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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. As your representative, it is my top priority to provide you with the resources we need to keep our community safe and thriving. I will work diligently to provide you with the most current information about funding opportunities. Grant opportunities are vital to the success of our communities, and this guide will identify federal, corporate, and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This guide will include links to federal agencies and 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. Also, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. Stay up to date with the latest information at <http://sewell.house.gov> Please continue to let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

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## [Rep. Sewell Votes to Prevent Devastating Default](#)

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell (AL-07) voted to pass H.R. 3746, the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, to prevent a devastating default while rejecting Republicans' extreme demands to make deep cuts to programs that Alabama families rely on. The agreement, negotiated by President Biden, protects against cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' health care, historic infrastructure and climate investments, and the 40 million borrowers in President Biden's student debt relief plan. It also prevents Republicans from manufacturing a similar crisis in the next two years by suspending the debt limit until January 1, 2025. The bill passed the House Wednesday night by a vote of 314-117 and now heads to the Senate.

Watch Rep. Sewell's remarks [here](#).

"House Republicans could have passed a clean bill to address the debt ceiling months ago, but instead chose to hold the American people hostage and bring our economy to the brink of crisis in order to advance their extreme agenda," said Rep. Sewell.

"To be clear, this bill is far from perfect," continued Sewell. "But it prevents a default. It prevents future efforts to hold this nation hostage for the rest of the 118th Congress, and it prevents cruel Republican cuts. This budget agreement that President Biden negotiated protects funding for education, health care, veterans' benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Most importantly, it prevents Republicans from forcing a devastating default that would kill countless jobs in my district and destroy our economy."

"I join in expressing my frustration with the crisis that my Republican colleagues have manufactured. The American people deserve better than a Republican Majority that chooses to govern crisis-by-crisis.

## [Reps. Sewell, Johnson Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Level the Playing Field for American Workers](#)

U.S. Reps. Terri Sewell (AL-07) and Bill Johnson (OH-06), along with Reps. Frank Mrvan and (IN-01) and Beth Van Duyne (TX-24), introduced bipartisan legislation to level the playing field for American workers. H.R. 3882, the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0, would strengthen U.S. trade remedy laws to protect American workers and combat China's unfair, anti-free market trade practices that distort the global market. Companion legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Todd Young (R-IN).

“As a member of the Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, I am committed to ensuring that U.S. trade policy promotes fair competition and protects American workers against the Chinese Communist Party's efforts to manipulate the global market,” said Rep. Sewell. “Along with Congressman Bill Johnson, I am proud to be introducing the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 which would strengthen our trade remedy laws and push back against China's egregious and unfair trade practices. We know that if American workers are given the opportunity to compete on a fair and level playing field, they will win on the world stage!”

“China's communist regime continues taking deliberate steps that are hurting American workers and our economy by dumping steel, aluminum, and other products on the global markets with no repercussions. That must end,” said Rep. Johnson. “This bipartisan legislation will hold China accountable for these actions by ensuring that U.S. industries and the Department of Commerce have needed tools to seek relief from China's illegal actions. A robust domestic steel and aluminum industry is critical to creating American jobs, strengthening our economy, and protecting our national security. We can't wait any longer to act. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to ensure this bipartisan bill becomes law.”

“Thank you to Rep. Sewell for your steadfast leadership to update U.S. trade remedy laws and combat unfair trade practices,” said Rep. Mrvan. “Every effort must be taken to ensure that American workers can compete on a level playing field and thrive in our global economy. I look forward to continuing to work with all of my colleagues to advance this critical legislation to support the ability of all American workers to grow our economy and provide for our national security.”

“The Chinese Communist Party routinely ignores established trading rules and aggressively works to cheat the system in an attempt to shut American workers and manufacturers out of the global market,” said Rep. Van Duyne. “I appreciate Reps. Sewell and Johnson for their leadership on this important issue, and I look forward to continuing our bipartisan work to stand up to the CCP's unfair trade practices.”

The Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 combats many of China's most egregious practices, such as:

**Country Hopping to Escape U.S. Trade Remedies** - After all the work of winning an anti-dumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) case, relief can be temporary as foreign producers move their factories to other countries to evade the AD/CVD orders. This legislation creates a new successive AD/CVD investigation to combat repeat offenders by making it easier for petitioners to bring new cases when production moves to another country. It also expedites timelines for successive investigations and factors for the International Trade Commission to consider about the relationship between recently completed trade cases and successive trade cases for the same imported product.

**Belt and Road Initiative Subsidies** - Currently, the Department of Commerce can only consider subsidies provided by the government under investigation. However, with the expansion of China's Belt and Road Initiative, China is beginning to subsidize production in countries outside of China. This legislation would give Commerce the authority to apply CVD law to subsidies provided by a government to a company operating in a different country.

**Circumventing U.S. Law** - This legislation imposes statutory requirements for anti-circumvention inquiries to clarify the process and timeline. It also specifies the deadlines for preliminary and final determinations, which currently lack statutory deadlines.

The Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 enjoys strong support from the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), the United Steelworkers (USW), and steel manufacturers in Alabama.

“By strengthening the effectiveness of the U.S. trade laws, this bill will help give the American public confidence that their government has every tool available to fight for a level playing field for the American steel industry and our workers,” said Kevin Dempsey, President and CEO of the American Iron and Steel Institute. “We appreciate the leadership of Representatives Johnson and Sewell in once again spearheading the fight to crack down on unfair trade and help preserve American jobs, competitiveness and cleaner American steel.”

“It has been eight years since Congress has updated our trade laws, and Representatives Terri Sewell and Bill Johnson have introduced the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 to provide a much-needed refresh,” said United Steelworkers President Tom Conway. “The legislation will make U.S. trade laws more responsive to China's foreign investments, which then dump product into the U.S. market. The bill also improves the process for follow-up on trade investigations, meaning U.S. workers and manufacturers can quickly move to stop unfair trade, wherever it comes from. USW endorses this bill and urges the House of Representatives to move quickly to pass it.”

## Reps. Sewell, Ferguson Introduce Bipartisan Save Rural Hospitals Act

U.S. Reps. Terri Sewell (AL-07) and Drew Ferguson (GA-03), introduced the Save Rural Hospitals Act of 2023. This legislation would help curb the alarming trend of hospital closures in rural communities by ensuring that rural hospitals are fairly reimbursed by Medicare.

“All across Alabama, we’ve seen the devastating impact of rural hospital closures which only accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Rep. Sewell. “It is unacceptable that so many Alabamians are being forced to drive hours to receive life-saving care. With this bipartisan legislation, we’re taking action to help keep rural hospitals open by ensuring that they are fairly reimbursed for the critical services they provide. I’m proud to join Congressman Ferguson in this effort and urge my colleagues to join us!”

“Rural hospitals play an essential role in serving their communities and providing vital care to patients,” said Rep. Ferguson. “Georgia has one of the lowest reimbursement rates nationwide, and the Save Rural Hospitals Act would help put rural hospitals in the Peach State – and across the country – on a level playing field by raising their Medicare reimbursement levels. I am proud to work with Representative Sewell on this bipartisan legislation.”

In the U.S., rural hospitals are closing at an alarming rate with more than 194 rural hospitals having closed since 2005. During the COVID-19 pandemic, rural hospital closures accelerated to record levels. In February, the Alabama Hospital Association warned that more than a dozen of the state's rural hospitals are at immediate risk of closing. Low patient volumes and significant financial strain are often the primary factors in these closures, compounded by the flawed Medicare Area Wage Index that results in rural hospitals receiving disproportionately low reimbursement rates.

The Save Rural Hospitals Act would establish an appropriate national minimum (0.85) for the Medicare Area Wage Index to ensure that rural hospitals receive adequate payment for the care they provide, while preserving the existing reimbursements for urban hospitals. This legislation would also help ensure fairness in reimbursements for hospitals across the country—including the many hospitals that are facing closures in rural areas—and fix severe and disproportionate disadvantages that unfairly penalize hundreds of communities and hospitals across the country.

“We applaud Congresswoman Sewell’s steadfast priority for initiatives that strengthen access to health care for the most vulnerable citizens in Alabama,” said Danne Howard, Deputy Director of the Alabama Hospital Association. “The Save Rural Hospitals Act will help address the decades-old flaw in the Medicare reimbursement methodology that has negatively impacted Alabama hospitals more than in any state in our nation. Our hospitals have survived on reserves, cost-cutting measures, staff reductions, and eliminating services. Those options are counter to the mission of Alabama’s hospitals in providing quality care to their communities. The compounded impact of the Medicare disparity has created pressures that are unsustainable. Our options have been exhausted. If nothing changes, more hospitals across our state will be forced to make difficult decisions about their future operations, the services and the jobs they support. Rural America has experienced more than 100 hospital closures since 2010, and many continue to face limited or no access to specialty care. The Save Rural Hospitals Act will ensure that Alabamians have equal access to care and are not disadvantaged for living in a majority rural state.”

Companion legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA).

## **Rep. Sewell Statement on Supreme Court Decision Upholding the Protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965**

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement regarding the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold the protections of the Voting Rights Act in the *Allen v. Milligan* case.

“This is a historic victory, not only for Black voters in Alabama, but for Democracy itself. With this decision, the Supreme Court is saying loudly and clearly that the voices of minority voters matter and that fair representation must be upheld.

“I know that John Lewis and the Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights Movement are smiling as they look down on us. Today, their sacrifice was rewarded.

“Our work is not over. We must continue the fight for fair representation by passing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.”

## **Rep. Sewell Joins Rep. Bilirakis in Introducing Legislation to Ensure Timely Access to Oral Prescription Drugs**

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell (AL-07) joined Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-12) in introducing H.R. 4011, the Timely Access to Clinical Treatment (TACT) Act. This bipartisan legislation would require that patients be provided their oral drugs within an acceptable time frame.

“Undergoing treatment for a serious illness is difficult enough. No patient should also have to worry about delays in receiving potentially life-saving medication,” said Rep. Sewell. “The TACT Act is a simple, commonsense solution that would remove unnecessary roadblocks and empower doctors to get their patients the critical care that they need in a timely manner. I am proud to introduce this bill and urge my colleagues to support it.”

“This bill is about removing the red tape within our healthcare system and ensuring that patients have timely access to their medications,” said Rep. Gus Bilirakis. “Doctors, not bureaucrats, best understand the needs of their patients and should be empowered with the tools needed to provide the best possible care—especially when time is of the essence.”

Patients’ access to the appropriate medically necessary treatment within a reasonable time frame is increasingly challenged by our complex health care delivery system. This is especially true for oral drugs. Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), health insurance plan sponsors, and specialty and mail order pharmacies are notorious for slowing down the process by which patients receive their oral drugs, even in cases where specialty practices can provide those drugs at the site of care via an in-house pharmacy or dispensing facility. In some cases, PBMs even disallow the drugs prescribed.

The TACT Act provides a simple solution by requiring that patients be provided their oral drugs within an acceptable time frame of 72 hours, allowing for situations—such as acquiring financial support—that are understandable and reasonable.

Specifically, the TACT Act will:

Require PBMs, plan sponsors, insurers, and contract pharmacies, including specialty and mail order pharmacies, to ensure that patients are able to receive their prescription medication within 72 hours of having the prescription submitted to the patient’s pharmacy benefit plan provider in order to ensure that there is not undo delay in the initiation of the patient’s treatment;

Allow patients who are not able to receive their prescription from a pharmacy benefit plan provider within 72 hours to seek pharmacy services and receive their prescription medication from any other duly-licensed entity that can fill the patient’s prescription and require that it be covered under the patient’s plan with full use of the patient’s applicable benefit(s);

Require pharmacy benefit plan providers receiving the prescription to confirm within 24 hours to the patient’s prescriber receipt of the prescription and the ability to fill it within the 72-hour period; and

Require that any prior authorization required by the pharmacy benefit plan provider take place in such a time that the 72-hour time limit is not exceeded.

“The Timely Access to Clinical Treatment legislation is vital for patients with cancer and other serious diseases across the country,” said Ted Okon, Executive Director of the Community Oncology Alliance. “We hear stories daily about patients not being able to receive their potentially life-saving cancer treatments because of needless delays by contract pharmacies. We applaud Congressman Bilirakis and Congresswoman Terri Sewell for leading this effort to empower patients to ensure they receive their medications in a timely manner.”



# Rep. Sewell Announces 2023 Congressional App Challenge for Alabama's 7th Congressional District

U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell (AL-07) announced the start of the 2023 Congressional App Challenge (CAC) for Alabama's 7th Congressional District. The competition challenges students in middle school and high school to create their own original app, and is intended to boost engagement in computer science and STEM among America's youth. The winner for the 7th Congressional District, chosen by a panel of expert judges, will be featured on CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The winning app will also be eligible to be on display in the U.S. Capitol along with other winners from across the country. Submissions are due by November 1, 2023.

