directorate's center-scale award portfolio. With awards funded at levels that promote the formation of research teams, CISE recognizes that concurrent research advances in multiple fields or sub-fields are often necessary to stimulate deep and enduring outcomes. The awards made in this program will complement research areas supported by other CISE programs, which target particular computing or information disciplines or fields. Deadline is January 18, 2017.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16535](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16535)

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**Program:** **Tribal Colleges and Universities Program**

**Description:** The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP) provides awards to Tribal Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native-serving institutions, and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions to promote high quality science (including sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, statistics, and other social and behavioral sciences as well as natural sciences and education disciplines), technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach. Applications accepted anytime.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16531](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16531)

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**Program:** **Science of Learning: Collaborative Networks**

**Description:** The program supports projects that emphasize consilience of knowledge, adopting diverse disciplinary approaches to shared research questions. The program seeks to

develop robust and integrated accounts of contexts, mechanisms, and effective strategies of learning. This solicitation invites proposals for the creation of new research networks to address important integrative questions in the science of learning. Deadline is April 4, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16528](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16528)

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**Program:** **STEM + Computing Partnerships**

**Description:** The STEM+Computing Partnerships program seeks to significantly enhance the learning and teaching of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and computing by K-12 students and teachers through research on, and development of, courses, curriculum, course materials, pedagogies, instructional strategies, models, or pedagogical environments that innovatively integrate computing into one or more other STEM disciplines, or integrate STEM content into the teaching and learning of computing. Deadline is March 28, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16527](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16527)

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

**Description:** The goal of the National Robotics Initiative is to accelerate the development and use of robots in the United States that work beside or cooperatively with people. Innovative robotics research and applications emphasizing the realization of such co-robots working in symbiotic relationships with human partners is supported by multiple agencies of the federal government including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). The purpose of this program is to support the development of this next generation of robotics, to advance the capability and usability of such systems and artifacts, and to encourage existing and new communities to focus on innovative application areas. Deadline is March 7, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16517](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16517)

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**Program:** **Ideas Lab: Measuring "Big G" Challenge**

**Description:** This solicitation describes an Ideas Lab on "Measuring Big G" Ideas Labs are intensive meetings focused on finding innovative solutions to grand challenge problems. The ultimate aim of this Ideas Lab organized by the Physics Division of the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF), in collaboration with experts in the field, is to facilitate the development of new experiments designed to measure Newton's gravitational constant G with relative uncertainties approaching or surpassing one part in 100,000. The aspiration is that mixing researchers from diverse scientific backgrounds will engender fresh thinking and innovative approaches that will provide a fertile ground for new ideas on how to measure G that can be used to validate and extend current calculations. US researchers may submit preliminary proposals for participation in the Ideas Lab only via FastLane. The goal is to develop multidisciplinary ideas that eventually will be submitted as full proposals. Deadline is October 26, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16520](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16520)

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**Program:** **Critical Resilient Interdependent Infrastructure Systems and Processes**

**Description:** The goals of the Critical Resilient Interdependent Infrastructure Systems and Processes (CRISP) solicitation are to: (1) foster an interdisciplinary research community of engineers, computer and computational scientists and social and behavioral scientists, that creates new approaches and engineering solutions for the design and operation of



infrastructures as processes and services; (2) enhance the understanding and design of interdependent critical infrastructure systems (ICIs) and processes that provide essential goods and services despite disruptions and failures from any cause, natural, technological, or malicious; (3) create the knowledge for innovation in ICIs so that they safely, securely, and effectively expand the range of goods and services they enable; and (4) improve the effectiveness and efficiency with which they deliver existing goods and services. Deadline is March 9, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16519](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16519)

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**Program:** **GEO Opportunities for Leadership in Diversity**

**Description:** This solicitation describes an Ideas Lab on “GEO Opportunities for Leadership in Diversity.” Ideas Labs are intensive workshops focused on finding innovative solutions to grand challenge problems. The ultimate aim of this Ideas Lab, organized by the NSF Directorate for Geosciences (GEO), is to facilitate the design, pilot implementation, and evaluation of innovative professional development curricula that can unleash the potential of geoscientists with interests in broadening participation to become impactful leaders within the community. The expectation is that mixing geoscientists with experts in broadening participation research, behavioral change, social psychology, institutional change management, leadership development research, and pedagogies for professional development will not only engender fresh thinking and innovative approaches for preparing and empowering geoscientists as change agents for increasing diversity, but will also produce experiments that contribute to the research base regarding leader and leadership development. Deadline is June 2, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16516](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16516)

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**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](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13346)

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## **Small Business Administration**

**Program:** **State Trade and Export Promotion Program**

**Description:** The purpose of this Program Announcement is to invite proposals for funding from eligible state entities interested in and capable of providing assistance and guidance to eligible small business concerns to increase the number of such firms that export and the value of small business exports. Deadline is March 17, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.sba.gov/STEP>

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

**Program:** **Children, Youth and Families at Risk Sustainable Communities Projects**

**Description:** The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA announces the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) funding program to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. The CYFAR program mission is to marshal resources of the Land-Grant and Cooperative Extension Systems to develop and deliver educational programs that equip limited resource families and

youth who are at-risk for not meeting basic human needs with the skills they need to lead positive, productive, contributing lives. Deadline is March 14, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/children-youth-and-families-risk-cyfar-sustainable-community-projects>

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**Program:** **Capacity Building Grants for Non Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture (NLGCA)**

**Description:** NLGCA Institutions may use the funds: (a) to successfully compete for funds from Federal grants and other sources to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, State, and local interest; (b) to disseminate information relating to priority concerns to interested members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities, the public, and any other interested entity; (c) to encourage members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities to participate in priority education, research, and outreach activities by providing matching funding to leverage grant funds; and (d) through: (1) the purchase or other acquisition of equipment and other infrastructure (not including alteration, repair, renovation, or construction of buildings); (2) the professional growth and development of the faculty of the NLGCA Institution; and (3) the development of graduate assistantships. Deadline April 22, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/capacity-building-grants-non-land-grant-colleges-agriculture-program-nlgca>

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**Program:** **FY '16 Farm Business Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grants Program RFA**

**Description:** The Farm Business Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grants Program provides funds to (1) improve the farm management knowledge and skills of agricultural producers; and (2) establish and maintain a national, publicly available farm financial management database to support improved farm management. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/farm-business-management-and-benchmarking-fbmb-competitive-grants-program>

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**Program:** **USDA-FNS-FDD-FDPNE-FY16**

**Description:** Since 2008, FNS awards funding for nutrition education projects through Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) grants each fiscal year. Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and State agencies (SAs) that are current FDPIR allowance holders (have a direct agreement with FNS to administer FDPIR) are eligible to apply for funds to conduct projects that provide nutrition information and services to FDPIR participants. The FY 2016 SNAP Education Plan Guidance is the basis for FDPNE nutrition, gardening, and physical activities. FNS selects components of this guidance for development of FDPNE project requirements. The FY 2016 SNAP Education Plan Guidance may be reviewed at <https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/national-snap-ed/snap-ed-plan-guidance-and-templates>. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir/fdpir-nutrition-education-grant-awards>

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**Program:** **Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom (SPECA) Challenge Grant Program**

**Description:** The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECA) program seeks to: (a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified

workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and (b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences. Deadline is March 18, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/secondary-education-two-year-postsecondary-education-and-agriculture-k-12>

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**Program:** [\*\*Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program\*\*](#)

**Description:** Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. Deadline is March 14, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

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**Program:** [\*\*Organic Transitions\*\*](#)

**Description:** The overall goal of the Organic Transitions Program (ORG) is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices. In FY 2014, ORG will continue to prioritize environmental services provided by organic farming systems in the area of soil conservation and climate change mitigation, including greenhouse gases (GHG). Two new priorities have been added to support (1) the development of educational tools for Cooperative Extension personnel and other agricultural professionals who advise producers on organic practices and (2) the development of cultural practices and other allowable alternatives to substances recommended for removal from the National Organic Programs National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. Practices and systems to be addressed include those associated with organic crops, organic animal production, and organic systems integrating plant and animal production. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-transitions-org>

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**Program:** [\*\*Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSI\) Education Grants Program\*\*](#)

**Description:** This competitive grants program is intended to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to carry out higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. Programs aim to attract outstanding students and produce graduates capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. Deadline: Feb 12, 2016, APPLICATION DEADLINES: Collaboration Applications Deadline: February 9, 2016 Standard Applications Deadline: February 10, 2016 Strengthening Applications Deadline: February 12, 2016

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/hispanic-serving-institutions-education-grants-program-hsi>

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**Program:** [\*\*Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative\*\*](#)

**Description:** The OREI seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education, and extension activities. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. Deadline is March 10, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-agriculture-research-and-extension-initiative>

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**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>

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**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>

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

**Program:** **FY 2016 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program**

**Description:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites small businesses to submit Phase I research applications under this Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO). Firms with strong research capabilities in any of the areas listed in Section 9 of this FFO are encouraged to participate. Applications not addressing one of the subtopics in Section 9 are not responsive to this FFO. The NIST FY 2016 SBIR program identifies and solicits applications in topics that fall within NIST's mission and allow collaboration between NIST scientists and the SBIR awardees whenever possible. In order to ensure a greater strategic alignment between the SBIR program and NIST's laboratory research program, the SBIR topics are the priority areas identified in the NIST Programmatic Plan FY 2016-2018 available at: <http://www.nist.gov/director/planning/planning.cfm>. Deadline is April 14, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.nist.gov/tpo/sbir/upload/FY16-Phase-I-SBIR-FFO-final.pdf>

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**Program:** **FY 2016 – FY 2019 EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program**

**Description:** Under the Planning program EDA assists eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective

regions. Deadline: Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received. This Planning and Local Technical Assistance opportunity will remain in effect until superseded by a future announcement.

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

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**Program:** [Financial Assistance to Establish Four NOAA Cooperative Science Centers at Minority Serving Institutions](#)

**Description:** This Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) plans to support four awards to establish CSCs at MSIs through NOAA cooperative agreements. CSCs are designed to create collaborative partnerships with other academic institutions, including MSIs. Partnerships are also required between the designated Center, OEd EPP/MSI, and NOAA's "Line Offices" listed at <http://www.noaa.gov/organizations.html>. Each CSC must conduct education and research that directly supports NOAA's mission to recruit, train and graduate students, particularly from underrepresented communities, for the agency mission workforce. Deadline is March 30, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=280331>

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### **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\): Small, Rural School Achievement \(SRSA\) Program CFDA 84.358A](#)

**Description:** Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of fiscal year (FY) 2016 SRSA grant applications. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.358A. An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application to receive FY 2016 SRSA funds must submit an electronic application by May 2, 2016, 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time.

