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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7th 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 7th 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*.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov>. To subscribe to *Guide to Grants*, sign up on our [website](#) or call us at 205.254.1960. Previous editions of the *Guide to Grants* are archived and can be found [here](#).

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Section I GENERAL GRANT INFORMATION

- 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. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: 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.

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

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](#)

What does this program do?

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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. 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](#)

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[Museum Grants for African American History and Culture \(2024\) 45.309](#)

The Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) program is designed to build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums.

The AAHC program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Deadline: November 15, 2023

National Institutes of Health

[Community-Engaged Health Equity Research in Neuroscience Initiative 93.853](#)

This NOFO solicits applications to establish clinical trial readiness for community-driven research interventions to decrease disparities in neurological disorders in NIH-designated populations that experience health disparities (HDPs). These clinical studies will utilize community-engaged research and collaborative, multidisciplinary teams to identify, develop, and evaluate strategies to improve outcomes related to neurological disorders in HDPs and fill gaps in clinical trial readiness. Expected outcomes include 1)

Identifying and understanding drivers of health disparities and barriers for specific neurological disorders within HDP communities, 2) Identifying specific modifiable targets to prevent and/or decrease neurological morbidity/mortality and inequities among HDPs, and 3) Developing future community-driven research interventions to decrease disparities and gaps in neurological health among HDPs. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) intends to enhance the quality and increase the likelihood of success of future clinical trials in neurological health disparities by supporting studies leading to trial readiness.

Deadline: February 2, 2024

National Science Foundation

[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 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

Broadening Participation in Engineering – (CFDA 47.041)

Through the Broadening Participation in Engineering (BPE) Program, NSF seeks to strengthen the future U.S. engineering workforce by enabling and encouraging the participation of all citizens in the engineering enterprise. The BPE Program seeks to support not only research in the science of broadening participation and equity in engineering, but also collaborative endeavors which foster the professional development of a diverse and well-prepared engineering workforce as well as innovative, if not revolutionary, approaches to building capacity through inclusivity and equity within the engineering academic experience. To solicit the best ideas for these activities, both in formation and enactment, the BPE Program will support projects at various levels of readiness and complexity through the following four tracks: Planning and Conference Grants; Research in Broadening Participation in Engineering; Inclusive Mentoring Hubs (IMHubs); and Centers for Equity in Engineering (CEE). Specific details regarding these pathways can be found in the Program Description.

Deadline: Proposals accepted anytime

Environmental Sustainability – (CFDA 47.041)

The Environmental Sustainability program is part of the Environmental Engineering and Sustainability cluster together with 1) the Environmental Engineering program and 2) the Nanoscale Interactions program. The goal of the Environmental Sustainability program is to promote sustainable engineered systems that support human well-being and that are also compatible with sustaining natural (environmental) systems. These systems provide ecological services vital for human survival. Research efforts supported by the program typically consider long time horizons and may incorporate contributions from the social sciences and ethics. The program supports engineering research that seeks to balance society's need to provide ecological protection and maintain stable economic conditions. There are five principal general research areas that are supported.

- **Circular Bioeconomy Engineering:** This area includes research that enables sustainable societal use of food, energy, water, nitrogen, phosphorus, and materials, with the reduction and eventual elimination of fossil fuel combustion that lacks carbon capture. The program encourages research that helps build the raw material basis for the functioning of society principally on biomass, drawing heavily on sustainable agriculture and forestry. Additionally, material flows must reduce or preferably eliminate waste, with an emphasis on closed-loop or “circular” processing.
- **Industrial ecology:** Topics of interest include advancements in modeling such as life cycle assessment, materials flow analysis, net energy analysis, input/output economic models, and novel metrics for measuring sustainable systems. Innovations in industrial ecology are encouraged.
- **Green engineering:** Research is encouraged to advance the sustainability of manufacturing processes, green buildings, and infrastructure. Many programs in the Engineering Directorate support research in environmentally benign manufacturing or chemical processes. The Environmental Sustainability program supports research that would affect more than one chemical or manufacturing process or that takes a systems or holistic approach to green engineering for infrastructure or green buildings. Improvements in distribution and collection systems that will advance smart growth strategies and ameliorate effects of growth are research areas that are supported by Environmental Sustainability. Innovations in management of storm water, recycling and reuse of drinking water, and other green engineering techniques to support sustainability may also be fruitful areas for research.
- **Ecological engineering:** Proposals 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.

- 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 concerns.