"Our 21st century economy is constantly evolving with the advancement of new technologies. In order to keep up with the jobs of tomorrow, it is critical that we give our students opportunities to enhance their skills in STEM and computer science," said Rep. Sewell. "I love this challenge because it empowers our students to think big, be creative, and build something of their own. I cannot wait to see the apps that our students submit!"

Recognizing the power of STEM and computer science to foster economic growth and innovation, Congress created the CAC in 2015 to encourage students to pursue these critical skills and recognize them for their efforts. To maintain America's competitiveness, it is crucial that the United States invests in our youth now and helps them acquire these valuable skills.

The App Challenge accepts computer programs (or apps) written in any programming language, for any platform (desktop/PC, web, mobile, raspberry Pi, etc.).

The Challenge's submission portal is now open. Students can register and submit their applications until November 1, 2023. The competition is open to all students who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of coding experience.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GRANT ALERT!

### [DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program CFDA 17.268](#)

The purpose of the DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program is to fund public-private partnerships to develop, strengthen, and scale promising and evidence-based training models in H-1B industries and occupations critical to meeting the goals of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and to maximize the impact of these investments. The United States (U.S.) will need a proficient workforce to fill the good-paying jobs created by this historic investment, and this grant program will train job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical services occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors. The DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program represents a down payment for the future skilled workforce needs that are being developed through the BIL investments by investing in the development and expansion of the workforce partnerships that will be needed to build equitable pathways to good infrastructure jobs. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Grant Program serves dual purposes by implementing and scaling worker-centered sector strategies to support the workforce necessary for successful implementation of the BIL. Applicants must choose one of the following tracks for this grant program: 1) Development Track: Developing and Implementing Local/Regional Worker-Centered Sector Strategy Programs; or 2) Scaling Track: Scaling Effective Worker-Centered Sector Strategy Programs. The goal of the Development Track is to use promising training models to invest in and establish local/regional partnerships that will implement sector-based training programs across one or multiple infrastructure-related sectors. This track will support equitable participation and growth of worker-centered sector-based training programs, particularly those serving rural and smaller communities and historically marginalized, underrepresented, and underserved populations. The goal of the Scaling Track is to scale an existing training model to the statewide or national level, that has shown demonstrated success in one infrastructure-related sector. This track will invest in statewide and national partnerships that will set the stage to enable support and growth in evidence-based worker-centered sector strategies. Both tracks require public-private partnerships to develop workforce training programs which incorporate the following core

principles into their grant project design to ensure equitable access to quality jobs: 1) strategies for ensuring diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; 2) career pathways that lead to middle- to high-skilled employment; and 3) worker-centered sector strategies. To embed strong worker voice into these grant projects, applicants should engage workers during the initial grant proposal development phase to ensure that worker needs and priorities and job quality are incorporated into the project design. Questions regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) may be emailed to [IN\\_FOA-ETA-23-31@dol.gov](mailto:IN_FOA-ETA-23-31@dol.gov). We encourage prospective applicants and interested parties to use the Grants.gov subscription option to register for future updates provided for this particular FOA.

**Deadline:** July 07, 2023

[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund- History of Equal Rights- Preservation Grants CFDA 15.904](#)

The National Park Service's (NPS) History of Equal Rights Grant Program (HER) will preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to achieve equal rights. HER grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. The HER opportunity number is P23AS00474.

**Deadline:** July 11, 2023

[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund - Underrepresented Communities Grants CFDA 15.904](#)

The National Park Service's (NPS) Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC) is intended to diversify the nominations listed in the National Register of Historic Places to include communities that are currently underrepresented. URC grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and nominations of historic sites associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Every URC project MUST result in at least one new or amended nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Deadline:** July 18, 2023



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- Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance - Guidance and key resources to help eligible constituents find information on federal grants, loans, and nonfinancial assistance for projects, as well as on private funding. Prepared by the Congressional Research Service for Members of Congress, updated May 2014. Website: <http://sewell.house.gov/grant-information/>
- A federal grant is an award of financial assistance from a federal agency to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States. Federal grants are not federal assistance or loans to individuals. A federal grant may not be used to acquire property or services for the federal government's direct benefit. The 26 federal agencies offer over

1,000 grant programs annually in various categories. Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants.jsp>

- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization, and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- [Grants.gov](http://www.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.

## **Community Grant Resources (Water/Sewer, Community Facilities, Housing, and Business)**

### [Alabama USDA Water and Environmental Programs](#)

Through Rural Utilities Service Water and Environmental Programs (WEP), rural communities obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems. Safe drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems are vital not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America. Rural Development is a leader in helping rural America improve the quality of life and increase the economic opportunities for rural people.

WEP provides funding for the construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities and is proud to be the only Federal program exclusively focused on rural water and waste infrastructure needs of rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. WEP also provides funding to organizations that provide technical assistance and training to rural communities in relation to their water and waste activities. WEP is administered through National Office staff in Washington, DC, and a network of field staff in each State.

### [USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Alabama](#)

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Who may apply for this program?

Eligible borrowers include:

Public bodies

Community-based non-profit corporations

Federally-recognized Tribes

What is an eligible area?

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.

How may funds be used?

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities

Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements

Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing

Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment

Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools

Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment

Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

For a complete list see Code of Federal Regulations 7 CFR, Part 1942.17(d) for loans; 7 CFR, Part 3570.62 for grants.

What kinds of funding are available?

Low interest direct loans

Grants

A combination of the two above, as well as our loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

What are the funding priorities?

Priority point system based on population, median household income

Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less

Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

What are the terms?

Funding is provided through a competitive process.

Direct Loan:

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicants authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less

Interest rates are set by Rural Development, contact us for details and current rates

Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan, and is determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community

There are no pre-payment penalties

Contact us for details and current interest rates applicable for your project

Grant Approval:

Applicant must be eligible for grant assistance, which is provided on a graduated scale with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs: Maximum of 75 percent when the proposed project is:

Located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and

The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

Maximum of 55 percent when the proposed project is:

Located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and

The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

Maximum of 35 percent when the proposed project is:

Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and

The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

Maximum of 15 percent when the proposed project is:

Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and

The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income. The proposed project must meet both percentage criteria. Grants are further limited.

Grant funds must be available

Are there additional requirements?

Applicants must have legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, repay loans, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities

Applicants must be unable to finance the project from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms

Facilities must serve rural area where they are/will be located

Project must demonstrate substantial community support

Environmental review must be completed/acceptable

How do we get started?

Contact your local office to discuss your specific project

Applications for this program are accepted year round

Program resources are available online (includes forms needed, guidance, certifications)

Request a Unique Entity ID number if your organization doesn't already have one. It should not take more than a few business days to get your number.

Register your organization with the System for Award Management (SAM) if you aren't already registered. The registration is free, but you need to complete several steps.



Who can answer questions?

Contact your local RD office.

What governs this program?

Direct Loans: 7 CFR Part 1942, Subpart A

Grants: 7 CFR Part 3570, Subpart A

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Alabama](#)

Home Ownership, Rental Assistance, Home Repair, Home Owner Disability Assistance, Counseling

[Small Business Administration Assistance](#)

Assistance for small businesses

**Local Assistance in your area**  
[\*\*Alabama 211\*\*](#)

# Department of Health and Human Services

## [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Program Activities CFDA 93.990](#)

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19...” (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). OASH/LDWG seeks proposals for projects that will further enable the coordination and development of testing and associated products that meet the current and future needs, and the effective transition of technology into broad use without impediments. The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

When posted, the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will provide guidance for applicants on the submission of short white papers, which after review, may be followed by full proposal submissions for consideration for funding. Applicants will have the option of forgoing the white paper submission for direct submission of a full proposals. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis to address immediate public needs. Applicants must submit white papers and applications through Grants.gov according to the instructions in the FOA. Applicants must have an active SAM registration at the time of submission and maintain an active registration throughout the review process and during any award that may result.

**BACKGROUND:** On January 31, 2020, HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus, now known as SARS-CoV-2, or COVID-19. Testing is vital to prevent and contain outbreaks that may occur as economic and social activities expand across the country. Accordingly, the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139) provides funding to HHS to “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19...” As part of the response to this requirement, and in order to administer agency actions to mitigate the pandemic, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) complements existing efforts within the Department. To meet current and future challenges with the least possible risk, the nation needs more testing - with increasingly diverse, accurate, and affordable platforms – that are tailored to specific use cases.

**Deadline:** TBD

[Announcement to Support Novel, High-Impact Studies Evaluating Health System and Healthcare Professional Responsiveness to COVID-19 \(CFDA 93.226\)](#)

The health systems research community should prepare to submit applications to AHRQ to fund critical research focused on evaluating topics such as innovations and challenges encountered in the rapid expansion of telemedicine in response to COVID-19, effects on quality, safety, and value of health system response to COVID-19, and the role of primary care practices and professionals during the COVID-19 epidemic. AHRQ is particularly interested in understanding how digital health innovations contributed to health system and healthcare professional innovation and challenges and solutions to meeting the needs of vulnerable populations including older adults, people living with multiple chronic conditions, rural communities, and uninsured and underinsured populations.

# Corporation for National and Community Service

## Environmental Protection Agency

[2024 Pollution Prevention Grants: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products CFDA 66.708](#)

This grant opportunity is announced under the authority of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 and is funded by IJJA. EPA is announcing a two-year competitive funding opportunity for awards to eligible entities, including: the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., any agency or instrumentality of a state or tribe, including colleges and universities, and federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia. Applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to develop partnerships where they can strengthen their ability to provide P2 technical assistance to businesses in disadvantaged communities, which are communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

The goal of this grant opportunity is to address environmental justice by providing P2 technical assistance to businesses (e.g., information, training, expert advice) to improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by increasing the supply, demand and use of safer and more sustainable products, such as those that are certified by EPA's Safer Choice Program, or those that conform to EPA's Recommendations for Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing (EPA

Recommendations). Greater availability and use of safer and sustainable products can decrease harmful chemical exposures and impacts on human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities. Therefore, EPA views these grants as a component of the Biden Administration Justice40 Initiative, which is designed to assure that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

To allow a greater number of disadvantaged communities to benefit from the results and lessons learned from projects funded by these grants, EPA is requiring recipients to develop P2 case studies on approaches to make safer and sustainable products more available in disadvantaged communities where the approaches are new, not widely known or adopted, or where the recipient believes detailed information on the project could support more widespread project replication. Recipients must develop at least one case study during the grant period. Case studies submitted by recipients will be used to build and share a body of knowledge about P2 approaches to make safer and sustainable products more available in disadvantaged communities that could be implemented by other enterprises. In addition to case studies, EPA also encourages other means to document and widely share projects and lessons learned through the technical assistance provided through these grants (e.g., outreach, training, and videos). Guidance for developing these case studies can be found in Appendix B.

**Deadline:** June 20, 2023

# Institute of Museum and Library Services

## [Digital Humanities Advancement Grants](#)

The Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG) program is a joint effort of IMLS and the NEH to support innovative, experimental, and/or computationally challenging digital projects at different stages of their lifecycles, from early start-up phases through implementation and sustainability.

IMLS encourages innovative collaborations between library and archives professionals, humanities professionals, information scientists, and relevant public communities to advance preservation of, access to, and public engagement with digital collections and services that will strengthen community learning, foster civic cohesion, advance research, and enhance knowledge networks.

**Deadline:** June 15, 2023

# National Aeronautics and Space Administration

## National Archives and Records Administration

### [NHPRC-Mellon Planning Grants for Collaborative Digital Editions CFDA 89.003](#)

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), with funding provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, seeks proposals for its planning grant program for Collaborative Digital Editions in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American History and Ethnic Studies. With an overarching goal to broaden participation in the production and publication of historical and scholarly digital editions, the program is designed:

To provide opportunities that augment the preparation and training of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color new to the work of historical documentary editing, especially those currently working in history or related area and ethnic studies departments.

To encourage the innovative and collaborative re-thinking of the historical and scholarly digital edition itself—how it is conceived, whose voices it centers, and for what purposes.

To support planning activities essential for successful development of significant, innovative, and well-conceived digital edition projects rooted in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American history and ethnic studies.

To stimulate meaningful, mutually beneficial, and respectful collaborations that help to bridge longstanding institutional inequalities by promoting resource sharing and capacity building at all levels.

To sustain projects that build meaningful community and user engagement into their plans.