**Website:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-05/pdf/2016-02292.pdf>

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**Program:** [Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Office of Special Education Programs \(OSEP\) State Personnel Development Grants \(SPDG\) Program CFDA Number 84.323A](#)

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program, authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), is to assist State educational agencies (SEAs) in reforming and improving their systems for personnel preparation and professional development in early intervention, educational, and transition services in order to improve results for children with disabilities. Deadline is March 21, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-03/pdf/2016-02008.pdf>

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**Program:** [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\): College Assistance Migrant Program \(CAMP\) CFDA Number 84.149A](#)

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purpose of CAMP is to provide academic and financial support to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers and members of their immediate family complete their first year of college and continue in postsecondary education. Deadline is March 7, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-07/pdf/2016-00083.pdf>

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**Program:** [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\): High School Equivalency Program \(HEP\) CFDA Number 84.141A](#)

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purposes of HEP are to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers and members of their immediate family: (1) Obtain a general education



diploma that meets the guidelines for high school equivalency (HSE) established by the State in which the HEP project is conducted; and (2) gain employment or be placed in an institution of higher education (IHE) or other postsecondary education or training. Deadline is March 7, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-07/pdf/2016-00084.pdf>

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**Program:** [OSERS-OSEP: Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities: Captioned and Described Educational Media CFDA Number 84.327N](#)

**Description:** Purpose of Program: The purposes of the Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program are to: (1) Improve results for students with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom for students with disabilities; (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom; and (4) provide accessible educational materials to students with disabilities in a timely manner. Deadline is February 22, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-24/pdf/2015-32508.pdf>

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**Program:** [Office of English Language Acquisition \(OELA\): National Professional Development Program CFDA Number 84.365Z](#)

**Description:** The purpose of these grants is to support professional development activities that will improve classroom instruction for English Learners (ELs) and assist educational personnel working with such children to meet high professional standards, including standards for certification and licensure for teachers who work in language instruction educational programs to serve ELs. Deadline is February 19, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-11/pdf/2015-31290.pdf>

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## **U.S. Department of Energy**

**Program:** [NIH Pathway to Independence Award \(Parent K99/R00\)](#)

**Description:** The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. Deadline is May 7, 2016.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-077.html>

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

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

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

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

**Program:** **Community-Based Organization Outcome Monitoring Projects for PS15-1502 HIV-Positive and High-Risk HIV-Negative Clients**

**Description:** In July 2015, through FOA CDC-RFA-PS15-1502, "Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded funds to 90 CBOs to implement comprehensive HIV prevention programs to HIV-positive persons and high-risk HIV negative persons to reduce morbidity, mortality, and related health disparities. CDC will make competitive awards to 15-18 of the CBOs funded under PS15-1502 to conduct enhanced outcome monitoring of PS15-1502 clients over time under two funding categories: Category 1- HIV-positive clients and Category 2- high-risk HIV-negative clients. These outcome monitoring projects will increase understanding of HIV prevention and support services received by PS15-1502 clients, the outcomes of these services, and successes and challenges related to service provision and utilization and as a result improve performance of PS15-1502 CBOs. Ultimately, this increased understanding will contribute to efforts to reduce HIV infections, increase access to care, and improve health outcomes for PS15-1502 clients. In addition, the grantees will build future capacity to monitor the HIV prevention services they provide to their clients and use the data to inform program planning and implementation. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-PS16-1604>

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**Program:** **Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs Financed Solely by 2016 Prevention and Public Health Funds (PPHF-2016)**

**Description:** The Administration on Aging (AoA) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 funds to make two-year grants to approximately 8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based programs that empower older adults and adults with disabilities to better manage their chronic conditions. Goal 1: Significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities who participate in evidence-based self-management programs to empower them to better manage their chronic conditions; and Goal 2: Implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support the CDSME programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program network. Deadline is April 6, 2016.

Website: [http://www.acl.gov/Funding\\_Opportunities/Announcements/Index.aspx](http://www.acl.gov/Funding_Opportunities/Announcements/Index.aspx)

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**Program:** **Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program**

**Description:** The purpose of the Delta Program is to fund organizations located in the eight Delta States that promote, through planning and implementation, the development of integrated health care networks that have combined the functions of the eligible entities participating in the networks in or to: achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. The Delta Program provides resources to help rural communities develop partnerships to jointly address health problems that could not be solved by single entities working alone. Deadline is April 4, 2016.

**Website:**

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/2010/Web2External/Interface/FundingCycle/ExternalView.aspx?fCycleID=f9e2b96d-1deb-4995-8d07-7c2e21bd2e57>

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**Program:** **Communities Addressing Childhood Trauma (ACT)**

**Description:** The mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs to eliminate health disparities. OMH serves as the focal point in HHS for leadership, policy development and coordination, service demonstrations, information exchange, coalition and partnership building, and related efforts to address the health needs of racial and ethnic minorities. Deadline is April 18, 2016.

**Website:**

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55641>

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**Program:** **Small Business Alzheimer's Disease Research (R41/R42)**

**Description:** The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to encourage Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) applications from eligible small business concerns in the area of Alzheimer's disease. Deadline is April 5, 2019.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-092.html>

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**Program:** **2016 Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (Short Title: CABHI)**

**Description:** The purpose of this jointly funded program is to enhance and/or expand the infrastructure and mental health and substance use treatment services of states and territories (hereafter referred to as "states"), local governments, and other domestic public and private nonprofit entities, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges, and community- and faith-based organizations (hereafter referred to as "communities"). Deadline is March 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-16-007>

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**Program:** **Rural Health Research Center Cooperative Agreement**

**Deadline:** The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to increase the amount of high-quality, impartial, policy-relevant research available to assist health care providers and decision-makers at the Federal, State and local levels better understand the challenges faced by rural communities and provide information that will inform policies designed to improve access to health care and population health. RHRC recipients will conduct policy-oriented health services research on rural issues and synthesize the issues into publically available policy briefs designed to be easily understood by a non-technical audience. Deadline is March 14, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-16-054>

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**Program:** **Accountable Health Communities**

**Deadline:** The Accountable Health Communities model, as authorized under section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), provides funding opportunities to community based organizations, healthcare provider practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities for the purpose of testing whether systematically identifying the health-related social needs of community-dwelling



Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and addressing their identified needs impacts those beneficiaries total health care costs and their inpatient and outpatient utilization of health care services. Deadline is March 31, 2016.

**Website:**

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55237>

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**Program:**

**Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program**

**Description:**

Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) assist health care organizations, health care networks, and health care providers in the implementation of cost-effective telehealth programs to serve rural and medically underserved areas and populations. This FOA will fund two different types of TRCs. This FOA will support twelve TRCs that focus on State-wide and regional telehealth activities and are referred to as Regional TRCs (RTRCs). Deadline is March 4, 2016.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-16-013>

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**Program:**

**Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program**

**Description:**

This program will provide funding during federal fiscal years 2016 – 2019. Approximately \$4,150,000 is expected to be available annually to fund up to 21 recipients. Applicants may apply for a ceiling amount of up to \$200,000 per year. This program announcement is subject to the appropriation of funds, and is a contingency action taken to ensure that, should funds become available for this purpose, applications can be processed, and funds can be awarded in a timely manner. The project period is three (3) years. Deadline is March 4, 2016.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-16-019>

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**Program:**

**Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program**

**Description:**

The DFC Program was created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-20). The DFC Support Program has two goals: 1. Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth\*. 2. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. \*For the purposes of this FOA, “youth” is defined as individuals 18 years of age and younger. Deadline is March 18, 2016.

**Website:**

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-001>

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**Program:**

**MCH Navigator Program**

**Description:**

The MCH Navigator Program is designed to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and capacity of the MCH workforce through online continuing education tailored to meet the needs of emerging and practicing MCH professionals. This program supports HRSA Strategic Plan 2010-2015 goals to improve access to quality health care and services, strengthen the health workforce, and improve health equity. Federal, state, and local MCH agencies are tasked with improving the health of all U.S. women, children, and families. Deadline is February 12, 2016.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=280512>

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**Program:** **Development and Translation of Medical Technologies to Reduce Health Disparities (SBIR) (R43/R44)**

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small business concerns (SBCs) that propose to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Appropriate medical technologies should be effective, affordable, culturally acceptable, and deliverable to those who need them. Grant applications must address the healthcare needs of a health disparity population and must involve a formal collaboration with a healthcare provider or other healthcare organization serving one or more health disparity populations during Phase I and Phase II. Deadline is July 6, 2016.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-EB-16-001.html>

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**Program:** **Improving Diabetes Management in Pre-teens, Adolescents and/or Young Adults with Type 1 Diabetes (DP3)**

**Description:** The goal of this FOA is to encourage applications from institutions/organizations proposing to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in pre-teens (ages 10-12), adolescents (ages 13-18) and/or young adults (ages 19-30) with type 1 diabetes. At the end of the funding period, there should be a well-developed and well-characterized intervention that has been demonstrated to be safe, feasible to implement, acceptable in the target population, and, if promising, ready to be tested in a larger efficacy trial. Deadline is June 22, 2016.

**Website:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-16-001.html>

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**Program:** **Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program**

**Description:** This announcement solicits applications for the Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program. The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program works to ensure that critically ill and injured children receive optimal pediatric emergency care. The goal of the Targeted Issues Program is to support strategies to improve the quality of pediatric care delivered in emergency care settings across the continuum of emergency care through the implementation of pediatric emergency care research and innovative cross-cutting projects. Targeted Issues programs translate research into practice and improve pediatric health outcomes related to emergency care (e.g., reduced severity of asthma, decreased hospitalization for trauma). Deadline is February 29, 2016.

**Contact:** [Diane Pilkey, RN, MPH at \(301\)443-8927 or email dpilkey@hrsa.gov](mailto:dpilkey@hrsa.gov)

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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. Deadline is April 01, 2016.

**Website:**

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

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**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/PA-15-353.html>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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-15-278.html>

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**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>

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

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

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

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

**Program:** **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Project Demonstration and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

**Description:** These grants will also help further the goals and objectives of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), which calls for enhanced collaboration at the Federal, State and community level, among diverse agencies and partners to maximize efficient use of resources to achieve its goals. The activities funded under this NOFA will support the NHAS goals &ndash; to reduce HIV infection; to increase access to care and improve health outcomes for person living with HIV/AIDS; and to reduce HIV-related disparities. These goals will be accomplished through improved cross-agency coordination, resource utilization and service integration among HIV/AIDS housing providers and domestic violence service providers. Deadline is March 8, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>

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**Program:** **Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program**

**Description:** Eligible applicants are Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), local governments, tribal entities, and nonprofits. See the Statutory and Regulatory Requirements in section III.C.1 for additional details and the definitions in section I.A.3.f for definitions of related terms. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. Deadline is February 9, 2016.