All proposed research should be driven by engineering principles and be presented explicitly in an environmental sustainability context. Proposals should include involvement in engineering research of at least one graduate student, as well as undergraduates. Incorporation of aspects of social, behavioral, and economic sciences is welcomed. NOTE: Water treatment, air pollution (both outdoor and indoor), soil remediation, and solid waste treatment proposals are to be submitted to the Environmental Engineering program (CBET 1440). Innovative proposals outside the scope of the four core areas mentioned above may be considered. However, prior to submission, it is recommended that the Principal Investigator contact the program director to avoid the possibility of the proposal being returned without review. For proposals that call for research to be done on regions that are outside of the United States, an explanation must be presented of the potential benefit of the research for the United States. INFORMATION COMMON TO MOST CBET PROGRAMS Proposals should address the novelty and/or [potentially transformative nature](#) of the proposed work compared to previous work in the field. Also, it is important to address why the proposed work is important in terms of engineering science, as well as to also project the potential impact on society and/or industry of success in the research. The novelty or potentially transformative nature of the research should be included, as a minimum, in the Project Summary of each proposal. The duration of unsolicited proposal awards in CBET is generally up to three years. Single-investigator award budgets typically include support for one graduate student (or equivalent) and up to one month of PI time per year (awards for multiple investigator projects are typically larger). Proposal budgets that are much larger than typical should be discussed with the program director prior to submission. Proposers can view budget amounts and other information from recent awards made by this program via the “What Has Been Funded (Recent Awards Made Through This Program, with Abstracts)” link towards the bottom of this page. Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program proposals are strongly encouraged. Award duration is five years. The submission deadline for Engineering CAREER proposals is in July every year. Learn more in the [CAREER program description](#). Proposals for Conferences, Workshops, and Supplements: PIs are strongly encouraged to discuss their requests with the program director before submission of the proposal. Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID) and Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) are also considered when appropriate. Please note that proposals of these types must be discussed with the program director before submission. Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) proposals that integrate fundamental research with translational results and are consistent with the application areas of interest to each program are also encouraged. Please note that RAPID, EAGER, and GOALI proposals can be submitted anytime during the year. Details about RAPID, EAGER, and GOALI are available in the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), Part 1, Chapter II, Section E: [Types of Proposals](#). Compliance: Proposals that are not compliant with the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#) will 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

[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) as they become available.

Deadline: Proposals accepted at anytime

U.S. Department of Agriculture

[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

[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

[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](#)

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 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

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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.

Deadline: Rolling

Department of Education

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[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

[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](#)

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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

[Supporting Vaccine Confidence CFDA 93.344](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) anticipates the availability of funding for projects to increase vaccine confidence among adults and children (parents and guardians) across the United States. Vaccines are among the most effective public health interventions available, behind only access to clean water in terms of reducing the burden of infectious diseases. An essential pillar of success for a national vaccine program is maintaining high rates of immunity in communities. To reach the necessary number of vaccinated individuals within a population for community immunity, a high level of public trust in the immunization systems, i.e., vaccine confidence, is needed. The initiative will look to enhance the work of local communities and their partnerships with immunization "champions" to identify, plan, implement, and evaluate evidence-based practices. Projects will focus on improving confidence in three areas: confidence in the project, in the provider, and in policy. OIDP will lead this initiative in partnership with the Office of Regional Health Operations (ORHO), within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH).

Deadline: March 28, 2024

U.S. Department of Labor

[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.

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 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

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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

1. Project Scope
2. Form SF424
3. Form SF424D
4. Form SF424C
5. E Budget Justification Worksheet (must align with SF424C budget form)
6. Governor's designation of authorized state official and contact person
7. Needs assessment (as outlined in VA Form 10-0388-1)
8. State Clearinghouse Comments (E.O. 12372) single point of contact and compliance statement
9. Schematics
10. Signed Initial Application Certification VA Form 10-0388-1
11. 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

1. Space program analysis (NHC use Form 10-0388-3, ADHC use Form 10-0388-4)
2. Five-year capital plan for state's entire state home program
3. Financial plan for state facility's first three years of operation
4. Documentation that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the facility when complete will be fully occupied
5. Authorized state official's certification of the total number of state-operated nursing home and domiciliary beds and occupancy rate
6. 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

[Zayad 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.

[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

[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.

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

[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

[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)

[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: OPEN

[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

[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

Section VI RESOURCES

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

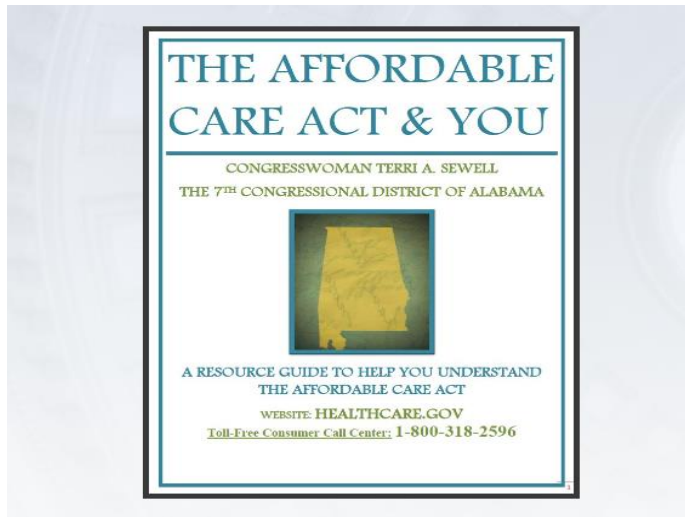
The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.

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 is the Health Insurance Marketplace for Alabama. Consumers can apply as early as October 1, 2013. Visit HealthCare.Gov to learn more.

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

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

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

Regional Planning Commissions in the 7th 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>

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

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.aacfinfo.org

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

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700
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Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

Community Foundation of West Alabama
P.O. Box 3033
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Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
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Website: <http://www.cacfinfo.org>

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