## Collaboration

Grants are awarded to collaborative teams consisting of at least two scholar-editors, as well as one or more archivists, digital scholars, data curators, and/or other support and technical staff, as appropriate to fulfill the planning goals and prepare the project team for implementation at a later stage. We strongly encourage applications from collaborative teams that include diverse faculty and staff in key positions, and that include editorial, archival, and technical staff at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic- and Minority-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges, and/or other Indigenous and Native American tribal scholars and community members, and members of the Asian American community. We also encourage projects to seek out community members as well as undergraduate and graduate students to contribute to (and benefit from) participation in all phases of the project planning.

What is a digital edition? How can I make the most of this planning opportunity?

Frequently based on a corpus of materials intentionally drawn from one or more (often dispersed) archival collections, digital edition projects do more than provide visual access through digitization and online publication. They provide intellectual access to and relevant contextualization for the specific documents and other historical materials that make up the edition's corpus. In the broadest sense, digital editions are intentional, contextualized research collections created for the purpose of raising new questions and advancing new research and teaching in their respective fields of study. Because of the size, complexity (both human and technical), and duration of such projects, which may require up to 10 years or longer to reach final completion, extensive planning is essential for successful development of a collaborative digital edition project.

Eligible projects in this category are encouraged to focus their planning activities on the essentials, beginning with project conception and scope (including plans for understanding and incorporating target user community input); establishing a mutually-beneficial, respectful, and sustainable collaboration; securing long-term institutional support; establishing editorial workflow processes and associated staffing needs (for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, transcribing, annotating, encoding, and publishing the edition); as well as long-term technical and financial sustainability, among other planning issues (see below).

Eligible activities in this category may include:

Travel and related costs for planning meetings involving geographically-dispersed collaborations.

Relevant training for project directors, staff, and participating community members, including (but not limited to) NHPRC-supported training opportunities.

Associated costs for technical planning, wire-framing, and early testing, and evaluation with target audience(s) to determine needs and priorities.

For projects undertaking an extensive or supplementary document search, funds also may be used for initial surveying of undigitized collections, sample document imaging and collection, canvassing, community outreach, and related travel.



For a comprehensive list of Commission limitations on funding, please see: "What we do and do not fund" (<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html>).

#### Award Information

A grant is for up to two years and for up to \$60,000 per year. The Commission expects to make up to 10 grants in this category for a total of up to \$1,200,000. Planning Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2024.

The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications, publicity, and other products that result from its support.

#### Eligibility

U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions

U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions

State or local government agencies

Federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups

Applications from and collaborations involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), and Tribal Colleges are strongly encouraged.

In order to ensure eligibility, applicants should first review the rules and regulations governing NHPRC grants under the Administering an NHPRC Grant section.

#### Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not a requirement. However, the applicant's financial contribution may include both direct and indirect expenses, in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions, and any income earned directly by the project.

NHPRC grant recipients are not permitted to use grant funds for indirect costs (as indicated in 2 CFR 2600.101). Indirect costs must be listed under the applicant's cost sharing contribution if they are included in the budget.

#### Other Requirements

Applicant organizations must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to submitting an application, maintain SAM registration throughout the application and award process, and include a valid Unique Entity ID (UEI) in their application. To register or request a Unique Entity ID, go to <https://sam.gov>. Already manage an entity that does business with the federal government. You may want to consult this article on the transition from DUNS to the Unique Entity ID. Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

**Deadline:** June 07, 2023

# **National Endowment for the Humanities**

# National Science Foundation

## [CyberCorps\(R\) Scholarship for Service CFDA 47.076](#)

Cyberspace has transformed the daily lives of people. Society's overwhelming reliance on cyberspace, however, has exposed the system's fragility and vulnerabilities: corporations, agencies, national infrastructure, and individuals continue to suffer cyber-attacks. Achieving a truly secure cyberspace requires addressing both challenging scientific and engineering problems involving many components of a system, and vulnerabilities that stem from human behaviors and choices. Examining the fundamentals of security and privacy as a multidisciplinary subject can lead to fundamentally new ways to design, build, and operate cyber systems, protect existing infrastructure, and motivate individuals to learn about cybersecurity. The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014, as amended by the National Defense Authorization Acts for 2018 and 2021, and the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, authorizes the National Science Foundation (NSF), in coordination with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to offer a scholarship program to recruit and train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals to meet the needs of the cybersecurity mission of federal, state, local, and tribal governments. The goals of the CyberCorps® Scholarship for Service (SFS) program are aligned with the U.S. strategy to develop a superior cybersecurity workforce. The program goals are to: (1) increase the number of qualified and diverse cybersecurity candidates for government cybersecurity positions; (2) improve the national capacity for the education of cybersecurity professionals and research and development workforce; (3) hire, monitor, and retain high-quality CyberCorps® graduates in the cybersecurity mission of the Federal Government; and (4) strengthen partnerships between institutions of higher education and federal, state, local, and tribal governments. While all three agencies work together on all four goals, NSF's strength is in the first two goals; OPM's in goal (3); and DHS in goal (4).

The SFS Program welcomes proposals to establish or to continue scholarship programs in cybersecurity. A proposing institution must provide clearly documented evidence of a strong existing academic program in cybersecurity. In addition to information provided in the proposal narrative, such evidence can include ABET accreditation in cybersecurity; a designation by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education(CAE-CDE), in Cyber Operations (CAE-CO) or in Research (CAE-R); or equivalent evidence documenting a strong program in cybersecurity.

Service Obligation: All scholarship recipients must work after graduation in the cybersecurity mission of a federal, state, local, or tribal government organization, or certain other qualifying entities, for a period equal to at least the length of the scholarship.

**Deadline:** July 17, 2023

[Computer and Information Science and Engineering \(CISE\) Research Initiation Initiative CFDA 47.070](#)

The NSF Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) seeks to award grants intended to support research independence among early-career academicians who specifically lack access to adequate organizational or other resources, and to broaden the set of institutions capable of performing computing research. It is expected that funds obtained through this program will be used to support untenured faculty or research scientists (or equivalent) in their first three years in a primary academic position after the PhD, but not more than six years after completion of their PhD. Applicants for this program may not yet have received any other grants or contracts in the PI role from any department, agency, or institution of the federal government, including from the CAREER program or any other program, post-PhD, regardless of the size of the grant or contract, with certain exceptions as noted below. Serving as co-PI, Senior Personnel, Postdoctoral Fellow, or other Fellow does not count against this eligibility rule.

Importantly, the CRII program seeks to provide essential resources to enable early-career PIs to launch their research careers. This funding opportunity also aims to broaden the engagement of investigators in CISE research and therefore is limited to investigators that are either (1) affiliated with an Institution of Higher Education that is not a "very high research activity" R1 institution (according to the Carnegie Classification <https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/>) or (2) non-profit non-academic institutions. Faculty at undergraduate and two-year institutions may use funds to support undergraduate students, and may optionally use the additional RUI designation (which requires inclusion of a RUI Certification and RUI Impact Statement) -- see [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5518](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5518) for additional information. In addition, submissions from all institutions may use funds for PI salary, postdoctoral scholars, travel, and/or research equipment.

**Deadline:** September 20, 2023

[Innovation Corps - National Innovation Network Teams Program \(I-Corps TM Teams\) – \(CFDA 47.041, 47.049, 47.050, 47.070, 47.074, 47.075, 47.076, 47.079, 47.083\)](#)

The National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks to develop and nurture a national innovation ecosystem that builds upon fundamental research to guide the output to facilitate the application of scientific discoveries closer to the development of technologies, products, and processes that benefit society. To maintain, strengthen and grow a national innovation ecosystem, NSF has established the Innovation Corps - National Innovation Network Teams Program (I-Corps Teams). The NSF I-Corps Teams Program's purpose is to identify NSF-funded researchers who will receive additional support in the form of entrepreneurial education, mentoring and funding to accelerate innovation that can attract subsequent third-party funding. The purpose of the I-Corps Teams program is to identify NSF-funded researchers who will receive additional support in the form of entrepreneurial education, mentoring and funding to accelerate the translation of knowledge derived from fundamental research into emerging products and services that can attract subsequent third-party funding. The outcomes of I-Corps Teams projects will be threefold: 1) a clear go/no go decision based on an assessment of the viability of the overall business model, 2) substantial first-hand evidence for or against a product-market fit, with a pithy definition of the customer segments and corresponding value propositions, and 3) a narrative of a compelling technology demonstration for potential partners. WEBINAR: A webinar will be held monthly to answer questions about this program. Details will be posted on the I-Corps website (see [http://www.nsf.gov/news/special\\_reports/i-corps/program.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/i-corps/program.jsp)) as they become available.

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted at anytime

[Cyberinfrastructure for Emerging Science and Engineering Research – \(CFDA 41.070\)](#)

The Cyberinfrastructure for Emerging Science and Engineering Research (CESER) program aims to catalyze new science and engineering discovery pathways through early-stage collaborative activities between disciplinary scientists and engineers as well as developers/implementers of innovative cyberinfrastructure (CI) capabilities, services, and approaches. Beginning in FY 2017, the CESER program replaced the Strategic Technologies for Cyberinfrastructure (STCI) program. CESER has retained STCI's focus on supporting innovation across the CI ecosystem with increased emphasis on addressing and enabling emerging areas of potentially transformative research, including NSF priority areas, national strategic directions, and international collaborative research. CESER accepts proposals according to this Program Description year-round. From time to time, NSF may also issue Dear Colleague Letters according to CESER to signal special thematic interests and opportunities. CESER employs existing NSF funding mechanisms to accomplish the program's goals such as Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) and Conference proposals. GUIDANCE TO POTENTIAL PROPOSERS Science/engineering-driven collaboration. A central feature of successful CESER projects is a strong, mutually-dependent collaborative team comprising expertise in the target science/engineering discipline(s) as well as expertise in CI development and implementation. Such a collaborative approach is critical to informing and guiding the development of requirements towards the eventual development and deployment of user-centric innovative CI that fosters new pathways to discovery. Proposals according to

CESER should identify and describe the science and engineering goals and rationale, and explain and support the potential for transformative impacts on science/engineering research and broader impacts. Proposals for technical efforts that are not well-tied to identified science and engineering research challenges as well as utilization scenarios are unlikely to be supported. Exploratory and pilot activities. CESER supports early-stage exploratory efforts that may comprise analysis, community planning, and pilot-level activities that are preparatory or informative for eventual future development and deployment of science/engineering-driven CI. Proposals for full-scale technical efforts leading to development/deployment should be directed to other appropriate NSF programs. Integrative and accelerative approaches. Proposals have particularly welcomed that address identified common needs across multiple research disciplines; leverage and accelerate the impact of existing CI investments in resources and services in one or more application domains; aim to reduce barriers to broader adoption of CI-enabled science/engineering approaches, and integrate different aspects and elements of CI to achieve holistic solutions with transformative science/engineering impact. The requirement to contact NSF Cognizant Program Officers. CESER is an inherently collaborative science/engineering-CI program. Successful CESER projects typically involve co-funding from the relevant disciplinary research programs within NSF. Consequently, before submitting a proposal to CESER, proposers must first (1) discuss their ideas with a cognizant CESER Program Officer to ensure that CESER is the appropriate venue for the proposal and (2) discuss their ideas with the relevant NSF disciplinary science and engineering research program(s) to ensure there is adequate disciplinary interest in the proposed effort. Proposals that have been declined by CESER or any other NSF program may not be resubmitted to CESER without substantial revision. Proposals violating this restriction may be returned without review

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime

#### [High-Risk Research in Biological Anthropology and Archaeology – \(CFDA 47.075\)](#)

Anthropological research may be conducted under unusual circumstances, often in distant locations. As a result, the ability to conduct potentially important research may hinge on factors that are impossible to assess from a distance and some projects with potentially great payoffs may face difficulties in securing funding. This program gives small awards that provide investigators with the opportunity to assess the feasibility of an anthropological research project. It is required that the proposed activity be high risk in nature. The information gathered may then be used as the basis for preparing a more fully developed research program. Investigators must contact the cognizant NSF Program Director before submitting an HRRBAA proposal. This will facilitate determining whether the proposed work is appropriate for HRRBAA support.