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

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

**Program:** **OVW FY 2016 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program**

**Description:** The goal of the Disability Grant Program is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. Disability Grant Program funds will be used to establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of violence and abuse; and identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area, and develop a plan to address those identified needs that builds a strong foundation for future work. Deadline is March 10, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/815406/download>

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**Program:** **SMART FY 16 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program**

**Description:** The Support for Adam Walsh Act (AWA) Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement requirements of SORNA. In summary, SORNA requires: (1) all States, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories, and participating federally recognized Indian tribes to maintain a sex offender registry; and (2) sex offenders to register and maintain a current registration in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, is an employee, or is a student. SORNA also sets forth requirements for sex offender registries, to include: specified required information, duration of registration, and in-person verification of sex offender identity as well as participation in the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW), and the utilization of the SORNA Exchange Portal. Deadline is April 7, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.smart.gov/pdfs/SMARTFY16AWA.pdf>

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**Program:** **OJJDP FY 16 Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Program**

**Description:** This program will fund agencies that use a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to provide intervention and supervision services for youth with sexual behavior problems and treatment services for their child victims and families. Award recipients will target services for youth with sexual behavior problems, their child victim(s), and parents/caregivers of the offending youth and child victims. Youth participating in this program must undergo a mental health evaluation to determine if they are amenable to community-based treatment and intervention. Youth targeted for program services should have no prior history of court involvement for sexual offenses. OJJDP must approve any deviation from this target population parameter prior to admission to the program. This program solicitation has two parts. Category 1 (program sites) will provide funding to as many as three sites for the purposes described above. Category 2 (support, training, and technical assistance) will fund one awardee to provide support and technical assistance to the program sites selected under Category 1. Deadline is April 4, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/YSBPP.pdf>

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**Program:** **OVW FY 2016 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations**

**Description:** This program is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 14045 to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations. Grant funds are used to provide enhanced services to underserved

populations; build the capacity of both mainstream organizations and organizations serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services; and to increase training and outreach activities targeted at organizations providing services to underserved populations. Deadline is March 9, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/811681/download>

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**Program:** [Developing Improved Means to Collect Digital Evidence](#)

**Description:** With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for funding to conduct research and technology development leading to the introduction into practice of new and innovative tools to: -Process large-scale computer networks for digital evidence in a forensically sound manner that preserves the probative value of the evidence that the computer network may contain; or -Process mobile devices voluntarily surrendered to law enforcement by witnesses or victims of an alleged crime, which will discriminate between data that is germane to that crime and that which is not, and which will only collect data that is germane; or -Automatically detect children in pornographic videos of varying quality. Individual applicants may propose to address one or more of these topics, but most do so in separate, discrete applications. Single applications proposing to address more than one topic will not be accepted. Deadline is April 16, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-8976.pdf>

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**Program:** [OVW FY 2016 Technical Assistance Initiative Solicitation](#)

**Description:** The primary purpose of the OVW Technical Assistance Program is to provide direct technical assistance to existing and potential grantees and sub grantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. In addition, OVW is focused on building the capacity of criminal justice and victim services organizations to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking and fostering partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address violence against women. Deadline is March 1, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/812911/download>

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**Program:** [Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent](#)

**Description:** NIJ seeks proposals for funding to assist in defraying the costs associated with postconviction DNA testing in cases of violent felony offenses (as defined by State law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to identify and review such postconviction cases and to locate and analyze associated biological evidence. Deadline is April 7, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-8998.pdf>

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**Program:** [OVW FY 2016 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program \(also known as the Arrest Program\)](#)

**Description:** The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) ([www.ovw.usdoj.gov](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov)) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program (also known as the Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program). This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by encouraging partnerships between state, local, and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers, to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire

criminal justice system and community-based victim service organizations. Deadline is March 3, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/811611/download>

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**Program:** **OJJDP FY 16 National Girls Initiative**

**Description:**

The successful applicant will: • Develop and widely disseminate resources, including information on how to assess state and local justice system decisions and processes and their impact on girls and young women; promising and evidence-based, gender-responsive program models that are culturally competent, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate; sample state and local policies; issue papers; talking points; model standards; and assessment tools. • Host roundtables and other regular gatherings to bring together state and tribal juvenile justice stakeholders, state advisory group representatives, practitioners, advocates, researchers, and diverse experts from around the country to promote greater understanding of girls and young women in the juvenile justice system, foster collaboration across the nation, address challenges, and identify priorities and gaps (including those in data collection). • Provide training and technical assistance to support state, tribal, and local girls' coalitions, alliances, and collaborative efforts to advance the needs of girls. • Assist state juvenile justice specialists and state advisory groups to develop state plans with effective gender-responsive services and interventions for high-risk or system-involved girls, including those with a history of trauma caused by physical and sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation, and domestic minor sex trafficking. • Collaborate with other organizations, including private foundations, to support innovation and efforts involving girls' programs (e.g., summits, decision making processes, strategies, evidence-based treatment) that will extend the reach of OJJDP into the field and limit duplication of efforts. Deadline March 8, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/NGI.pdf>

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**Program:** **OJJDP FY 16 Second Chance Act: Implementing Statewide Plans To Improve Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System**

**Description:**

The Second Chance Act Program helps communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges that reentry and recidivism reduction pose. Developing a comprehensive approach for reducing recidivism is challenging for even the most sophisticated juvenile justice agencies, requiring access to data, changes to service delivery, and coordination from multiple systems. This program will provide grants to support the implementation of an existing statewide plan to better align juvenile justice policy, practice, and resource allocation with what research shows works to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Deadline is March 8, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/SCAStatewide.pdf>

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**Program:** **OJJDP FY 16 Mentoring for Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Sex Trafficking Initiative**

**Description:**

This program supports efforts of eligible applicant organizations to develop or enhance their mentoring capacity, facilitate outreach efforts, and increase the availability of direct services for child victims (17 years old or younger) of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and domestic sex trafficking (DST). Under this initiative, OJJDP expects successful applicants to join current and previously funded grantees and to work with OJJDP's training and technical assistance provider to develop or enhance mentoring service models and mentor training based on best practices to focus on the needs of girls and boys, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth who are at risk or are victims of CSE/DST; develop or update



strategies to recruit and maintain mentors to serve this target population; begin or enhance efforts to identify and enroll girls and boys, including LGBTQ youth, who are in need of services; and provide needed services to these youth. Deadline is March 7, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/MentoringCSEDST.pdf>

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**Program:** [OJJDP FY 16 VOCA Regional Children Advocacy Center Program](#)

**Description:** The program objectives of a CAC are to: Assist communities in developing child-focused, community-oriented, facility-based programs to improve the resources available to child victims and families. Provide support for non-offending family members. Enhance coordination among community agencies and professionals involved in the intervention, prevention, prosecution, and investigation systems that respond to child abuse cases. Train physicians and other healthcare and mental healthcare professionals in the multidisciplinary approach to child abuse. Deadline is March 7, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/VOCARegionalCAC.pdf>

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**Program:** [OJJDP FY 16 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force National Training Program](#)

**Description:** This program furthers the Department's mission by providing training and support to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals involved in investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Deadline is March 1, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2016/ICACNatTTA.pdf>

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**Program:** [OVW FY 2016 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault Program](#)

**Description:** The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move survivors into permanent housing. Awards support programs that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. Successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of optional services that reflect the unique needs of victims and promote victim choice and autonomy. Transitional housing programs may offer support services, such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, advocacy, child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff work with survivors to help them determine and reach their goals for permanent housing. Deadline is February 24, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/800641/download>

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**Program:** [NIJ FY16 Research on Measurement of Teen Dating Violence](#)

**Description:** NIJ is seeking proposals for measurement research related to teen dating violence (a.k.a. adolescent relationship abuse). In particular, NIJ is seeking proposals that advance the accurate and developmentally appropriate measurement of dating violence perpetration and victimization among adolescents and young adults. Deadline is March 9, 2016.

**Website:** <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9001.pdf>

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**Program:** [OVW FY 2016 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program](#)

**Description:** The Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program provides or enhances training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation,

including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older. Deadline is February 11, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.justice.gov/ovw/file/797701/download>

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

**Description:** This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues and to apply for funding. The DOJ's existing Tribal Government-specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. All applications must be submitted through the DOJ's online Grants Management System (GMS) at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmsexternal/>. There are two steps: (1) registering in GMS and (2) applying and submitting an application in GMS. Deadline is February 23, 2016.

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

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## **U.S. Department of Labor**

**Program:** **Summer Jobs and Beyond: Career Pathways for Youth (CPY)**

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to provide employment-related services to eligible youth who are new entrants to the workforce, including those with limited current or past work experience. The program will provide youth with work experience opportunities, including summer and year-round part-time job opportunities for ISY and employment and work experience opportunities throughout the year for OSY, and exposure to career pathways in in-demand job sectors. This program will fund projects designed to link existing summer employment programs, including the LWDB-administered local summer employment programs and non-LWDB programs run by cities/counties (where they exist), with LEAs, re-engagement centers (where they exist), employers, and other community partners to streamline service delivery, align resources, and assist youth in preparing for successful entry into the workforce. To be eligible for a CPY grant, applicants must administer an existing summer employment program or partner with an existing summer employment program that is not administered by the LWDB. The Department expects that most LWDB-administered programs will be WIOA-funded. Deadline is March 25, 2016.

**Contact:** Janice Sheelor Grants Management Specialist  
[sheelor.janice@dol.gov](mailto:sheelor.janice@dol.gov)

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**Program:** **LINKING TO EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES PRE-RELEASE THROUGH SPECIALIZED AMERICAN JOB CENTERS (AJCS) – (“LEAP-2”)**

**Description:** The purpose of this pilot program is to provide incarcerated individuals with workforce services prior to release and link them to a continuum of services offered through their community-based AJCs post-release. These grants are job-driven and build connections to local employers that will enable transitioning offenders to secure employment. Deadline is February 26, 2016.

**Contact:** Pia Miller Grants Management Specialist  
[miller.pia.m@dol.gov](mailto:miller.pia.m@dol.gov)

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**Program:** **Strengthening Working Families Initiative**

**Description:** This FOA also encourages applicants to develop an approach that provides skills training leading to family-supporting jobs for low- to middle-skilled parents while simultaneously developing and implementing a plan for the applicant's community or region that helps families better navigate the existing complex systems of supportive services, including increased access to child care. Deadline is March 16, 2016.

**Contact:** Elizabeth DeHart Grants Management Specialist  
[dehart.elizabeth@dol.gov](mailto:dehart.elizabeth@dol.gov)

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**Program:** **Tech Hire Partnership Grants**  
**Description:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department, or we), announces the availability of approximately \$100,000,000 in grant funds for the TechHire partnership grant program. This grant program is designed to equip individuals with the skills they need through innovative approaches that can rapidly train workers for and connect them to well-paying, middle- and high-skilled, and high-growth jobs across a diversity of H-1B industries such as Information Technology (IT), healthcare, advanced manufacturing, financial services, and broadband. Deadline is March 11, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FOA-ETA-16-01>

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

**Program:** **National Summer Transportation Institute**  
**Description:** The NSTI program objectives are to improve STEM skills, provide awareness to middle and high school students - particularly minority, female and disadvantaged youth - about transportation careers, and encourage them to consider transportation-related courses of study in their higher education pursuits. Host sites are required to commit significant program time to classroom participation. The length of the program is typically 2-4 consecutive weeks. Host sites may choose to be student day programs or residential programs in which room and board are provided by the Host Sites to the students. Deadline is March 31, 2016.

**Contact:** Joyce Gottlieb Program Analyst Phone 202-366-3664  
[FHWA-Headquarters Office of Civil Rights](#)

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**Program:** **FY16 Safety Data Improvement Program**  
**Description:** The FMCSA provides SaDIP funds to allow eligible recipients that collect, analyze, and report large truck and bus crash and inspection data to improve the quality of the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) data reported by States to FMCSA. Specifically, applications are sought that will improve the timeliness, efficiency, accuracy, and completeness of State processes and systems. Deadline is April 13, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55596>

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**Program:** **FY2016 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant Program**  
**Description:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 CMVOST grant program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit applications from organizations that provide CMV operator training, including accredited public or private colleges, universities, vocational-technical schools, post-secondary educational institutions, truck driver training schools, associations, and State and local governments, including Federally-recognized Native American Tribal governments that support CMVOST activities. The CMVOST grant is a nationwide Federal financial assistance program intended to reduce the severity and number of crashes on U.S. roads involving CMV by training operators and future operators in the safe use of such vehicles. Deadline is May 7, 2016.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55268>

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**Program:**

**FY2016 Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT) Grant**

**Description:**

PHMSA is soliciting proposals on a competitive basis to receive grant funds for training instructors who will then train employees involved in the transportation of hazardous materials. The HMIT grant program is authorized under 49 U.S.C part 5107 (e) to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to deliver training to instructors to train hazmat employees, and for such instructors to train hazmat employees. Instructors trained under this program will be able to offer training at or in close proximity to their places of employment. Deadline is February 15, 2016.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55213>

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**Program:**

**FY 2016 PRISM Notice of Funding Announcement**

**Description:**

The Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) grant program is a cooperative Federal-State safety program developed to reduce commercial vehicle accidents. The PRISM program encompasses two major processes registration and enforcement, which are integrated to identify motor carriers and hold them responsible for the safety of their operations. The performance of unsafe carriers is improved through a comprehensive system of identifications, education, data gathering, safety monitoring, and treatment. Deadline is March 7, 2016.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55211>

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**Program:**

**FY 2016 CVISN Notice of Funding Availability**

**Description:**

The Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) grant program provides funding for States to advance technological capability and promote the deployment of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) applications for commercial vehicle operations (CVO), including commercial motor vehicle (CMV), commercial driver, and carrier-specific information systems and networks. Deadline is March 3, 2016.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55202>

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

**Program:**

**Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Magnet Fund Program**

**Description:**

The CDFI Fund awards Capital Magnet Fund grants to certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and certain nonprofit organizations to finance: (1) the development, preservation, rehabilitation, or purchase of affordable housing for primarily extremely low-, very low-, and low-income families; and (2) economic development activities or community service facilities, such as day care centers, workforce development centers, and health care clinics, which in conjunction with affordable housing activities implement a concerted strategy to stabilize or revitalize a low-income area or underserved rural area. CMF's award ceiling is 15% of Total Program Funding. Deadline is March 30, 2016

Website:

<https://www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/Programs/cmf>

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

**Program:** **Veterans Cemetery Grants**  
**Description:** Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39. Deadline is July 1, 2016.  
**Website:** <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/>

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

**Program:** **Gannett Foundation Community Action Grants**

**Description:** The Gannett Foundation's Community Action grants support local organizations with funding priority given to programs that focus on:

- Education and neighborhood improvement
- Economic development
- Youth development
- Community problem-solving
- Assistance to disadvantaged people
- Environmental conservation
- Cultural enrichment

**Deadline is Feb. 28, 2016**

**Website:** <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

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**Program:** **Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund**

**Description:** The mission of the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation is to improve the quality of life in communities where it operates. Funding priorities include:

- **Affordable housing and shelter:** Supports programs that construct and maintain affordable, efficient and healthy housing, including programs that provide affordable homes for working families and programs that help homeless families find permanent housing.
- **Education and youth development:** Supports public schools in district-level improvements to teaching and learning. Also supports educational programs for youth.
- **Environmental stewardship:** Supports projects that assist in green building and energy efficiency, conservation of natural resources, and climate change efforts.
- **Human services, civic, and cultural growth:** Supports programs that assist the most vulnerable residents of their community. Funds programs that serve the basic needs of families, promote economic development, provide cultural enrichment, and respond to local emergencies or disasters.

**Deadline:** Grant proposals are accepted until August 31, but it is recommended that proposals are submitted well in advance of the deadline.

**Website:** <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/sustainability/communities/community-investment/giving-fund/>

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**Program:** **Alabama Family Planning Services Grants**

**Description:** Grants to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which will provide family planning services to all people within the applicant's designated service area.

Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and referral services.

Deadline is April 1, 2016.

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

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**Program:** **BBVA Compass Foundation Grants**

**Description:** BBVA Compass Foundation Grants funds organizations working in the following priority areas

- Health and Human Services:
  - Enable and sustain independence for individuals and families
  - Ensure access to health education programs
  - Ensure access to quality healthcare
- Community development
- Education
- Arts and culture
- Environment and natural resources
- Diversity and inclusion

**Deadline is September 30, 2016.**

**Website:** <https://www.bbvacompass.com/compass/responsibility/foundations.jsp>

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**Program:** **Plum Creek Foundation Grants**

**Description:** Plum Creek Foundation Grants are offered in areas of company operations for projects related to arts, community, education, and environment.

Grants are offered for the following types of projects:



- Human service organizations that serve children, troubled youth, low income and/or needy individuals, senior citizens, victims of abuse, or provide related services
- Hospital and medical programs, equipment, and special projects
- Educational institutions, both public and private
- Youth organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, 4-H Clubs, etc.
- Cultural organizations
- Environmental education and conservation programs
- Civic service organizations that handle crime prevention, parks and recreation facilities, or community development

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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

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**Program:** [Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Programs](#)

**Description:** Wells Fargo supports nonprofit organizations that work on a community level in the areas of human services, arts and culture, community development, civic responsibility, education, environmental consciousness, and volunteerism. Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Website:** <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/>

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**Program:** [Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Accepting Fellowship Applications From Artists and Scholars](#)

**Description:** The [John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation](#) provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields — including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts — except the performing arts. To that end, the foundation awards approximately two hundred fellowships a year.

The fellowships are intended for individuals who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts. The program seeks to further the development of scholars and artists by helping them engage in research in any field of knowledge or artistic creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions.

Fellowships provide grants to selected individuals over a period ranging between six and twelve months. Since the purpose of the program is to help provide fellows with blocks of time in which they can work with as much creative freedom as possible, fellows may spend their grant funds in any manner they deem necessary.

**Website:** <http://www.gf.org/about-the-foundation/the-fellowship/>

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**Program:** [College Board Seeks Application for 2016 College Board Award for Excellence in the Arts](#)

**Description:**

The College Board is accepting applications for the 2016 College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts. The annual award recognizes and celebrates the achievements of arts initiatives that promote learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways for students in grades 6 to 12.

Awards will be given to programs in three categories:

1) Arts Integration: This award will recognize a middle or high school program that uses an innovative approach to cross-curricular study, drawing connections between arts-based learning and the themes, content, and ideas of other subjects, including English language arts, science, social studies, math, and/or other areas of the 6–12 curriculum. Model programs/projects may integrate arts-based methods of investigation into non-arts classrooms, incorporate non-arts content and ideas into arts curricula, or employ a method of collaborative or parallel study between two or more content areas.

2) Equity Through Arts: This award will be given to a successful middle or high school arts program that uses the arts as a tool for increasing academic engagement among underserved students. Model arts programs may have a track record of raising student attendance and graduation rates, use arts opportunities and course work to increase college access and attendance among students, or successfully build student awareness of and preparation for professional opportunities in the arts.

3) Civic Engagement/Professional Partnerships: This award will recognize a middle or high school arts program that uses arts experiences as vehicles for community engagement. Programs eligible for the civic engagement award may foster collaborations between students and local arts professionals or nonprofit organizations, engage students in developing original arts-focused projects or fundraisers in partnership with local or national nonprofits, or employ other methods of using the arts to increase community involvement among young people.

Within each of these three categories, one award in the amount of \$5,000 will be given to the winning schools to support the continuation and growth of their arts programs. Among the three winning schools, one will be named the national winner and will be awarded an additional \$2,500.

Programs must have been in place for a minimum of one year prior to the application date. Applicants must be a College Board member institution or member district serving grades 6-12. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible, but semi-finalists, honorable mentions, and schools that have applied in the past are encouraged to reapply.

**Deadline is April 18, 2016.**

**Website:** <https://artsaward.collegeboard.org/>

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**Program:** [USA Funds Seeks Applications for Mayor-Led College Success Programs](#)

**Description:** USA Funds, in partnership with the United States Conference of Mayors, has issued an RFP for its National Education Pathways With a Purpose grant competition.



Now in its second year, the annual program is designed to recognize excellence in mayor-led programs that provide a more purposeful path for America's students to and through college and on to rewarding careers and successful lives.

Grants will be awarded to mayor-led programs that enhance student persistence in and completion of postsecondary education or training programs; enhance employment of graduates of postsecondary education or training programs in high-value occupations; support better alignment of education and training programs with workforce needs while enhancing the dialogue between employers and education providers; promote innovations that help students complete high-quality education and training programs faster, at less cost, and with better prospects for rewarding careers; help disadvantaged students graduate from high school with the tools they need to succeed in college and on the job, including programs that provide work experience during their years in school; and/or use data to help students and families, policy makers, employers, and educational institutions make better decisions with regard to education and the workforce.

The 2016 program will award \$100,000 to a large city with a population greater than 500,000; \$40,000 to a medium-sized city with a population between 200,000 and 500,000; and \$10,000 to a small city.

**Deadline is March 31, 2016.**

**Website:**

<http://www.usafunds.org/NewsMedia/NewsReleases/Pages/nr01222015-US-Conference-Mayors-USA-Funds-Announce-Grant-Competition.aspx>

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**Program:**

**Mary Kay Foundation Accepting Applications for Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Program**

**Description:**

The goal of the Mary Kay Foundation is to eliminate domestic violence. As part of this effort, the foundation makes grants to organizations in the United States that assist survivors of domestic violence by operating emergency shelters. The grants are announced each October in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Funds awarded by the foundation may be used for the operating budget of the applicant, with the exception of staff travel. The foundation will award a grant to at least one domestic violence shelter in every state. Any remaining funds will be distributed based on state population.

In 2015, the foundation awarded grants of \$20,000 to more than a hundred and fifty women's domestic violence shelters across the nation.

Only applicants operating an emergency shelter (immediate overnight housing) for survivors of domestic violence are eligible for a grant. Applicant organizations must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Deadline is May 31, 2016.**

**Website:**

<http://www.marykayfoundation.org/Pages/ShelterGrantProgram.aspx>

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**Program:** [\*\*Donaghue Foundation Invites LOIs for Improvements to Senior Care Facilities\*\*](#)

**Description:** The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent from researchers for projects that can improve the quality of care and the quality of life for the elderly in nursing homes or other care facilities.