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime

### Broadening Participation in Engineering – (CFDA 47.041)

NSF seeks to strengthen the future U.S. Engineering workforce by enabling the participation of all citizens through the support of research in the science of Broadening Participation in Engineering (BPE). The BPE program is dedicated to supporting the development of a diverse and well-prepared engineering workforce. BPE focuses on enhancing the diversity and inclusion of all underrepresented populations in engineering, including gender identity and expression, race, and ethnicity (African Americans/Blacks, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders), disability, LGBTQ+, first-generation college, and socio-economic status. BPE funds research to Understand and analyze the systemic barriers that prevent underrepresented groups from pursuing and succeeding in engineering, for example, understand the problem of insufficient interest and poorly sustained participation in engineering across underrepresented demographic groups; insignificant preparation and scarce opportunities for members of underrepresented groups to learn meaningful, relevant engineering content. Understand and analyze factors that enhance our ability to increase access to engineering by creating support systems and social networks that raise career awareness about different engineering pathways. Develop innovative methods and projects to significantly impact the recruitment and retention of engineering students from underrepresented groups. Activities must be supported by relevant data and have the capability to produce a model that can be replicated in other contexts. Develop innovative methods and projects to aggressively recruit and retain tenure track faculty from underrepresented groups. Design and transform a culture to make diversity, equity, and inclusion a priority in the engineering enterprise. BPE research activities will provide scientific evidence that engineering educators, employers, and policymakers need to make informed decisions to design effective programs that broaden the participation of persons from historically underrepresented groups in the engineering workforce. BPE is interested in funding research that spans K-12 to the workforce and offers the greatest return on investment. BPE funded research should produce outcomes that are scalable, sustainable, and applicable to various contexts, settings, and demographics within the engineering enterprise. BPE is particularly interested in research that employs intersectional approaches in recognition that gender, race, and ethnicity do not exist in isolation from each other and other categories of social identity. BPE is equally interested in research activities that align with and provide meaningful connections to the NSF INCLUDES National Network. The overarching goal of NSF INCLUDES is to achieve a significant impact at scale in transforming STEM education and workforce development by educating a diverse, STEM-capable workforce that includes talented individuals from all sectors of the Nation & apos;s population. Collaborations are encouraged between BPE proposals and existing NSF INCLUDES projects, for example, the NSF INCLUDES Alliances and Coordination Hub, provided these collaborations to strengthen both the BPE and NSF INCLUDES projects. Before submitting a proposal to the BPE program, prospective Principal Investigators are strongly encouraged to speak to the program director to obtain guidance as to whether the proposed ideas are aligned with the strategic goals of the BPE program. Proposal Elements All BPE proposals should Be informed by the current theoretical and scientific literature as well as add to the extant knowledge base. Directly address how the work will broaden the participation of one or more underrepresented populations in engineering. Provide appropriate justification to support the selection of the targeted group(s), with specific and applicable objectives, and demonstrate applicable knowledge of the relevant literature on underrepresentation. Integrate a mechanism to assess and evaluate how well the project has achieved the stated objectives as part of the project management plan. Provide evidence of clear, measurable outcomes and consideration of how the strategy will advance knowledge beyond localized contexts. Incorporate a dissemination plan

that goes beyond publishing research papers and presenting at conferences. PIs should think creatively about who needs to hear about the research for it to have an impact and develop a strategy to reach that audience. Describe how the outcomes have the potential to enhance the diversity and inclusion of underrepresented populations in engineering. The Project Summary must contain a list of 3-5 keywords. Place the keywords on a separate line at the end of the Overview section of the Project Summary.

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime

### [Critical Aspects of Sustainability – \(CFDA 47.041, 47.049, 47.050\)](#)

Economic development and human progress have led to a proliferation of manufactured chemicals and materials made from limited resources found in nature (i.e., minerals and metals, petroleum-based products, and natural gas). Long-term sustainability requires consideration of the availability of specific natural resources, energy, and water usage. NSF continues to support efforts that seek to improve the efficiency with which natural resources are used to meet human needs for products and services. Sustainability research encompasses the design, manufacture, and use of efficient, effective, safe and more environmentally-benign products and processes; stimulates innovation across all sectors to design and discover new chemicals and materials, production processes, and product stewardship practices; and, increases performance and value while meeting the goals of protecting and enhancing human health and the environment. This program seeks to support basic research through core disciplinary programs aimed at improving the sustainability of resources for future generations while maintaining or improving current products to offer technologically-advanced, economically competitive, environmentally-benign and useful materials to a global society. To address these challenges, the program aims to identify opportunities for innovation in a wide range of contributing disciplines as well as integrative activities. This program encourages the development of new experimental and theoretical/modeling approaches that will aid in both reductionist and whole-systems approaches. This program welcomes proposals in any area of research supported through the participating divisions that address the topics outlined below. The selected topics are of particular interest to core disciplinary programs in the participating divisions and do not include all funding opportunities and priorities in the area of sustainability at NSF. Proposals are submitted to the relevant core Programs indicated below in the participating Divisions, and all questions regarding proposals should be addressed by the cognizant Program Officers to which submission is contemplated. Proposals should be submitted with the "CAS:" prefix in the title. The Division of Chemistry (CHE/MPS) welcomes proposals to its Disciplinary Research Programs, including Chemical Catalysis (CAT), Chemical Measurement and Imaging (CMI), Chemical Structure, Dynamics and Mechanisms-A (CSDM-A), Chemical Structure Dynamics and Mechanisms-B (CSDM-B), Chemical Synthesis (SYN), Chemical Theory, Models and Computational Methods (CTMC), Chemistry of Life Processes (CLP), Environmental Chemical Sciences (ECS), and Macromolecular, Supramolecular and Nanochemistry (MSN). All proposals must be on the chemical aspects of sustainability. The design, preparation and reactivity studies associated with new catalysts and catalytic processes that employ earth-abundant and benign elements and raw materials; advanced catalytic methods for the reduction of dinitrogen to ammonia and water splitting are also invited; Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) proposals, where such advances are connected directly to industrial



considerations, are also encouraged. Understanding the molecular mechanisms of the two-way communication between the environment and living systems as well as between organisms situated in changing environments; design and test methods that could confer resilience and/or could foster adaptability of living systems subject to changing environments. Innovative measurement and imaging approaches that can improve the efficiency of manufacturing processes, including advances in separation science targeting reduced energy consumption or generation of less waste. Fundamental studies related to sustainable energy such as chromophores based on earth-abundant elements, advanced electrolytes for battery, water splitting, and carbon dioxide conversions. Understanding the environmental chemical degradation of contaminants, including emerging contaminants. Transformative approaches to the efficient and inexpensive synthesis of polymers or nanostructures using renewable feedstocks or earth-abundant elements; and innovative research that enhances the understanding of efficient use and recycling of polymers and critical elements or the conversion of energy from renewable sources. The development of new synthetic methods using earth-abundant and inexpensive chemicals, fundamental studies that improve our understanding of rare earth elements; the conversion of non-petroleum-based resources into useful building blocks; and new environmentally-friendly chemical syntheses that improve on current practice by requiring less energy, freshwater, reagents, and/or organic solvents. Other CHE programs also welcome proposals on this general topic, as long as the proposals fit the scope of the program. All questions regarding proposals to CHE should be addressed to the cognizant Program Officers for the Program to which submission is contemplated (see CHE Program webpages, <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=CHE>). The Division of Materials Research (DMR/MPS) welcomes proposals to its Topical Materials Research Programs, including Biomaterials (BMAT), Ceramics (CER), Condensed Matter and Materials Theory (CMMT), Condensed Matter Physics (CMP), Electronic and Photonic Materials (EPM), Metals and Metallic Nanostructures (MMN), Polymers (POL), and Solid State and Materials Chemistry (SSMC). All proposals must be on materials aspects of sustainability and focused on fundamental materials-research approaches. CER, CMMT, EPM, MMN, and SSMC will consider proposals on all materials aspects of sustainability. BMAT encourages proposals that take advantage of synthetic biology or other innovative and sustainable approaches (e.g., renewable, recyclable, environmentally benign). CMP encourages proposals on replacing rare-earth elements in magnetic materials with more abundant and accessible elements; also, proposals exploring materials alternatives to oxides for nuclear reactor fuel, aiming at improved stability and properties (e.g., thermal conductivity) and decreased environmental impact. POL welcomes proposals that address plastics waste accumulation through innovative materials approaches and environmentally benign polymeric materials having properties exceeding those of current commercial plastics. All proposals must be submitted through one of the active solicitations of the DMR Topical Materials Research Programs (currently NSF 17-580, 18-500, and 19-515) and must follow the deadlines, instructions, and limitations of these solicitations. Proposals that are not following these guidelines or that fall outside the scope of DMR and its Topical Materials Research Programs will be returned without review. All questions regarding proposals to DMR should be addressed to the cognizant Program Officers for the Program to which submission is contemplated (see DMR Program webpages, <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=DMR>). The Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental and Transport Systems Division (CBET/ENG) has several core programs that review proposals on research topics related to sustainability, including Molecular Separations (MolS), Biosensing, Environmental Sustainability (EnvS), Biological and Environmental Interactions of Nanoscale Materials (BioNano), Combustion and Fire Systems (CFS), and Particulate and Multiphase Processes (PMP).

Within these programs, as noted, the following topics are of particular interest: Understanding the fundamental combustion properties of sustainable aviation fuels under engine relevant conditions. (CFS) Fundamental studies leading to effective methods of processing multiphase fluid systems that minimize waste, avoid contamination, enhance the purity, or lead to novel materials that benefit efficient energy utilization. (PMP) The development of innovative separation mechanisms, mass separating agents, or engineering processes that aim to substantially reduce energy and/or material consumption in the chemical process industries. (MoIS) Fundamental mechanistic investigations for the development, sustainable production and use of nanomaterials, nanoparticles, nanodevices, and nanosystems. (BioNano) Biosensing systems with inherent capabilities of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and decision making for applications in real-time monitoring of environmental and living systems and in evaluating environmentally benign chemicals and materials. (Biosensing) Industrial Ecology: Topics of interest in Industrial Ecology include advancements in modeling such as life cycle assessment, materials flow analysis, input/output economic models, and novel metrics for measuring sustainable systems. Innovations in industrial ecology are encouraged. (EnvS) Green Engineering: Research is encouraged to advance the sustainability of manufacturing processes, green buildings, and infrastructure. Improvements in distribution and collection systems that will advance smart growth strategies and ameliorate effects of growth are supported. Innovations in the management of stormwater, recycling and reuse of drinking water, and other green engineering techniques to support sustainability may also be fruitful areas for research. (EnvS) Ecological Engineering: Topics should focus on the engineering aspects of restoring ecological function to natural systems. Engineering research in the enhancement of natural capital to foster sustainable development is encouraged. (EnvS) Earth Systems Engineering: Earth systems engineering considers aspects of large-scale engineering research that involve mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to climate change, and other global-scale concerns. (EnvS) All questions regarding proposals to CBET should be addressed to the cognizant Program Officers for the participating Program to which submission is contemplated (see CBET Program webpages, <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=CBET>). For the Division of Civil, Mechanical, and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI/ENG), proposals addressing sustainable materials processing are welcome. Of interest are manufacturing processes with reduced use of toxic components, such as solvents, carbon emissions, and pollutants; processes under ambient conditions, as opposed to extreme temperatures, pressures or other harsh conditions; and increased conservation of natural resources, such as water, raw material, and energy. Proposals to CMMI must be submitted to the Advanced Manufacturing (AM) Program and align with the scope of the program. All questions regarding proposals to CMMI should be addressed to the cognizant Program Officers for the participating Program to which submission is contemplated (see CMMI Program webpages, <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=CMMI>). The Division of Earth Sciences (EAR/GEO) welcomes fundamental and transformational geosciences projects addressing the distribution of Critical Minerals and Materials in the Earth. The following programs in the division support research on this topic: Petrology and Geochemistry (CH), Geobiology and Low-Temperature Geochemistry (GG), and Frontier Research in Earth Sciences (FRES). Topics of particular interest include fundamental studies of the geochemistry of Critical Earth Minerals and Materials (CMM), such as: Identifying new sources of critical minerals on the Earth's surface; Constraining their pathways in the natural environment involving concentration by Earth and geobiological processes, and Developing methods for sustainable exploration of these CMMs. Studies can be based on laboratory, field, or modeling efforts, and should have a strong emphasis on training the next generation of geoscientists and educating the public on the importance of CMM. Proposals must be

submitted through one of the active solicitations of the three programs and must follow the deadlines and guidelines of these solicitations. All questions regarding proposals to EAR should be addressed to the cognizant Program Officers for the participating Program to which submission is contemplated (see EAR Program webpages, <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/programs.jsp?org=EAR>).

**Deadline:** Proposals accepted anytime

## **Small Business Administration**

# U.S. Department of Agriculture

## [Micro-Grants for Food Security Program CFDA 10.179](#)

MGFSP assists agricultural agencies or departments in eligible states and territories to increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food in food insecure communities through small-scale gardening, herding, and livestock operations by competitively distributing subawards to eligible entities. USDA promotes climate-resilient landscapes and rural economic systems, including tools to support agriculture, forests, grazing lands, and rural communities. AMS encourages applicants to consider including goals and activities related to reducing and stabilizing the levels of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere or adapting to the already occurring climate change in their project's design and implementation.

**Deadline:** June 06, 2023

## [Food and Agricultural Education Information System CFDA 10.200](#)

The Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS) compiles nationwide higher education data for the life, food, veterinary, human, natural resource, and agricultural sciences through an annual online survey. These data include student enrollment, graduation, and job placement as well as faculty data including salaries. The data is disaggregated by degree program and level, gender, and ethnicity.

**Deadline:** June 01, 2023

## [SNAP Employment and Training National Partnership Grants 2023 CFDA 10.561](#)

Expand the number of skill-based, employer-driven SNAP E&T providers that move SNAP participants toward economic self-sufficiency.

Create new capacity to provide technical assistance through activities such as, but not limited to, organizing conferences and meetings; developing and supporting peer-to-peer learning networks; creating technical

assistance materials such as toolkits, checklists, and curriculum; promoting best practices by hosting webinars and site visits; and providing professional development opportunities for member or affiliate staff.

Provide technical assistance on SNAP E&T to member or affiliate organizations so they can become SNAP E&T third-party providers. Technical assistance should cover increasingly more complex issues over the life of the grant and/or be provided to additional member or affiliate organizations.

Increase expertise on SNAP E&T among member and affiliate organizations so that they can become third-party SNAP E&T providers.

**Deadline:** July 10, 2023

#### [Rural Energy for America Program CFDA 10.868](#)

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (the Agency) is issuing a second Notice of Solicitation of Applications (Notice) under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) as referenced in the notice that was published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2022. This second notice announces the availability of \$1.055 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funds across six quarterly cycles to be obligated by September 30, 2024. This Notice also announces the types of projects that qualify for a federal grant share not to exceed 50 percent of the project cost, a set-aside for underutilized renewable energy technologies (underutilized technologies), as well as scoring revisions to support Administration priorities. Applications received on or after April 1, 2023, will be evaluated and scored according to the provisions listed in this Notice, unless otherwise amended via a subsequent notice. The Notice will not be applied retroactively to any applications previously filed. However, a portion of the funding made available under this notice may be made available to add to pooled funds to fund any Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 applications submitted prior to March 31, 2023, with no other changes in funding provisions or scoring allowed. See Federal Register Notice linked below for more information.

**Deadline:** September 30, 2024

# U.S. Department of Commerce

## [Climate Program Office FY 2023](#)

Climate variability and change present society with significant economic, health, safety, and security challenges. As part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) climate portfolio within the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), the Climate Program Office (CPO) addresses these climate challenges by managing competitive research programs through which high-priority climate science, assessments, decision-support research, outreach, education, and capacity-building activities are funded to advance our understanding of the Earth's climate system, and to foster the application and use of this knowledge to improve the resilience of our Nation and its partners. Through this announcement, CPO is seeking applications for eight individual competitions in FY23. Several of these competitions are relevant to four high-priority climate risk areas CPO is focusing on to improve science understanding and/or capabilities that result in user-driven outcomes: Coastal Inundation, Marine Ecosystems, Water Resources, and Extreme Heat. More information about CPO's Climate Risk Areas Initiative can be found at <https://cpo.noaa.gov/News/ArtMID/7875/ArticleID/1945/NOAA%E2%80%99s-Climate-Program-Office-launches-Climate-Risk-Areas-Initiative>.

NOAA, OAR, and CPO require applicants and awardees to support the principles of diversity and inclusion when writing their proposals and performing their work; indeed, applicants will be evaluated, in part, on how well principles of diversity and inclusion are addressed. Diversity is defined as a collection of individual attributes that together help organizations achieve objectives. Inclusion is defined as a culture that connects each employee to the organization. Promoting diversity and inclusion improves creativity, productivity, and the vitality of the climate research community in which CPO engages.

**Deadline:** November 21, 2023

# U.S. Department of Defense

## [AFPMB DWFP FY 23 Announcement CFDA 12.355](#)

The U. S. Army Contracting Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Contracting Division, Fort Detrick, invites applications for funding opportunities for the Fiscal Year 2023 Deployed War Fighter Protection (DWFP) Research Program, renewable for up to 3 years, administered by the Armed Forces Pest Management Board (AFPMB).

The AFPMB is soliciting pre-proposals for original, innovative research designed to develop new interventions for protection of deployed military personnel from medically relevant pests, including arthropod vectors of disease pathogens. Diseases of significant concern include Lyme disease, malaria, dengue virus and other arboviruses. The program supports development of: (1) new toxicants or the adaptation of existing toxicants to medically relevant pests; (2) new insecticide application techniques; (3) new personal protection tools that prevent human-vector contact; (4) new decision support tools and (5) surveillance tools that focus on improving vector control outcomes. The research should support the U. S. Department of Defense (DoD) “Advanced Technology Development” of new insecticides, improved formulations of existing insecticides for vector control, new technology or enhanced modalities of personal protection from biting arthropods, or improved efficacy and sustainability of equipment for application of pesticides in a military operational environment. For more information about “Advanced Technology Development”, refer to the DoD Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) Budget Activity 3 in the DoD Financial Management Regulation Volume 2B, Chapter 5 (<https://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/archive/02barch/CHAPTER05.PDF>).

The research must be primarily applicable to the military, and products should be transferable to civilian uses. Research should be product-oriented, consisting of advanced research related to a particular technology or new capability, field evaluation of products for military uses, or research directed towards the development of an existing prototype product for commercialization. Research should include the semi-field or field evaluation of prototype products. Research should not include testing and evaluation of commercial products unless they are used in comparison with prototype products. End use products described in the proposed research should be destined for registration by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, as appropriate.

Up to \$4,500,000 may be awarded in FY23, subject to the availability of funds. The total proposed cost cannot exceed \$300,000 per year for up to 3 years (maximum \$900,000 for each project), inclusive of all direct and indirect costs. Proposals will be selected on the basis of peer-reviewed scientific merit and programmatic relevance determined by a technical committee representing the Armed Forces Pest Management Board and DoD Service components.

Pre-proposals will be accepted from investigators who are employed by or affiliated with an eligible institution. Eligible institutions include for-profit, non-profit, public, and private organizations. Federal Agencies may also respond to this request; however, federal submissions will be processed in accordance with applicable regulations.

The pre-proposal package is available at:

[https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/afpmb/docs/dwfp/preproposal\\_form.docx](https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/afpmb/docs/dwfp/preproposal_form.docx).

Applicants should follow the instructions in the pre-proposal form to complete both the form and a separate project summary (quad chart) slide. The pre-proposal form and quad chart are submitted together as 2 PDF files. Submissions are due to the AFPMB Webmaster no later than December 8, 2022 (11:59pm EDT). Late submissions will not be considered.

The estimated timeline for the FY23 DWFP Program is as follows:

- December 8, 2022: Deadline for pre-proposal submissions
- Approx. January 12, 2023: Invitation to submit full proposals
- Approx. March 8, 2023: Deadline for full proposal submissions
- Approx. April 25, 2023: Notification of full proposal selections
- Approx. August 2023: Awards funded

#### [Information Innovation Office \(I2O\) Office-wide CFDA 12.910](#)

This Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) seeks revolutionary research ideas for topics not being addressed by ongoing I2O programs or other published solicitations. Potential proposers are highly encouraged to review the current I2O programs (<http://www.darpa.mil/about-us/offices/i2o>) and solicitations (<http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/opportunities>) to avoid proposing efforts that duplicate existing activities or that are responsive to other published I2O solicitations.

**Deadline:** October 27, 2023

#### [Carderock Research Projects CFDA 12.300](#)

Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division is interested in receiving proposals for the following Basic Research Opportunity Areas:

##### 1. College - University Student and Faculty Research Projects

NSWCCD is interested in receiving proposals directed toward student or faculty general research projects where the focus is upon technologies and capabilities outlined in the Doing Business with Carderock website: <https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/Warfare-Centers/NSWC-Carderock/Business/> under the Partnering with Carderock tab. NSWCCD is especially, but not solely, interested in research projects dealing with Machine Learning, Data Analytics & Modeling, Data Visualizations, Cyber Security, Complex



Systems & Organizational Dynamics, Operations Analysis and Military Utility/Impact Analysis, Knowledge Management & Retention, and Web Presence with Tool Implementation strategies (both for Business Operations and Technical applications). With the latest advances in machine learning and artificial intelligence, NSWCCD desires to begin to see how these advances may impact our activities, especially in relation to laboratory & range data acquisition & transmission, upgrades to our business operations & efficiency, and enhancing our internal communications capabilities by improving efficiency, as well as user experience. The goal of these research projects is to develop and implement innovative tools that will revolutionize our operations thus making us a more secure, efficient, and preferred supplier to our stakeholders.

## 2. College - University Student Capstone and Senior Research Projects

NSWCCD seeks proposals for novel research projects whose intent is the development of future naval scientists and engineers. NSWCCD is especially interested in technical projects dealing with Hydrodynamics (specifically the interaction of fluid flow over rough or bio-fouled surfaces), Unmanned Vehicle Dynamics & Control, tool development for Automated Ship Design, Extreme Environment Materials Development (e.g. Ultra-high Temperature Erosion & Corrosion), Automated & Advanced Materials Processing and Characterization (including Modeling & Simulation), and Structural Health Monitoring. Other technology areas will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. More specific details of various areas of interest can be found at the Doing Business with Carderock website: <https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/Warfare-Centers/NSWC-Carderock/Business/> under the Partnering with Carderock tab. The primary goal of these projects is to develop student interests in naval engineering with an eye toward future employment.

**Deadline:** November 14, 2023

### [Strategic Technology Office \(STO\) Office-wide CFDA 12.910](#)

DARPA's Strategic Technology Office (STO) is seeking innovative ideas and disruptive technologies that provide the U.S. military and national security leaders trusted, disruptive capabilities to win in all physical domains (Air, Space, Sea, and Land) and across the spectrum of competition, from deterrence to high-end peer combat. STO seeks to carry out DARPA's mission of creating high-risk, high-reward "breakthrough" technologies with a focus on ambitious, difficult, and revolutionary projects that achieve significant changes or fundamental shifts in technical capabilities and give our warfighters new ways to fight. STO will develop and deliver solutions at a speed and scale to be operationally relevant in a relatively short time, just a few years, from the initiation of the project to proof of concept.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2024

[DEVCOM ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH CFDA 12.431](#)

The purpose of this combined Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 35 and Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) under 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200.204 (henceforth referred to as “BAA”) is to solicit research proposals for submission to the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Army Research Laboratory (ARL) for funding consideration.

Prior to this announcement, ARL announced two separate BAAs to support the mission: 1) W911NF-17-S-0002 titled “Army Research Laboratory Army Research Office Broad Agency Announcement for Fundamental Research”; and 2) W911NF-17-S-0003 titled “Army Research Laboratory Broad Agency Announcement for Basic and Applied Scientific Research”. This announcement succeeds BAA W911NF-17-S-0002 and BAA W911NF-17-S-0003 combining the opportunities into a single announcement.

ARL’s mission as the Army’s foundational research laboratory is to Operationalize Science to ensure overmatch in any future conflict. ARL’s foundational research mission spans basic research (budget activity 6.1) and applied research (budget activity 6.2) as defined by 32 CFR 22.105 but may include advanced technology development (budget activity 6.3) and advanced component development and prototypes (budget activity 6.4) when opportunities arise to directly or indirectly help achieve ARL’s mission. ARL partners across the national security enterprise to deliver fundamentally advantageous change that is rooted in the creation and exploitation of scientific knowledge.

This publication constitutes a BAA for awards as contemplated in FAR 6.102(d)(2) and 35.016 as well as a merit-based, competitive procedure in accordance with the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARS) at 32 CFR 22.315(a) and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment Other Transaction Guide version 1.0 dated November, 2018.

This BAA document, and the online list of research topics found on the ARL BAA topics website at <https://www.arl.army.mil/opportunities/arl-baa/>, sets forth ARL’s research topics of interest for whitepapers and proposals. This BAA is issued under FAR 6.102(d)(2), which provides for the competitive selection of basic and applied research proposals, and 10 U.S.C. 4001, 10 U.S.C. 4021, and 10 U.S.C. 4022, which provide the authorities for issuing awards under this announcement for basic and applied research. The definitions of basic and applied research may be found at 32 CFR 22.105.

Proposals submitted in response to this BAA and selected for award are considered to be the result of full and open competition and in full compliance with the provision of Public Law 98-369, “The Competition in Contracting Act of 1984” and subsequent amendments.

**Deadline:** November 20, 2027

# Department of Education

[Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Rehabilitative Services Administration \(RSA\): Pathways to Partnerships Innovative Model Demonstration Project, CFDA 84.421E](#)

Note: Each funding opportunity description is a synopsis of information in the Federal Register application notice. For specific information about eligibility, please see the official application notice. The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>. Please review the official application notice for pre-application and application requirements, application submission information, performance measures, priorities and program contact information.