Through its Another Look: Better Health for Elders in Care Facilities program, the foundation will award grants totaling \$750,000 to up to six projects to address a particular problem affecting the elderly in care facilities. New data collection will not be allowed in this program. Researchers applying for this grant must identify a stakeholder in the care delivery or policy arena with whom they will either consult or collaborate and who is willing to work with the researcher to develop a research product that may be readily used to improve care or quality of life.

Investigators at nonprofit institutions in New England and New York that are considered tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. The applicant must demonstrate how their research question is important to the stakeholder and propose a rigorous research design. Grantees may use the award to augment funding for a project already funded through another grant.

Letters of Intent must be received no later than February 29, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by April 25, 2016.

**Website:** <http://donaghue.org/grant-programs/grant-opportunities/>

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**Program:** [\*\*William T. Grant Foundation Seeks Applications for Research to Understand Inequality\*\*](#)

**Description:** In recent years, inequality in the United States has become increasingly pervasive. At the same time, prospects for social mobility have gotten worse. The William T. Grant Foundation believes that the research community can play a critical role in reversing this trend. To that end, the foundation, which seeks to improve the lives of youth between the ages of 5 and 25, is accepting applications for research projects designed to advance understanding in the area of inequalities in youth development and/or to increase understanding of how research is acquired, understood, and used, as well as the circumstances that shape its use in decision-making.

Through its Understanding Inequality program, the foundation will award grants of up to \$600,000 in support of research focused on ways to reduce disparities in academic, behavioral, social, and economic outcomes for youth. Priority will be given to projects related to inequality on the basis of economic, racial/ethnic, and language backgrounds, although research that explores other areas of inequality also will be considered. The foundation prefers projects that incorporate data from multiple sources and/or involve multi-disciplinary teams.

To be eligible, organizations must be considered tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadline is May 5, 2016.

**Website:** <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants#apply-research-grants>

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**Program:** **Artplace America Seeks Applications for Placemaking Projects**

**Description:** Artplace America has announced that it is accepting applications for its National Creative Placemaking Fund.

Grants of up to \$500,000 will be awarded for projects that work with artists and arts organizations to help build stronger, healthier communities anywhere in the United States.

Eligible projects must focus on a neighborhood (or other geographic community) challenge related to that community in the areas of agriculture/food, economic development, education/youth, environment/energy, health, housing, immigration, public safety, transportation, or workforce development. Projects also must use artists, arts organizations, and/or arts activities to help address that challenge.

While the fund has no geographic limitation, half of the \$10 million to be disbursed in this grant round was provided by funders with geographic priorities. As a result, Artplace specifically welcomes proposals for projects in Massachusetts; the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul region; rural communities in Arizona, Iowa, the Upper Peninsula in Michigan, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin; Akron, Ohio; Charlotte, North Carolina; Detroit, Michigan; Macon, Georgia; Miami, Florida; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and San Jose, California. ArtPlace also is interested in projects in states in which it has not yet funded a project, including Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Wyoming.

Webinars for prospective applicants will be held on January 22, February 2, and February 3, 2016. Applicants must register on the Artplace America website no later than February 16, 2016. Full applications must be submitted by **March 2, 2016**.

**Website:** <http://www.artplaceamerica.org/blog/national-creative-placemaking-fund-accepting-project-proposals>

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**Program:** **Good Sports Accepting Applications for Sports Equipment Program**

**Description:** Good Sports helps lay the foundation for healthy, active lifestyles by providing athletic equipment, footwear, and apparel to disadvantaged young people nationwide. By working closely with teams, coaches, and community leaders across the United States, the organization is able to focus on the respective needs of each individual program and help offset the main factors causing the greatest challenges.

Good Sports is accepting applications from organizations and schools for equipment, apparel, and footwear for a wide range of sports. Organizations that are approved will have access to equipment, apparel, and footwear inventory for a two-year period. During that time, organizations can make up to six separate donation requests — as long as need is well documented, donations will be granted. There is no need to resubmit a full application again during the two-year period.

To be eligible, applicants must directly serve youth between the ages of 3 and 18; serve youth in an economically disadvantaged area; be located in North America (the U.S. and Canada); and operate an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunity for play to large groups of children. Schools must apply as a whole; applications for individual programs within a school will not be considered. Donation requests for short-term events such as sports camps and tournaments or to individual athletes will not be considered.

While the equipment, apparel, and footwear received through the program are free, recipients are expected to pay shipping and handling costs, which amount to roughly 10 percent of the donation value, with a maximum fee of \$1,500.

Applications are reviewed on a **rolling basis**. It is recommended, however, that organizations apply at least eight weeks prior to the start of their particular season or program to ensure the desired equipment can be accessed and shipped on time

**Website:** <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

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**Program:** [Captain Planet Foundation Accepting Applications for Ecotech Grants](#)

**Description:** The [Captain Planet Foundation](#) is accepting applications from schools and nonprofit organizations for its Ecotech Grant program, an initiative to support projects that motivate children through science, technology, engineering, and math while challenging them to reimagine the way their world can be.

Twenty grants of \$2,500 each will be awarded to schools or nonprofit organizations for projects that use innovation, nature-based design or technology to address environmental problems in their communities. Ideal projects will integrate environmental education with opportunities for children to solve real-world problems by using science practices and technology to help care for the environment. Projects may replicate successful models or create new and innovative approaches.

Preference will be given to applicants who have secured \$2,500 in matching funds or in-kind contributions. In addition, priority will be given to student-directed projects that provide materials that make the project easy to replicate, including lesson plans, protocols, videos, adaptations, and examples of student work. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/ecotech-grants/>

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**Program:** [Jim Henson Foundation Invites Grant Applications for Puppet Theater](#)

**Description:** The [Jim Henson Foundation](#) awards grants each year for the creation and development of innovative works of puppet theater.

1) Production grants of \$7,000 are awarded for the production of new works ready to be presented in 2017. Workshop Grants of \$3,000 are for the development and workshopping of these pieces. Workshop grants and Production grants can be combined over a two-year period for the greatest benefit to the piece. However, a

Production grant does not need to be preceded by a Workshop grant, and a Workshop grant in no way ensures a future Production grant.

2) Family Grants of \$4,000 fund the development of new and innovative work specifically for children, families, and teenagers.

Grants are made only for the development of new works of live puppet theater. The foundation does not award funds for the presentation or remounting of existing work. Grants cannot be applied retroactively; substantial portions of a proposed project must take place after the funds are awarded.

To be eligible, applicants must be considered tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applications for international collaborations are accepted, but the primary artist and fiscal sponsor must be American. Projects that will only take place outside the United States are not eligible for funding.

Letters of Intent must be received no later than March 14, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by September 12, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.hensonfoundation.org/index.php/grant-application/guidelines>

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**Program:** [Open Meadows Foundation Invites Applications for Women-Led Projects](#)

**Description:** The [Open Meadows Foundation](#) is a grantmaking organization seeking to fund projects that promote gender, racial, and/or economic justice.

Grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls; reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and organization; promote building community power; and have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, projects must be led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities.

The foundation funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, sexual identity and expression, age, or ability. In addition, the annual organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000.

See the Open Meadows Foundation site for past grantees, application instructions, the proposal cover sheet, and key dates.

Deadline is February 15, 2016.

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/site/openmeadowsfoundation/>

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**Program:** [National MS Society Accepting Applications for Pilot Programs](#)

**Description:** The [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#) mobilizes people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.

To that end, the society is accepting applications for its Pilot Grant Program, which funds high-risk pilot grants to test novel ideas that may serve to advance its mission of stopping MS progression, restoring function, improving quality of life, and preventing MS. The program supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care, and rehabilitation.

One-year grants of up to \$44,000 will be awarded to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods, and to gather sufficient preliminary data that can be used to apply for longer-term funding.

Researchers who have completed their postdoctoral training are invited to apply. Individuals who are currently postdoctoral fellows or the equivalent, or who are graduate/medical students, are not eligible for support under this program.

Deadline is April 6, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Pilot-Research-Grants>

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**Program:** **Dammann Fund Accepting Applications From Mental Health, Teen Pregnancy Organizations**

**Description:** Established in 1946, the Dammann Fund is committed to using its resources to support qualified charitable organizations operating programs in New York City, southwestern Connecticut, and Charlottesville, Virginia, with a focus on mental illness or teen parenthood.

1) Mental Health: The fund supports programs that foster independent living for the mentally ill.

2) Teen Parenthood: The fund supports programs that enable development of parenting skills in young parents.

Three-year grant amounts are determined on a project-by-project basis. Grants are not made to individuals and are not made for capital or annual campaigns, endowments, loans, conferences, or travel. Deadline is June 30, 2016.

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

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**Program:** **Baseball Tomorrow Fund Invites Applications from Youth Baseball and Softball Programs**

**Description:** The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

BTF awards grants to nonprofit organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for

youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities.

BTF does not specify a maximum grant award; however, the average grant amount is approximately \$40,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be a U.S.-based or international nonprofit and tax-exempt organization involved in the operation of youth baseball and/or softball programs and facilities. Organizations operating in the U.S. and international locations are eligible to apply. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

**Website:**

[http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball\\_tomorrow\\_fund.jsp?content=overview](http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball_tomorrow_fund.jsp?content=overview)

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**Program:**

**World Hunger Leadership Challenge Accepting Student Entries for World Hunger Service Learning Projects**

**Description:**

The Lead2Feed Challenge was created by the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning and the Lift a Life Foundation, with assistance from the Yum! Foundation, to encourage middle and high school students to hone their leadership skills by completing a service-learning project that addresses hunger or other community need.

Teams of students in grades 7 to 12 in a public, private, or charter middle school or high school are invited to enter the challenge. Each team must comprise at least three students and a sponsoring teacher or adult advisor. Students must be a legal resident of the United States or Guam, a full-time student between the ages of 13 and 18, and a member of a local club or service organization such as the Boys & Girls club or a scout troop.

Each team must create and execute a service learning project to raise awareness of world hunger by setting a goal that attempts to solve a local, statewide, or national hunger-related issue (i.e., help an existing charity or create a project in its community whose mission is to address or solve hunger related problems locally or nationally); developing an action plan to achieve that goal; and demonstrating leadership. Each entry must include a written summary or video overview of the project and quantifiable results (i.e., number of meals served, cans collected, hours of service donated, Facebook “likes,” families served from an urban garden, etc.).

First-, second-, and third-place prizes of \$25,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000, respectively, will be awarded, for a total amount of up to \$275,000. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

**Website:**

<http://www.lead2feed.org/how-to-participate/project-submission-rules/>

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**Program:**

**Gerber Foundation Seeks Proposals for Pediatric Research Projects**

**Description:**

The mission of the Gerber Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children in nutrition, care, and development. The foundation is accepting concept papers for health and/or nutrition-related research projects with the potential to



make a significant impact on issues affecting infants and young children from birth to age three.

The foundation will award grants to research projects focused on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition, and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. Projects may address etiologic mechanisms of disease; new, improved, or less invasive diagnostic procedures; reduction or elimination of side effects; alleviation of symptoms; new, improved, or less invasive therapies or treatments; dosage or dosing requirements or mechanisms for drugs, nutrient supplementation, or other therapeutic measures (under or overdosing); and preventative measures.