For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Revised Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022. Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Program, as provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103), is to support innovative (as defined in this notice) activities aimed at increasing competitive integrated employment (CIE) as defined in section 7 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act) (29 U.S.C. 705(5))[1], for youth and other individuals with disabilities.

For FFY 2023, the Department intends to fund multiple innovative model demonstration projects focused on the creation of systemic approaches to transition services for children and youth with disabilities (as defined in this notice). Ensuring that key agents of change and required partners (as defined in this notice) -- State vocational rehabilitation agencies (SVRAs), State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and federally funded Centers for Independent Living (CILs)--are actively collaborating to support coordinated transition processes is critical to the success of children and youth with disabilities.

Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.421E.

**Deadline:** June 05, 2023

[Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Higher Education Programs \(HEP\): Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions \(NASNTI\) Program, CFDA 84.031X](#)

Note: Each funding opportunity description is a synopsis of information in the Federal Register application notice. For specific information about eligibility, please see the official application notice. The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>. Please review the official application notice for pre-application and application requirements, application submission information, performance measures, priorities and program contact information.

For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Revised Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022.

Purpose of Program: The NASNTI Program provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) to enable them to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native Americans and low-income individuals. Institutions may use the grants to plan, develop, undertake, and carry out activities to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native American and low-income students.

**Deadline:** June 12, 2023

[Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Higher Education Programs \(HEP\): Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(DHSI\) Program, CFDA 84.031S](#)

Note: Each funding opportunity description is a synopsis of information in the Federal Register application notice. For specific information about eligibility, please see the official application notice. The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>. Please review the official application notice for pre application and application requirements, application submission information, performance measures, priorities and program contact information.

For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Revised Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022.

Purpose of Program: The DHSI Program provides grants to assist Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) with expanding educational opportunities for, and improving the academic attainment of, Hispanic students. DHSI Program grants enable HSIs to expand and enhance the academic offerings, program quality, faculty quality, and institutional stability of colleges and universities that are educating the largest enrollment of Hispanic college students and help large numbers of Hispanic students and other low-income individuals complete postsecondary degrees.

**Deadline:** June 13, 2023

[OSERS: OSEP: Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities--Preparation of Early Intervention and Special Education Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities who have High-Intensity Needs, CFDA 84.325K](#)

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For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Revised Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022.

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

**Deadline:** June 13, 2023

[Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Higher Education Programs \(HEP\): Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education \(FIPSE\): Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development \(RPED\) Grant Program, CFDA 84.116W](#)

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For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Revised Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022.

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the RPED Grant Program is to improve rates of postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and completion among rural students through development of career pathways aligned to high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand industry sectors and occupations in the region.

**Deadline:** June 20, 2023

[Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Higher Education Programs \(HEP\): Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans \(PPOHA\) Program, Assistance Listing Number \(ALN\) 84.031M, CFDA 84.031](#)  
[Office of Elementary & Secondary Education; Overview Information: Race to the Top Fund \(ARRA\) CFDA 84.395](#)

The Race to the Top is a \$4.35 billion competitive grant program designed to encourage and reward States that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform and implementing ambitious plans in four core education reform areas: • Adopting internationally-benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace; • Recruiting, developing, retaining, and rewarding effective teachers and principals; • Building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals how they can improve their practices; and • Turning around lowest-performing schools The overarching goals are to: • Drive substantial gains in student achievement • Improve high school graduation rates and prepare students for success in college and careers • Close achievement gaps The Department plans to make Race to the Top grants in two phases. States that are ready to apply may do so in Phase 1, which will open in late 2009. States that need more time may apply in Phase 2, which will open in spring 2010. States that apply in Phase 1 but are not awarded grants may reapply for funding in Phase 2, together with States that are applying for the first time in Phase 2. Phase 1 grantees may not apply for additional funding in Phase 2. We will announce specific deadlines for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 in subsequent notice(s) inviting applications for funds under this program.

**Deadline:** Rolling

[Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\): Project to Support America's Families and Educators \(Project SAFE\) Grant Program Assistance Listing Number \(ALN\) 84.184N](#)

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For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768), or at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf)

The Project SAFE grant program is intended to improve students' safety and well-being by providing resources to local educational agencies (LEAs) that adopt and implement strategies to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and that are financially penalized for doing so by their State educational agency (SEA) or other State entity.

Purpose of Program: The Project SAFE grant program provides grants to eligible LEAs to improve student safety and well-being by advancing strategies consistent with CDC guidance to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in schools.

To submit an application, please email the completed and signed application, along with required attachments, to [ProjectSAFE@ed.gov](mailto:ProjectSAFE@ed.gov).

**Deadline:** Rolling

## U.S. Department of Energy

### TRANSITIONING TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CLEAN ENERGY - 2023 CFDA 81.087

DE-FOA-0002978: TRANSITIONING TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CLEAN ENERGY - 2023

Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Tribal Colleges and Universities for:

- (1) clean energy project and curriculum planning (Topic Area 1); and
- (2) clean energy technology and curriculum deployment (Topic Area 2)

See Section III.A. of the FOA for eligibility information and Appendix A for definitions.

DOE expects to make approximately \$15 million in federal funding available for new awards under this FOA. DOE anticipates making approximately 10 to 25 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the of the aforementioned topic areas.

A 10% cost share of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the federal share, and the non-federal Recipient cost share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project) is required.

**Deadline:** July 27, 2023

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

### [Genome Research Experiences to Attract Talented Undergraduates into the Genomics Field to Enhance Diversity \(R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\) CFDA 93.172](#)

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this NHGRI R25 program is to support educational activities that encourage undergraduates from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical workforce, to pursue further training and careers in the scientific, medical, ethical, social and/or legal areas of genomics research. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on: Research Experiences Courses for Skills Development Mentoring Activities This Genome Research Experiences to Attract Talented Undergraduates into the Genomic Field to Promote Diversity (GREAT) Program will support collaborative institutional partnerships that provide two-year research education programs for undergraduates enrolled at minority-serving institutions (MSIs) or Institutional Development Award (IDeA)-eligible institutions. A partnership will include a MSI or IDeA-eligible institution, and one or more research-intensive institutions or organizations with a suitable research base for graduate-level training in scientific areas of interest to NHGRI.

**Deadline:** July 01, 2023

### [NINDS Research Education Opportunities \(R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\) CFDA 93.853](#)

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this NINDS R25 program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nations biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.

**Deadline:** July 13, 2023



[BRAIN Initiative: Research on the Ethical Implications of Advancements in Neurotechnology and Brain Science \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\) CFDA 93.173](#)

Reissue of RFA-MH-19-400. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA), in support of the NIH Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, is one of several FOAs aimed at supporting transformative discoveries that will lead to breakthroughs in understanding human brain function. Guided by the long-term scientific plan, BRAIN 2025: A Scientific Vision, this FOA specifically seeks to support efforts addressing core ethical issues associated with research focused on the human brain and resulting from emerging technologies and advancements supported by the BRAIN Initiative. The hope is that efforts supported under this FOA might be both complementary and integrative with the transformative, breakthrough neuroscience discoveries supported through the BRAIN Initiative.

**Deadline:** October 11, 2023

[Integration of Imaging and Fluid-Based Tumor Monitoring in Cancer Therapy \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\) CFDA 93.393](#)

Through this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) seeks research project (R01) grant applications describing projects that integrate imaging and fluid-based tumor monitoring (liquid biopsy) assays during cancer therapy in patients to determine the optimal use of those modalities in the characterization of therapy response and/or emergence of resistance.

**Deadline:** September 07, 2024

[Utilizing Invasive Recording and Stimulating Opportunities in Humans to Advance Neural Circuitry Understanding of Mental Health Disorders \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\) CFDA 93.242](#)

Reissue of RFA-20-350. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications to pursue invasive neural recording studies focused on mental health-relevant questions. Invasive neural recordings provide an unparalleled window into the human brain to explore the neural circuitry and neural dynamics underlying complex moods, emotions, cognitive functions, and behaviors with high spatial and temporal resolution. Additionally, the ability to stimulate, via the same electrodes, allows for direct causal tests by modulating network dynamics. This funding opportunity aims to target a gap in the scientific knowledge of neural circuit function related to mental health disorders. Researchers

should target specific questions suited to invasive recording modalities that have high translational potential. Development of new technologies and therapies are outside the scope of this FOA.

**Deadline:** September 07, 2024

[Investigator Initiated Research in Computational Genomics and Data Science \(R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\) CFDA 93.172](#)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to invite applications for a broad range of research efforts in computational genomics, data science, statistics, and bioinformatics relevant to one or both of basic or clinical genomic science, and broadly applicable to human health and disease. This FOA supports fundamental genomics research developing innovative analytical methodologies and approaches, early-stage development of tools and software, and refinement or hardening of software and tools of high value to the biomedical genomics community. Work supported under this FOA should be enabling for genomics and be generalizable or broadly applicable across diseases and biological systems. All applications should address how the methods would scale to address increasingly larger data sets.

**Deadline:** September 07, 2024

[Investigator Initiated Research in Computational Genomics and Data Science \(R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\) CFDA 93.173](#)

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to invite applications for a broad range of research efforts in computational genomics, data science, statistics, and bioinformatics relevant to one or both of basic or clinical genomic science, and broadly applicable to human health and disease. This FOA supports fundamental genomics research developing innovative analytical methodologies and approaches, early-stage development of tools and software, and refinement or hardening of software and tools of high value to the biomedical genomics community. Work supported under this FOA should be enabling for genomics and be generalizable or broadly applicable across diseases and biological systems. All applications should address how the methods would scale to address increasingly larger data sets.

**Deadline:** September 07, 2024

[Imaging - Science Track Award for Research Transition \(I/START\) \(R03- Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required\) CFDA 93.279](#)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to facilitate the entry of investigators to the area of neuroimaging, including both new investigators and established investigators seeking to adopt neuroimaging methodologies in their research programs, to enable the conduct of small "proof of concept" studies. The R03 is intended to support research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

Deadline: September 07, 2024

[Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents \(R01 Clinical Trial Required\) CFDA 93.242](#)

Reissue of PAR-18-428. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to develop and test the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems. For the purposes of this FOA, NIMH defines a family navigator model as a health care professional or paraprofessional whose role is to deploy a set of strategies designed to rapidly engage youth and families in needed treatment and services, work closely with the family and other involved treatment and service providers to optimize care, and monitor the trajectory of mental health symptoms and outcomes over time. Applicants are encouraged to develop and test the navigator models ability to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Of interest are navigator models that coordinate needed care strategies, determine the personalized match to the level of needed service amount, frequency and intensity, and harness novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional, and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes. This FOA is published in parallel to a companion R34.

**Deadline:** September 07, 2024

# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## [FY23 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants NOFO CFDA 14.892](#)

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive plans to revitalize severely distressed public housing and/or HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhood. Communities will develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan, to achieve the program's three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document to carry out subsequent implementation of the plan for the target housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

**Deadline:** June 06, 2023

## [Youth Homeless Demonstration Program CFDA 14.276](#)

NOFO Highlights HUD will select up to 25 communities to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Only CoC Collaborative Applicants may apply for a community under this NOFO [Section III.A] Community selection applications are submitted through grants.gov, and are due by June 27, 2023. Communities represented by the CoC Collaborative Applicant must include a youth action board, the local or state public child welfare agency, and a broad array of other partners [V.A] The rating and ranking criteria included in this NOFO will be used to competitively select the communities; however, HUD has the right to select lower scoring community selection applications, as provided in section III.F.a [Section V.A] The selection of the selected communities will be announced in August 2023 Selected Communities will: Develop and implement a CCP to prevent and end youth homelessness [Section III.F.b] Apply for project funding up to an amount between \$600,000 and \$15 million per community, based on each community's youth population size and poverty rate, for a total demonstration amount of approximately \$60 million [Section II.C] Request funding for all project types allowed under the CoC Program to support homeless youth, as well as innovative project types that may require a waiver or exception of CoC Program or McKinney-Vento Act requirements [Appendix A] Request funding for a 2-year grant term that may be eligible for renewal under the CoC Program. Have technical assistance available to them to advise the development and implementation of the CCP [Section I.A] NOFO Priority The purpose of the YHDP is to implement projects that demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth age 24 and under can dramatically

reduce youth homelessness. The population to be served by this demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. In order to effectively implement a system that addresses the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, Continuums of Care (CoCs) must understand the subgroups of unaccompanied youth and incorporate those understandings into the YHDP CCP and awarded projects. This will require CoCs to use innovative practices to design better projects and strong comprehensive plans to prevent and end youth homelessness.

**Deadline:** June 27, 2023

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

## **U.S. Department of the Interior**

[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund- History of Equal Rights- Preservation Grants CFDA 15.904](#)

The National Park Service's (NPS) History of Equal Rights Grant Program (HER) will preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to achieve equal rights. HER grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. The HER opportunity number is P23AS00474.

**Deadline:** July 11, 2023

[FY2023 Historic Preservation Fund - Underrepresented Communities Grants CFDA 15.904](#)

The National Park Service's (NPS) Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC) is intended to diversify the nominations listed in the National Register of Historic Places to include communities that are currently underrepresented. URC grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and nominations of historic sites associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Every URC project **MUST** result in at least one new or amended nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Deadline:** July 18, 2023

# U.S. Department of Justice

## [BJA FY 23 Smart Reentry: Expanding Jail Programs and Services CFDA 16.812](#)

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

The Second Chance Act (SCA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-199), reauthorized by the First Step Act of 2018, provides a comprehensive response to assist in the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to their communities so the transition is more successful and promotes public safety. SCA and reentry-focused grant funding is designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism reduction. "Reentry" is not a specific program but rather an ongoing process that starts from the moment an individual is initially incarcerated and continues throughout that individual's transition from incarceration to reintegration into the community.

With this solicitation, BJA seeks to fund units of local government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to plan, implement, or expand effective reentry practices and service delivery systems within local correctional facility (nonprison) settings, including jails, and for incarcerated persons transitioning from these facilities to the community. This funding is available to support the development and provision of innovative evidence-based reentry programming and services that address individuals' needs of individuals returning to the community from jail and that reduce recidivism for the local population. Services can be provided in a wide range of local correctional settings, including jails, halfway house, and in the community.

Smart Reentry: Expanding Jail Programs and Services is part of the Second Chance Act suite of programs in FY 2023. This year, a range of programs for states, local government units, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations are being competed, including:

Community Reentry

Community-based Reentry Incubator Initiative

Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry

Improving Adult Reentry Education, and Employment Outcomes

Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

Pay for Success

Smart Supervision

Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision and HOPE Institute

OJJDP Children of Incarcerated Parents Program

OJJDP Youth Reentry Program

**Deadline:** June 05, 2023

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

### [DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program CFDA 17.268](#)

The purpose of the DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program is to fund public-private partnerships to develop, strengthen, and scale promising and evidence-based training models in H-1B industries and occupations critical to meeting the goals of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and to maximize the impact of these investments. The United States (U.S.) will need a proficient workforce to fill the good-paying jobs created by this historic investment, and this grant program will train job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical services occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors. The DOL Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program represents a down payment for the future skilled workforce needs that are being developed through the BIL investments by investing in the development and expansion of the workforce partnerships that will be needed to build equitable pathways to good infrastructure jobs. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Grant Program serves dual purposes by implementing and scaling worker-centered sector strategies to support the workforce necessary for successful implementation of the BIL. Applicants must choose one of the following tracks for this grant program: 1) Development Track: Developing and Implementing Local/Regional Worker-Centered Sector Strategy Programs; or 2) Scaling Track: Scaling Effective Worker-Centered Sector Strategy Programs. The goal of the Development Track is to use promising training models to invest in and establish local/regional partnerships that will implement sector-based training programs across one or multiple infrastructure-



related sectors. This track will support equitable participation and growth of worker-centered sector-based training programs, particularly those serving rural and smaller communities and historically marginalized, underrepresented, and underserved populations. The goal of the Scaling Track is to scale an existing training model to the statewide or national level, that has shown demonstrated success in one infrastructure-related sector. This track will invest in statewide and national partnerships that will set the stage to enable support and growth in evidence-based worker-centered sector strategies. Both tracks require public-private partnerships to develop workforce training programs which incorporate the following core principles into their grant project design to ensure equitable access to quality jobs: 1) strategies for ensuring diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; 2) career pathways that lead to middle- to high-skilled employment; and 3) worker-centered sector strategies. To embed strong worker voice into these grant projects, applicants should engage workers during the initial grant proposal development phase to ensure that worker needs and priorities and job quality are incorporated into the project design. Questions regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) may be emailed to [IN\\_FOA-ETA-23-31@dol.gov](mailto:IN_FOA-ETA-23-31@dol.gov). We encourage prospective applicants and interested parties to use the Grants.gov subscription option to register for future updates provided for this particular FOA.

**Deadline:** July 07, 2023

#### [Announcement of Stand Down Grants Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program CFDA 17.805](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) supports local Stand Down events that assist veterans experiencing homelessness by providing a wide range of employment, social, and health services.

Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, support services, and a relative degree of safety before returning to combat action. A DOL VETS-funded Stand Down event serves a similar purpose; however, it is intended for veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The critical services provided at these events are often the catalyst that enables those individuals to reenter the workforce.

VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. They are collaborative events coordinated between VA, DOL, other federal, state, and local government agencies and community-based organizations providing services and supplies to veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. In the event of a federal disaster declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct Stand Down events in the impacted areas.

State, Territory, and Possession, county, city, local, special district, and Native American tribal governments and agencies, non-profit and for-profit entities, state and local workforce boards, institutions of higher education, public and tribal housing authorities and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** September 30, 2025

### [National Dislocated Worker Grants Program Guidance-\(CFDA 17.277\)](#)

National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor under Section 170 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. The Department funds two types of DWGs: Disaster Recovery and Employment Recovery.

Disaster Recovery DWGs provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the disaster or emergency.

Employment Recovery DWGs temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and to meet the increased demand for employment and training services following a qualifying event. Qualifying events include major economic dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or higher-than-average demand for employment and training activities for dislocated members of the Armed Forces and their spouses. Under 20 CFR 687.110(a)(5), the Secretary of Labor may determine other major dislocations eligible for Employment Recovery DWGs.

**Deadline:** Rolling grant

# **U.S. Department of State**

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

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

## [RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program CFDA 21.015](#)

Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity notices for its RESTORE Act grant programs. This announcement applies only to the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program.

Trust Fund amounts are available to establish one or more Centers of Excellence through competitive subawards to nongovernmental entities and consortia in the Gulf Coast Region, including institutions of higher education. Funds may be used to establish Centers of Excellence, and by those Centers of Excellence for science, technology, and monitoring in one or more of the following disciplines as described in the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR 34.704:

- 1) Coastal and deltaic sustainability, restoration, and protection, including solutions and technology that allow citizens to live in a safe and sustainable manner in a coastal delta in the Gulf Coast Region.
- 2) Coastal fisheries and wildlife ecosystem research and monitoring in the Gulf Coast Region.

- 3) Offshore energy development, including research and technology to improve the sustainable and safe development of energy resources in the Gulf of Mexico.
- 4) Sustainable and resilient growth, economic and commercial development in the Gulf Coast Region.
- 5) Comprehensive observation, monitoring, and mapping of the Gulf of Mexico.

Eligible applicants issuing subawards to Center(s) of Excellence must establish and implement a program to monitor compliance with its subaward agreements.

**Deadline:** October 21, 2023

#### [RESTORE Act Direct Component - Non-Construction Activities CFDA 21.015](#)

Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) for its RESTORE Act grant programs. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component and is only for applications for eligible non-construction activities, including projects with or without a non-federal cost-share for another federally funded project or program. This announcement also includes planning assistance needed to prepare the Multiyear Implementation Plan (Multiyear Plan) required by the RESTORE Act. To apply for eligible activities involving construction and/or acquisition of real property or any other activity that requires a permit from a federal or state agency, including natural resource restoration projects, applicants should use the construction and real property acquisition funding opportunity announcement (GR-RDC-23-002).

Trust Fund amounts are available to carry out eligible activities described in the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR 34.201. These are:

- 1) Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.
- 2) Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources.
- 3) Implementation of a Federally- approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.
- 4) Workforce development and job creation.
- 5) Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- 6) Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

- 7) Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.
- 8) Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including promotion of recreational fishing.
- 9) Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region.
- 10) Planning assistance.
- 11) Administrative costs.

Eligible activities 1 through 7 listed above must be carried out in the Gulf Coast region.

**Deadline:** October 31, 2023

[RESTORE Act Direct Component – Construction and Real Property Acquisition Activities CFDA 21.015](#)

Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) for its RESTORE Act grant programs. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component and is only for applications for eligible construction and real property acquisition activities, including environmental restoration projects and including projects with or without a non-federal cost-share for another federally funded project or program. To apply for eligible activities that do not involve any construction, land acquisition, or environmental restoration, applicants should use the non-construction funding opportunity announcement (GR-RDC-23-002). All construction and real property acquisition activities, and any activity that requires a permit from a federal or state agency, including natural resource restoration projects, should be submitted under this construction and real property acquisition funding opportunity announcement.

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

### [Announcement of Stand Down Grants Veteran Reintegration Grant](#)

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VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. They are collaborative events coordinated between VA, DOL, other federal, state, and local government agencies and community-based organizations providing services and supplies to veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. In the event of a federal disaster

declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct Stand Down events in the impacted areas.

State, Territory, and Possession, county, city, local, special district, and Native American tribal governments and agencies, non-profit and for-profit entities, state and local workforce boards, institutions of higher education, public and tribal housing authorities and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

Deadline: September 30, 2025

### [State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program CFDA 64.005](#)

Grants are available to State Governments for construction or renovations of State operated Veterans Extended Care Facilities. The Department of Veterans Affairs participation may not exceed 65% of the total project costs. Review governing regulation before submitting an application (38 CFR Part 59). If the state is submitting a new grant application, it must submit a complete initial application (Section A of the project checklist) on Grants.gov by April 15th in order to be eligible for listing on the Priority List for the next fiscal year. Once the complete initial application is retrieved from Grants.gov by Program Staff, the grant applicant will receive 1) an automated notification from Grants.gov confirming receipt by the Program and 2) an email from Program Staff indicating the application's FAI number and corresponding project page in MAX.gov for submission of subsequent items. Note that Grants.gov is used only once to submit a new grant application. Applicants must submit complete initial applications on Grants.gov in order to be considered. Please contact Program Staff prior to submission if you need assistance understanding the requirements pertaining to an initial grant application, or if you need general assistance. Renovation or Life Safety initial grant applications require items A.1.-A.7. in Section A of the project checklist. Grant applicants, do not submit items A.8.-A.13 for Renovation of Life Safety grants. New Home Construction or Bed Replacement initial grant applications require all items in Section A (A.1.-A.13) of the project checklist.

Required for ALL applications

- A.1.A Project Scope
- A.1.B Form SF424
- A.1.C Form SF424D
- A.1.D Form SF424C
- A.1.E Budget Justification Worksheet (must align with SF424C budget form)
- A.2. Governor's designation of authorized state official and contact person
- A.3. Needs assessment (as outlined in VA Form 10-0388-1)
- A.4. State Clearinghouse Comments (E.O. 12372) single point of contact and compliance statement
- A.5. Schematics
- A.6. Signed Initial Application Certification VA Form 10-0388-1
- A.7. Safety citation/letter (Only Life Safety projects need to submit this).

Required for Bed Replacement or New Construction - Items A1-A6 and the below items

A.8. Space program analysis (NHC use Form 10-0388-3, ADHC use Form 10-0388-4)

A.9. Five-year capital plan for state's entire state home program

A.10. Financial plan for state facility's first three years of operation

A.11. Documentation that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the facility when complete will be fully occupied

A.12. Authorized state official's certification of the total number of state-operated nursing home and domiciliary beds and occupancy rate

A.13. Authorized state official's certification that the number of state home beds does not exceed the requirement in 38 CFR 59.40 or justification for number of state home beds exceeding 38 CFR 59.40 based on travel distance.

**Deadline:** Rolling (Applications should be submitted by April 15 of the fiscal year)



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

### **Boat US Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects**

The Boat US Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications for its Grassroots Grants Program, which awards funds on an annual basis to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States for projects that utilize innovative approaches to education about safe and clean boating.

The foundation is looking for creative projects that promote safe and clean boating on local waterways. Past topics have ranged from PSAs on the effects of boating under the influence of hands-on education about the effects of marine debris.

Projects the foundation is most interested in funding will be unique (topic, methods, or delivery mechanism); include extensive outreach to boaters; use technology to educate boaters, including social media and the Web; have a widespread reach (not just a handful of boaters); include hands-on work with the boating community, and have a way to measure the success of the program.

Applicants can include boating groups, clubs and associations, student groups, and local nonprofit organizations, including local chapters of national organizations. Grants will not be awarded to government agencies, international organizations, for-profit businesses, or individuals.

Applicants may request up to \$10,000. Funded projects must be completed within a year.

**Deadline:** Open

### **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) awards grants to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations 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. To date, an average of 400 requests are received annually; approximately 10 percent are awarded grants. Grants are awarded every quarter.