Priority is given to projects offering a substantial promise of meaningful advances in prevention and treatment of disease, as well as those with broad applicability to the general population on a regional or national level. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.gerberfoundation.org/pd-research/research-awards/application-process>

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**Program:** [Karma for Cara Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Microgrants](#)

**Description:** The [Karma for Cara Foundation](#) is a nonprofit founded by 21-year-old Cara Becker and her family while she was undergoing treatment for leukemia at the [Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center](#). Cara and her two brothers began volunteering at a young age as part of their family's commitment to community service. She and her family saw a tremendous need to help support other patients and their families who were also challenged by cancer. Tragically, Cara passed four months after her diagnosis, yet her wish to help others through K4C lives on with the support of an ever-growing circle of family and friends.

As part of an effort to promote and support youth voluntarism, k4C started a microgrant program in fall 2014 to encourage kids 18 and under to apply for a grant of between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Examples of fundable projects include but are not limited to turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground, and helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter. Grants will be distributed as gift cards to home goods stores, office supply stores, grocery food chains, and toy stores. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** <http://karmaforcara.org/get-involved/apply-for-a-microgrant/>

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**Program:** [RedRover Seeks Applications From Emergency Shelters to Help Domestic Abuse Victims and Their Pets](#)

**Description:** Founded in 1987, the mission of [RedRover](#) is to bring animals out of crisis and strengthen the bond between people and animals through emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance, and education.

In cooperation with [Sheltering Animals and Families Together](#), RedRover is accepting applications from emergency shelter organizations to help victims of domestic violence and their animal companions stay together during times of crisis.

A limited number of RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing grants of up to \$6,000 each will be awarded to shelter organizations to support the creation of space on site to temporarily house the pets of victims of domestic violence. The one-time grants are intended as start-up funding to initiate projects. It is expected that the funds will enable the housing of at least one pet within a year of the project's completion. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.redrover.org/node/1099>

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**Program:** [VFW Accepting Applications From Veterans for Emergency Financial Assistance](#)

**Description:** Veterans of Foreign Wars is accepting applications from active and discharged military service members who have been deployed in the last six years and have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity. Since the program's inception, Unmet Needs has distributed more than \$5 million in assistance to qualified military families, with nearly half of those funds going directly toward basic housing needs.

The Unmet Needs Program provides financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant — not a loan — so no repayment is required. Eligible expenses include housing and vehicle payments; utility and phone bills; food and incidentals; children's clothing, food, diapers, school, and childcare; and medical bills, prescriptions, and eyeglasses. Each expense will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and payments will be made directly to the recipient's creditors.

The hardship must be the result of deployment, a military pay issue, or military-related illness or injury. It cannot be due to civil legal or domestic issues, misconduct, or any issues that are a result of spousal separation or divorce, financial mismanagement, or bankruptcy. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:**

[http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/?gclid=CjwKEAiAhPCyBRctwMDS5tzT03gSJADZ8VjRw5RxJw1br5NTowrY1NFzylowGtdvOagXa3LHyYK\\_PRoCB4Hw\\_wcB](http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/?gclid=CjwKEAiAhPCyBRctwMDS5tzT03gSJADZ8VjRw5RxJw1br5NTowrY1NFzylowGtdvOagXa3LHyYK_PRoCB4Hw_wcB)

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**Program:** [National Endowment for the Arts Accepting Applications for Challenge America Grants](#)

**Description:** The National Endowment for the Arts is accepting applications from small and midsize organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

Through the Challenge America grants program, NEA will award grants of \$10,000 to professional projects that have a \$10,000 match from an outside funder. Applicants are encouraged to consider partnerships among organizations, both in and outside the arts, as appropriate to their project.

To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization; a unit of state or local government; or a federally recognized tribal community or tribe. Applicants may be an arts organization, a local arts agency, an arts service

organization, a local education agency (school district), or other organization that can help advance NEA's goals. All organizations must have a three-year history of programming prior to the application deadline. Under a new policy to limit consecutive-year funding, NEA will not award Challenge America grants to organizations that have received grants from the program in consecutive fiscal years from 2014 to 2016. Deadline is April 14, 2016.

**Website:** <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>

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**Program:** **Good Sports Accepting Applications for Athletic Equipment Grants**

**Description:** Good Sports in Quincy, Massachusetts, is a nonprofit whose mission is to increase youth participation in sports, recreation, and fitness activities.

To that end, the organization provides sports equipment, apparel, and footwear to youth organizations offering sports, fitness, and recreational programs to youth in need.

To be eligible, organizations must directly serve youth between the ages of 3 and 18 in an economically disadvantaged area; be located in North America (U.S. and Canada); and operate an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunity for play to large groups of children. Winning organizations may make up to six equipment requests within a two-year period. Winners will be responsible for operational costs, including equipment shipping, up to \$1,500. Deadline is ROLLING.

**Website:** <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

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**Program:** **Start a Snowball Invites Applications for Youth Philanthropy Projects**

**Description:** Start a Snowball, Inc. encourages kids of all ages to engage in philanthropic and community service activities. The organization believes that even one child with the right intentions and support can start a project that seems small in the beginning and eventually grows ("snowballs") into something that inspires and benefits an entire community.

In order to help kids kick off their philanthropy efforts, Start a Snowball awards \$100 in seed funding for projects taken on by individuals or organizations.

To be eligible, projects must be led by youth between the ages of 5 and 18 and have the intention of doing good.

Start a Snowball does not give directly to collection funds. The organization also does not provide support for fundraisers for sports teams, unless they serve an underserved or disadvantaged group, or support projects that are discriminatory or political in nature. Deadline is Rolling.

**Website:** <http://startasnowball.com/philanthropic-grant-for-kids/>

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**Program:** [\*\*Russell Sage Foundation Issues RFP for Research on Effects of Affordable Care Act\*\*](#)

**Description:** The Russell Sage Foundation is accepting applications for its Social, Economic and Political Effects of the Affordable Care Act grant program.

The program supports innovative social science research on the social, economic, and political effects of the Affordable Care Act. The foundation is especially interested in funding analyses that address important questions about the effects of the reform on outcomes such as financial security and family economic well-being, labor supply and demand, participation in other public programs, family and children's outcomes, immigrant outcomes, and differential effects by age, race, ethnicity, nativity, or disability status. The foundation also is interested in research that examines the political effects of the implementation of the new law, including changes in views about government, support for future government policy changes, and impact on policy development outside of health care.

Funding is available for secondary analysis of data or for original data collection. Projects that propose novel uses of existing data or analysis of newly available or underutilized data are welcomed. The foundation will not fund research on the effects of the ACA on healthcare delivery or health outcomes (e.g., barriers to implementation, changes in the quality of care and health status, or trends in enrollment and affordability).

Grant requests are limited to no more than a two-year period, with a maximum of \$150,000 (including overhead) per project.

LOIs must be received no later than March 30, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications by July 15, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.russellsage.org/research/funding/affordable-care-act>

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**Program:** [\*\*Barbara Deming Memorial Fund Invites Applications From Women Artists\*\*](#)

**Description:** The Barbara Deming Memorial Fund gives encouragement and grants to individual feminists in the arts, specifically writers and visual artists, in the United States and Canada.

Grants of up \$1,500 will be awarded to women poets, fiction and nonfiction writers, visual artists, and mixed-genre (illustration and text) artists whose work in some way focuses on women. Priority will be given to projects that have been initiated or are well under way and for which the artist has substantial work to show.

The fund does not support theater, playscripts, videos, or work that is or will be self-published. It also does not provide funds for editing services, business projects, or emergency situations for people in need.

Individuals working in fiction, mixed genres, and visual arts **must apply by December 31, 2015. The deadline for nonfiction and poetry writers is June 30, 2016.**

As of this year, the foundation no longer accepts applications by physical mail. A processing fee of \$25 is required to submit an online application

**Website:** <http://demingfund.org/apply-pd-11.php>

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**Program:** **Terra Foundation Offers Funding for American Art Exhibitions**

**Description:** In recognition of the importance of experiencing original works of art, the Terra Foundation for American Art supports exhibitions that enlarge the understanding and appreciation of historical American art made between 1500 and 1980.

Eligible exhibitions may take place internationally or in Chicago, and may be aimed at the general public, scholars, or both. Exhibitions that take place only in the United States but outside Chicago must present historical American art in an international context and reach a scholarly audience.

The foundation has a particular interest in exhibitions that add an international dimension to the study or presentation of historical American art or that take place in Chicago, where the foundation is headquartered. "International dimension" is defined as including a venue outside the United[e1] State, a focused thesis that makes a significant contribution to scholarship on historical American art in an international context, and an international curatorial team. Grant funding also is available for exhibitions that include objects from the Terra Foundation's collection of American art.

The foundation also wishes to encourage exhibitions that include new ways of thinking about American art, scholarly interpretation and a contextualized presentation, engagement with exceptional art objects, scholarly publications, and/or educational programming.

To be eligible, institutions must have 501(c)(3) status or the international equivalent. Grants are not made to individuals.

Letters of Inquiry must be received no later than March 1, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by May 10, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.terraamericanart.org/what-we-offer/grant-fellowship-opportunities/exhibition-grants/>

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**Program:** **Lalor Foundation Accepting Applications for Reproductive Health Programs**

**Description:** Through its Anna Lalor Burdick Program, the Lalor Foundation is accepting applications from programs that educate young women about human reproduction in order to broaden and enhance their options in life. The program focuses particularly on young women who have inadequate access to information regarding sexual and reproductive health, including comprehensive and unbiased information on contraception and pregnancy termination.

One-year grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in support of programs for young women, particularly those who are disadvantaged by poverty, discrimination, geographic isolation, lack of specific sex education, hostile public policy, or other factors that can contribute to poor reproductive health. The foundation is especially interested in comprehensive approaches to sexual and reproductive health education; novel ideas, including innovative methods of delivering information; and programs that incorporate advocacy or policy change, consistent with IRS 501(c)(3) status.

To be eligible, applicants must be a tax-exempt organization not defined as a private foundation under section 509(a) of the IRS Code.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, including a description of completed grantee projects and an FAQ, visit the Lalor Foundation website. Deadline is May 1, 2016.

**Website:** [http://lalorfound.org/?page\\_id=9](http://lalorfound.org/?page_id=9)

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**Program:** [South Arts Invites Applications for Literary Arts Touring Program](#)

**Description:** South Arts is accepting applications from organizations that invite writers of fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry from out of state to give readings and conduct educational workshops or similar events.

Through its Literary Arts Touring, South Arts will award grants of up to \$2,500 for literary projects that contain both a public reading and an educational component such as a writing workshop. The project can include single or multiple writers and can involve an event such as a writers series, festival, or single engagement. The maximum grant request is 50 percent of the writers' fee(s). Projects must take place between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017.

To be eligible, organizations must be designated as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a governmental organization and be located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Applications will not be accepted from organizations that do not have a DUNS number. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

**Website:** [http://www.southarts.org/site/c.guIYLaMRJxE/b.7586099/k.9279/Literary\\_Arts.htm](http://www.southarts.org/site/c.guIYLaMRJxE/b.7586099/k.9279/Literary_Arts.htm)

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**Program:** [Craft Emergency Relief Fund Accepting Applications From Craftspeople in Need](#)

**Description:** The Craft Emergency Relief Fund is a national nonprofit organization that awards small grants and loans to professional craftspeople experiencing career-threatening illness, accident, fire, theft, or natural disaster.

Financial assistance ranges from \$500 to \$8,000. Other services include referrals to craft suppliers who have agreed to offer discounts on materials and equipment to

craftspeople eligible for CERF funds and booth fee waivers from specific craft show producers.

CERF loan recipients are expected to repay the loan in full within five years, enabling CERF to have funds readily available for future craftspeople in need.

Applicants must be a professional artist working in a craft discipline (e.g., a potter, metalsmith, glass artist, woodworker, fiber artist, or furniture maker) who has had a recent career-threatening emergency and is a legal resident of the U.S. Deadline is OPEN.

**Website:** [http://craftemergency.org/artists\\_services/emergency\\_relief/](http://craftemergency.org/artists_services/emergency_relief/)

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**Program:** [Presbyterian Mission Agency Seeks Applications for Programs Addressing Hunger in United States](#)

**Description:** The [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#) is inviting Letters of Inquiry for projects that address the root and systemic causes of hunger in the United States.

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to projects that fall within one or more of the program's five focus areas, including direct food relief, development assistance, public policy advocacy, lifestyle integrity, and education and interpretation. Proposals do not need to fit neatly into one of these five areas but may include activities in multiple areas.

Direct Food Relief  
Development Assistance  
Public Policy Advocacy  
Lifestyle Integrity  
Education and Interpretation

To be eligible, applicants must be an organization that can demonstrate that a significant part of its work, or the specific project for which funds are being sought, attempts to address the root and systemic causes of hunger. Presbyterian congregations working to run a hunger or homeless ministry, or establish a new hunger ministry or new hunger/poverty initiative, are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2,000.

Letters of Inquiry must be received no later than April 30, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications by June 30, 2016

**Website:** <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/grants-projects-within-united-states/>

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**Program:** [Home Depot Foundation Offers Grants to Support the Housing Needs of Military Veterans](#)

**Description:** The [Home Depot Foundation](#)'s Veteran Housing Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations for the development and repair of veterans housing. To date,



the foundation has awarded more than \$80 million and has helped impact more than 17,000 units of housing for veterans.

Veteran Housing Grants are best suited to fund single family home repairs when they are a part of a permanent program managed by the nonprofit partner.

Eligible projects include new construction or the rehab or repair of single or multifamily permanent supportive or transitional housing. Grants are awarded solely for the physical construction or repair of housing for veterans (hard costs). Preference will be given to projects that serve the housing needs of women veterans with children, post-9/11 wounded veterans, veterans with caregivers, homeless veterans, and senior veterans aging in place; are located in a major metropolitan area; address the needs of veterans with supportive services or opportunities for community service activities; are supported by a mix of local private/public financial support as well as a mix of local, city, state, federal, and private funding; involve multifamily developments with a successful track record, or new construction or repair for single-family homes; and provide volunteer opportunities for local Home Depot store associates.

Awards typically range from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service for at least five years; have an operating budget of at least \$300,000; and have developed and either currently manage or own veteran-specific housing. For rental projects, nonprofit must have an ownership stake in the development for more than fifteen years. Deadline is

#### 2016 Cycle

Grant Proposal Due	Final Determinations
2/24/16	August 2016
6/23/16	December 2016

**Website:** <http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/veteran-housing-grants>

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**Program:** [Laura and John Arnold Foundation Issues RFP for Criminal Justice Research Projects](#)

**Description:** The [Laura and John Arnold Foundation](#) works to address the nation's most pressing and persistent challenges using evidence-based, multidisciplinary approaches. Its strategic investments are currently focused in criminal justice, education, evidence-based policy and innovation, research integrity, and science and technology.

To advance this mission, the foundation has issued a request for criminal justice research proposals as part of its effort to build an evidence base about the approaches, innovations, and strategies that work best to improve public safety as well as increase the fairness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. LJAF has committed up to \$14 million in funding to support the research: \$12 million to fund at least four

randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and \$2 million to fund innovative, early-stage research projects that, if successful, could advance to the RCT stage.

**Website:** <http://www.arnoldfoundation.org/laura-and-john-arnold-foundation-announces-request-for-criminal-justice-research-proposals>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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/>

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**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>

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**Program:** [Big Read Accepting Grant Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs](#)

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

Community organizations participating in the Big Read develop and produce reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse local audiences. These

programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. 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>

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**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/>

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**Program:** [NCTM Invites Proposals for PreK-8 Pre-service Teacher Action Research Grant](#)

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

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**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/>

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**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>

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**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/>

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**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>

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**Program:** **Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for US Artists 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](http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/us_artists/index.html)

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**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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**Program:**

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

**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>

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**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/>

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**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>

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**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/>

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**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/>

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**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/>

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**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>

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**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>

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**Program:** [\*\*The Office Depot Foundation Grants\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*Environmental Competitive Grant\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*Public Welfare Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Juvenile Justice Programs\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*Ben & Jerry's Foundation Seeks Proposals for Social and Environmental Justice Projects\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*KaBOOM! Invites Applications for Community Playground Grants\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*Binoculars for Young Citizen Scientists\*\*](#)

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

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

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**Program:** [\*\*International Paper Environmental Education Grants\*\*](#)

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

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

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## **SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS**

**Program:** [\*\*Alabama Power Foundation Grant\*\*](#)

**Description:** The Alabama Power Foundation Grant offers funds to nonprofit organizations in Alabama working in one of the following areas:

- Health
- Human services
- Arts
- Community life
- Education
- Environment

Priority is given to projects that address underserved segments of the population and can be duplicated in other communities.

**Website:** <http://powerofgood.com/foundation-grant/>

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**Program:** **Alabama Board of Medical Scholarship Awards**

**Description:** The Alabama Board of Medical Scholarship Awards offers forgivable loans to students enrolled in an Alabama medical school who agree to practice primary care in a pre-approved medically, underserved community in Alabama upon graduation.

Loans are repaid at the rate of one year of service per year of loan.

**Applications accepted on ongoing basis.**

**Website:** <http://www.bmsa.alabama.gov/#>

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**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](mailto:shabbier.olia@adeca.alabama.gov)**

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**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](mailto:shabbier.olia@adeca.alabama.gov)**

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**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](mailto:jimmy.lester@adeca.alabama.gov)

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

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

**Program:** **FY 2016 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**  
**Description:** The U.S. Study Abroad Branch within the office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition to administer the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in International Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(C)(3) may submit proposals for the purpose of administering a scholarship program for credit-bearing academic study or internships outside the United States by U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need (Pell Grant recipients). The intent of the authoring legislation for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is to broaden the U.S. student population that participates in study abroad by focusing on those students who would not otherwise study outside the U.S. due to financial constraints. The Gilman Program provides scholarships to enable U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue credit-bearing academic studies or internships abroad. Deadline is March 14, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55281>

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**Program:** **International Center for Journalists Seeks Nominations for Knight Award**

**Description:** The International Center for Journalists works to empower journalists and engage citizens with new technologies and best practices. ICFJ's networks of reporters and media entrepreneurs are transforming the field. ICFJ believes that better journalism leads to better lives.

As part of this mission, ICFJ is seeking nominations for its 2016 Knight International Journalism Award.



The awards program recognizes journalists who, through their pioneering work or technological innovations, produce quality news and information that makes a significant impact on the lives of people in the developing world.

Award winners receive a trip to the United States, where they will be honored at an ICFJ Awards Dinner on November 14, 2016. Each winner will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and a crystal trophy recognizing their achievement.

Nominees can be reporters, editors, technologists, media managers, citizen journalists, or bloggers. However, to be eligible, nominees must be from and work in Africa, Asia, Central/Eastern Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, or the Middle East. Candidates who meet the awards program criteria may nominate themselves.

Deadline is February 17, 2016.

**Website:** <https://www.tfaforms.com/403927>

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**Program:** **World of Children Accepting Nominations for 2016 Awards Program**

**Description:** The World of Children Award program was created to recognize individuals who make a difference it to the lives of children in the United States and across the globe, regardless of political, religious, or geographical boundaries. The program awards grants to support proven, high-impact programs created by individuals for children that help ensure more children's lives will be touched, improved, and changed forever.

The World of Children Awards honors individuals in five categories -- Protection, Education, Humanitarian, Health, and Youth.

1) Protection Award: Recognizes individuals making extraordinary contributions to children so that they can live free from fear, abuse, and exploitation (including but not limited to trafficking, slavery, and sexual imposition). The minimum grant award is \$50,000.

2) Education Award: Recognizes individuals making substantial contributions to children in the educational arena, including individuals who have made and are making education available to severely underserved populations, those who innovate new and effective methods of learning and teaching, and those whose work creates educational opportunity for children who are challenged or disenfranchised. The minimum grant award is \$50,000.

3) Humanitarian Award: Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the areas of social services, education, or humanitarian services. Nominees must have created, managed, or otherwise supported a sustainable program that has significantly contributed to children's opportunities to be safe, to learn, and to grow; do this work over and above their normal employment or work for little or no pay; have been doing the work for a minimum of ten years; and have an existing nonprofit organization in good standing that can receive grant funds. The minimum grant award is \$50,000.

4) Health Award: Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine, or the sciences. Nominees must have created,

managed, or otherwise supported a sustainable program that has significantly contributed to the improved health of children; do this work over and above their normal employment or work for little or no pay; have been doing this work for a minimum of ten years; and have an existing nonprofit organization in good standing that can receive grant funds. The minimum grant award is \$50,000.

5) Youth Award: Recognizes youth that are making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. Nominees must be under the age of 21 by the nomination submission deadline; have an existing nonprofit organization in good standing that can receive grant funds; and have been doing this work for a minimum of three years by the nomination submission deadline. The minimum grant award is \$25,000.

Deadline is April 1, 2016.

**Website:** <http://worldofchildren.org/theaward/awards-we-give/>

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**Program:** [Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Professional Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member](#)

**Description:** The Sessa scholarship is awarded to a Beta Phi Mu member to increase his/her professional skills through additional study or attendance at a formal program or workshop. Scholarship will be awarded on: 1) Plan of study; 2) Usefulness of the planned study to the applicant's present job; and/or 3) Usefulness of the planned study to the applicant's future professional endeavors. Continuing professional education should not be interpreted exclusively as attendance at a formal program or workshop, but can be activities which will increase the professional skills of the recipient. The scholarship gives very low priority to those applicants who are pursuing a formal degree program. Deadline: Scholarship applications for 2016 will be available from November 15, 2015 to March 15, 2016.