**Review cycle deadlines:**

- January-March: January 1

- April-June: April 1
- July-September: July 1
- October-December: October 1

## Surdna Foundation Sustainable Environment Grants

The Sustainable Environments Program is working to overhaul our country's outdated and crumbling infrastructure with a new approach that will foster healthier, sustainable, and just communities. We believe in the potential of what we call "next-generation infrastructure" to improve transit systems, make buildings more energy-efficient, better manage our water systems and rebuild regional food systems. Focusing on urban areas and their surrounding suburbs, we seek solutions that connect and improve these infrastructure systems in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic, and social consequences.

## JFNY Grant for Arts and Culture

The Japan Foundation New York office (JFNY) accepts applications for projects that take place within the 37 states east of Rocky Mountains listed below for the JFNY Grant throughout the year. This grant aims to support projects that will further understand of Japanese arts and culture. Successful projects may be granted up to \$5,000. Priority will be given to those projects that have secured additional funding from sources other than the Japan Foundation.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received at least 3 months before the beginning date of the project.

## CSX Beyond Our Rails Grant

CSX provides non-profit assistance and support through a variety of programs, including grants that typically range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for projects focusing on safety, community, wellness, and/or the environment.

Examples given for environmental projects include:

- Teaching environmental stewardship
- Planting eco-friendly trees and plants
- Leading and supporting environmental cleanups
- Recycling and waste minimization
- Promoting energy efficiency and carbon reduction

**Deadline:** Ongoing

## Laboratory Equipment Donation Program for Colleges, Universities, and Museums

The Laboratory Equipment Donation Program (LEDP), formerly the Energy-Related Laboratory Equipment (ERLE) Grant Program, was established by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to grant surplus and available used energy-related laboratory equipment to universities and colleges in the United States for use in energy-oriented educational programs.

**Deadline:** Ongoing

## Zayed Future Energy Global High Schools Prize

The primary aim of the Global High Schools category is to inspire future generations across the globe by instilling an ethos of sustainability from an early age, including an appreciation of issues in energy, and broader sustainability. Each school will submit a detailed proposal for a project, and the Prize will become

a grant that enables the project's completion. While the main objective is to promote sustainability in schools, a special emphasis of the proposed project should be on specific measurable initiatives to promote renewable energy and sustainability, which may include improvements in energy or water efficiency or a reduction in waste.

## Waste Management Charitable Giving

Healthy thriving communities depend on involved citizens, organizations, and corporate partners for momentum. We lend our support and services to causes that promote civic pride, economic development, and revitalization. Every community has its challenges, and we strive always to be part of problem-solving initiatives. Programs that Waste Management is most motivated to support include environment, environmental education, and causes important to the areas where we operate. Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed continuously. Given the large number of requests received, please anticipate an estimated two-month review period for each request.

## Clif Bar Foundation Small Grants

These grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects. Small grants average approximately \$7,000 each. Priority is given to applicants that: Address our funding priorities from a holistic perspective; Protect Earth's beauty and bounty; Create a robust, healthy food system; Increase opportunities for outdoor activity; Reduce environmental health hazards; Build stronger communities; Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them; Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level; Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process.

**Deadline:** Applications are reviewed three times a year; the deadlines are the 1st of February, June, and October. Grants awarded during a particular cycle will be announced at the beginning of the following cycle.

# Foundation for Contemporary Art Accepting Applications for Emergency Grants

Since its inception in 1963, the mission of the Foundation for Contemporary Arts has been to encourage, sponsor, and promote innovative work in the arts created and presented by individuals, groups, and organizations.

Created in 1993, the foundation's Emergency Grants program provides grants of up to \$2,000 to innovative visual and performing artists who have unanticipated, sudden opportunities to present their work to the public when there is insufficient time to seek other sources of funding; or who incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates.

To be eligible, applicants must be living, working, and paying taxes in the United States; have committed to a performance or exhibition opportunity and be able to provide specific dates at the time of application; and be an individual artist or an individual representing an artist collective, ensemble, or group. Curators, producers, workshop organizers, organizations, or arts presenters are not eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** OPEN

## Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

We support the U.S. and Canadian communities where we have a significant presence or business interest. These communities range from rural to metropolitan, each with unique priorities and needs. Our employees serve on local advisory committees for our Giving Fund and develop funding priorities within four focus areas to support their particular communities. This provides a strong companywide framework for giving while allowing flexibility to meet unique needs in our different communities.

Through the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund we concentrate the majority of our funding in four focus areas:

- Affordable Housing and Shelter
- Education and Youth Development
- Environmental Stewardship
- Human Services, Civic and Cultural Growth

To be eligible for funding, a program must:

- Serve a Weyerhaeuser community
- Be a tax-exempt, nonprofit public charity classified under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code OR a registered charity in Canada with a Canada Revenue Agency Number, or registered as a provincial nonprofit society OR a public education

institution or government entity qualified under Section 170(c)(1) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or qualified as a Canadian municipality.

## Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Programs

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.

## Good Sports Accepting Applications for Sports Equipment Grant

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 can focus on the respective needs of each 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 two years. During that time, organizations can make up to six separate donation requests — as long as the need is well documented, donations will be granted. There is no need to resubmit a full application again during the two years.

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 a 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.

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



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

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:** OPEN

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

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 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:** OPEN



## Start a Snowball Invites Applications for Youth Philanthropy Projects

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.

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.

**Deadline:** Rolling

## Craft Emergency Relief Fund Accepting Applications From Craftspeople in Need

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 a legal resident of the U.S.

**Deadline:** OPEN

## Pollock-Krasner Foundation Accepting Applications From Artists With Financial Need

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

Grants are intended for one year, with the size of the grant to be determined by the artist's 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:** OPEN

## Pollination Project Invites Applications From Social Entrepreneurs for Seed Grants

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:** OPEN

## Hope for The Warriors Accepting Applications for Critical Care Support for Wounded Veterans

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:** OPEN

## Singing for Change Accepting LOIs for Projects to Address Social and Environmental Problems

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:** Ongoing

## [A Little Hope Announces Youth Bereavement Support Services Grants](#)

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:** OPEN

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

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.

**Deadline:** January 31 (typically for fall and winter projects), September 30 (typically for spring and summer projects)

## Chambers of Commerce Invited to Start Young Entrepreneur Academies

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.

## Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant

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

**Deadline:** accepted all year

## Public Welfare Foundation

The Public Welfare Foundation has three programs, Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, and Workers' Rights, that support efforts to advance justice and opportunity for people in need. The Foundation looks for strategic points where its funds can make a significant difference and improve lives through policy and system reform that results in transformative change.

### **Criminal Justice Guidelines**

The Foundation's Criminal Justice Program supports groups that are working to end the over-incarceration of adults in the United States while also aiming to reduce racial disparities. In particular, the Program makes grants primarily to state-based groups that are working to:

- Reduce state incarceration levels and racial disparities through reforms in sentencing, charging, and supervision policies and procedures.

- Advance the redirection and prioritization of state and local resources toward targeted investments that support system-involved individuals in their communities, through research and strategic thought leadership.

### **Juvenile Justice Guidelines**

The Foundation's Juvenile Justice Program supports groups working to end the criminalization and reliance on the incarceration of youth in the United States. The Program makes grants to groups that are working to:

- Advance state policies that dramatically restrict juvenile justice systems' use of incarceration and out-of-home placements and prioritize the use of community-based programs for youth;
- End the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youth in the adult criminal justice system; and
- Promote the fair treatment of youth of color who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

### **Workers' Rights Guidelines**

The Foundation's Workers' Rights Program supports policy and system reforms to improve the lives of low-wage working people in the United States, with a focus on securing their basic legal rights to safe, healthy, and fair conditions at work. Specifically, the Program makes grants to groups working to:

- Advance reforms to hold employers accountable for wage theft;
- Advance reforms to prevent severe illness, injury, and death on the job; and
- Advance workers' rights in complex, fissured employment arrangements through research and strategic thought leadership.

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

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.

## [KaBOOM! Invites Applications for Community Playground Grants](#)

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:** OPEN

## [Binoculars for Young Citizen Scientists](#)

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:** OPEN

## [International Paper Environmental Education Grants](#)

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.

## [Lego Children's Fund](#)

The LEGO Children's Fund provides grants primarily in two focus areas: (1) early childhood education and development that is directly related to creativity and (2) technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities. Typical awards are between \$500 and \$5,000. Interested parties must complete an eligibility quiz, be approved, and invited to submit a grant proposal. Each grant will be subject to a specified time frame for completion.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted four times a year.

## Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health

Evidence for Action (E4A), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a Culture of Health. Our mission is to support rigorously designed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research that yields convincing findings regarding the population health, well-being, and equity impacts of specific policies, programs, and partnerships. We are especially interested in research examining the health impacts of programmatic or policy interventions that address factors outside the domain of health care services or public health practice.

**Deadline:** Open

## Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposals

The goal of the Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposal funding opportunity is to explore; to look into the future and put health first as we design for changes in how we live, learn, work and play; to wade into uncharted territory to better understand what new trends, opportunities, and breakthrough ideas can enable everyone in America to live the healthiest life possible.

While improving the status quo is vital to the health and well-being of millions of Americans now, the Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposal opportunity reaches beyond incremental changes to explore the ideas and trends that will influence the trajectory and future of health. Ultimately, we support work that will help us learn what a Culture of Health can look like—and how we can get there.

**Deadline:** Open



## Section IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

### Alabama Power Foundation Grant

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.

### Alabama Board of Medical Scholarship Awards

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 the loan.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

### Economic Development Fund

Land, facilities, and infrastructure to benefit an industry that will create jobs. Create a 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 the 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)

## Economic Development Incubator projects

Units of local government. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. The program must benefit 51% of low to moderate-income beneficiaries. The project must commit to creating 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.

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

## States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)

**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

**Deadline:** 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, ARC Program Manager (334) 353-4490

## Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants

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

## Bank of America Grant

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. **Deadline:** Requests for proposals are issued three times per year.

## Costco Wholesale Grants

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.

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis.

## Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants

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.

Areas of focus for the Foundation include:

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

**Deadline:** OPEN

## William G. McGowan Charitable Fund Issues Request for Proposals for Projects That Address Homelessness

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:** OPEN

## Section VI RESOURCES

[THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!](#)

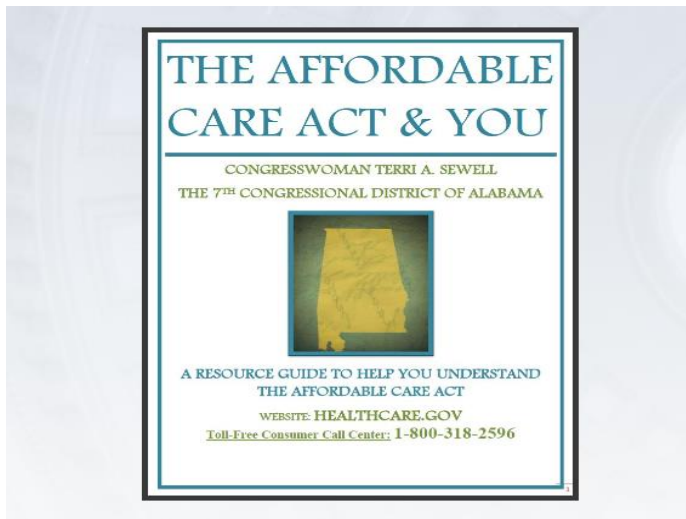
*The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.*

Find the Guide at <http://warc.info/planning-a-development/documents><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.

### Healthcare



Website: <https://sewell.house.gov/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>/<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>

### 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) organizations that are located in Alabama.

### **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.

### **Alabama Humanities Foundation**

The AHF awards grants solely to support public humanities projects. Active public participation, the involvement of humanities scholars, and strong humanities content are the three essential components of AHF-funded projects.

### **Gwyn Turner Endowed Fund**

The fund is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in partnership with Alabama Trust. 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 applying. Contact the Southern Office at 843.722.8552, or e-mail [soro@nthp.org](mailto:soro@nthp.org).

## Sybil H. Smith Trust

Established in 1983, this trust funds organization 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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 the 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. 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%20%20>

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

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

### Regional Planning Commissions in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama

West Alabama Regional Commission  
4200 Highway 69 North  
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505  
Phone: 205.333.2990  
Fax: 205.333.2713  
Region 2 website -  
<http://www.warc.info/index.php>

5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
Region 5 website - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

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

South Central Alabama Development  
Commission

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

Central Alabama Regional Planning  
Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Phone: 334.262.4300  
Fax: 334.262.6976  
Region 9 website - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

### 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)

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>

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

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation  
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>

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