**Website:** <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/25287-Beta-Phi-Mu-International-Library--Information-Studies-Honor-Society>

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**Program:** [University at Buffalo Creative Arts Initiative Accepting Applications for Residency Programs](#)

**Description:** The University at Buffalo established the Creative Arts Initiative in order to provide artists and performers with opportunities to take up residencies in Buffalo, during which time they are expected to create and present new work and interact with faculty, students, and Buffalo arts organizations in a variety of ways. The initiative is dedicated to the creation and production of new work that upholds the highest artistic standards of excellence while simultaneously fostering a complementary atmosphere of creative investigation and engagement among students, faculty, visiting artists, and the Buffalo community.

Resident artists should use their residency to create new works or complete works in progress. To that end, each artist-in-residence will receive an honorarium, access to workspace, performance and/or gallery space, and an invitation to interact with the community through workshops, classes, exhibitions, performances, lectures, and/or public art projects appropriate to the artist's particular medium and project. Proposed

budgets may range from \$3,500 for a short-term project to \$60,000 for a project of greater duration and complexity. Companies and collaborating artists are eligible to apply, as are emerging and established artists. Deadline is March 1, 2016.

**Website:** <http://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/cai/RFP%20with%20Form.pdf>

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**Program:** [Aspen Institute Social Innovation Program Invites Applications for Hearst Fellowship for Minority Students](#)

**Description:** The Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation in Washington, D.C., is accepting applications for the summer session of its William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship program.

The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. One fellowship is awarded three times annually; this RFP is for the summer internship.

The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with the Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation in the Washington, D.C., office of the Aspen Institute. Through the fellowship, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. In his or her internship, the Hearst Fellow undertakes research, writing, and logistical and administrative support for PSI's leadership initiatives, public programs, and convenings. The recipient may arrange with his or her college or university to receive academic credit for the experience.

To be eligible, applicants must be a highly motivated, current, non-graduating graduate or undergraduate student from an underrepresented community of color. Each candidate should have an excellent academic record and also have a demonstrated interest or experience in nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, and the social sector; excellent research and writing skills; demonstrated financial need; and United States citizenship or permanent residency status.

The summer fellow must be able to work as an intern full-time for twelve to fifteen weeks in Washington, D.C. All travel and housing costs must be covered by the student.

A fellowship stipend of approximately \$2,000 will be awarded for the summer session. Deadline is March 11, 2016.

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

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**Program:** [Vodafone Americas Foundation Announces Eighth Annual Wireless Innovation Prize](#)

**Description:** The Vodafone Americas Foundation has announced its eighth annual Wireless Innovation Project, offering applicants the opportunity to win a total prize of \$600,000 for an innovative mobile solution that has potential to solve critical global issues.

The program is designed to recognize the growth taking place in mobile innovation and the potential for mobile and wireless technology to help solve critical social issues around the world. Winners in previous years have received additional funding that has enabled them to further develop and grow their innovations and hire talent.

The winning mobile or wireless solution must have the potential to solve an issue in the areas of access to communication, education, economic development, environment, or health. In addition, the project must be at a stage of research where an advanced prototype or field/market test can occur during the award period; the technology should have the potential for replication and large-scale impact; and teams should have a business plan or a basic framework for financial sustainability and rollout.

Applicants compete for first-, second-, and third-place prizes worth \$300,000, \$200,000 and \$100,000, respectively. Deadline is February 27, 2016.

**Website:** <http://vodafone-us.com/wireless-innovation-project/>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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-opportunitie>

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

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**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.harpofoundation.org/apply/native-american-fellowship/>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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>

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**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/>

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

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

Financial Literacy  
Children's Education  
Diversity  
Environmental Sustainability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**HBCU Scholarship Directory**

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

**Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

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

### **Alabama Scholarships**

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

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

### **Fast Web**

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

### **Scholarship Experts**

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

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

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

## **FELLOWSHIP SEARCH**

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

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

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

### **Minority Fellowship Program**

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

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## **Section VI RESOURCES**

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

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

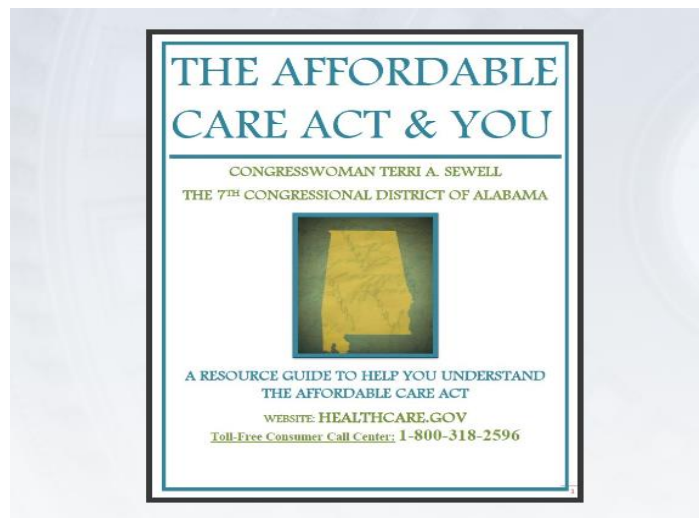
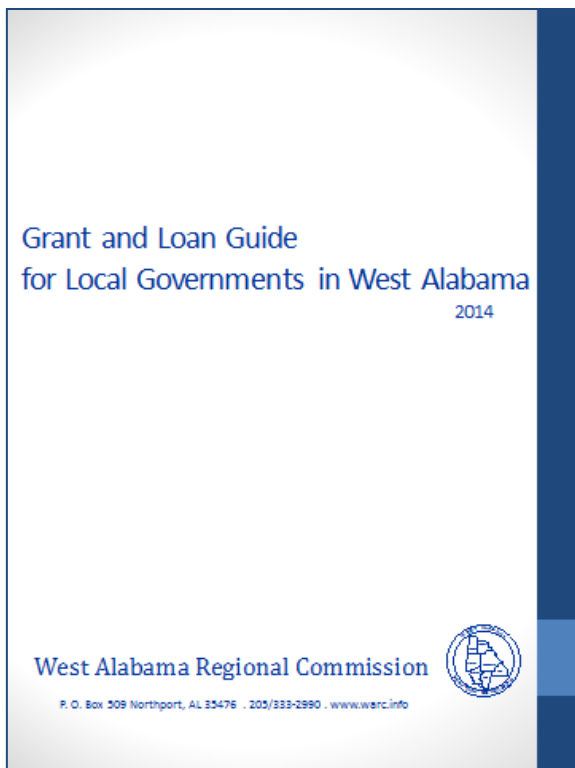
Find the Guide at <http://warc.info/planning-a-development/documents>. Scroll down to REGIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

## Alabama

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

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

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

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

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## ALABAMA ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

**Community Foundations in Alabama** There are 13 community foundations in Alabama, covering 78 percent of the counties in the state and holding assets that total more than \$190 million.

**Daniel Foundation** The Daniel Foundation offers grants in four program areas: Civic and Community Improvement, Education, Health, and Arts and Culture. Applications are limited to 501 (c)(3) organization that are located in Alabama. <http://danielfoundationofalabama.com>

**Alabama Power Foundation** The Alabama Power Foundation allocates funding in four categories: Improving Education, Strengthening Communities, Promoting Arts and Culture, and Restoring and Enhancing the Environment. <http://www.alabamapower.com/foundation/grantsandinitiatives.asp>

**Alabama Humanities Foundation** The AHF awards grants solely to support public humanities projects. Active public participation, involvement of humanities scholars, and strong humanities content are the three essential components of AHF-funded projects. <http://www.ahf.net/programs/grantsProgram.html>

**Gwyn Turner Endowed Fund** The fund is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in partnership with Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Nonprofits and governmental agencies can obtain funding for preservation planning, heritage education, workshops, conferences and special interventions. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and require a 1:1 cash match. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the National Trust Southern Office before submitting an application. Contact the Southern Office at 843.722.8552, or e-mail [soro@nthp.org](mailto:soro@nthp.org). [www.PreservationNation.org/resources/find-funding](http://www.PreservationNation.org/resources/find-funding)

**Sybil H. Smith Trust** Established in 1983, this trust funds organizations in the First Congressional District only. Awards limited to arts, community development, education, and human services. No awards are given for individuals. For more information, call: 251.432.0208. <http://dynamodata.fdncenter.org/990s/990search/ffindershow.cgi?id=SMIT235>

**PUBLIC SOURCES Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs** Community Development Block Grant program can be used to invest in the revitalization of downtowns. <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/Community%20Development%20Block%20Gr/default.aspx>

**Alabama State Council on the Arts** Grants awarded to nonprofit organizations and local governments in the following categories: Presenting Grants, Project Assistance, Operating Support, Technical Assistance, Collaborative Ventures, and Program Development. <http://arts.state.al.us/grants/index-grants.html>

**Historic Chattahoochee Commission** The Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC) promotes tourism and historic preservation in the Chattahoochee Trace, an 18-county region in Alabama and Georgia. The HCC supports preservation through two grant programs: Seed Grant and the Threatened Landmarks Program. <http://www.hcc-al-ga.org/resources.cfm?GetPage=6>

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### ATTENTION VETERANS:

#### FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center

The online Veterans Employment Center is the single federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service Members transitioning to the civilian

workforce, military and Veteran spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, GI Bill beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. It is the first interagency tool that brings together public and private job opportunities with resume building and other career tools currently offered on a variety of websites together in one place.

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

**Veteran Applicant Resources:**

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

**Employer Resources:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA**

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

P.O. Box 2603

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

Phone: 256.389.0500

Fax: 256.389.0599

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

West Alabama Regional Commission

4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990

Fax: 205.333.2713

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

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
Phone: 205.251.8139  
Fax: 205.328.3304  
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 2186  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Phone: 256.237.6741  
Fax: 256.237.6763  
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission  
5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission  
107 Broad Street  
Camden, Alabama 36726  
Phone: 334.682.4234  
Fax: 334.682.4205  
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 1406  
Dothan, Alabama 36302  
Phone: 334.794.4093  
Fax: 334.794.3288  
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1665  
Mobile, Alabama 36633  
Phone: 251.433.6541  
Fax: 251.433.6009  
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
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Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments

2207 Gateway Drive

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## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA**

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

Autauga Area Community Foundation

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

434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223

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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama

*c/o* The Community Foundation of South Alabama

P.O. Box 990

Mobile, AL 36601

Phone: 251-438-5591

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



Black Belt Community Foundation  
609 Lauderdale Street  
Selma, AL 36701-4555  
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131  
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation  
P.O. Box 87  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Phone: (251) 867-4881

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama  
P. O. Box 36202  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161  
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225  
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Website: [www.eccinfo.org](http://www.eccinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576  
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
P.O. Box 2003  
Decatur, AL 35602  
Phone: 256-353-5312  
Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

The Community Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County  
659 Gallatin Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-564-7430

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

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 578  
Athens, AL 35612  
Phone: 256-232-4200

Riverbend Community Foundation  
635 West College Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Phone: 256-764-3431

Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
Shelby Baptist Medical Center  
1000 First Street N.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Phone: (205)669-3737

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>