



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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Rep. Sewell To Attend Netanyahu Address

The Congresswoman disagrees with Speaker Boehner's decision to circumvent the White House

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Terri Sewell issued the following release to confirm her attendance at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address before a joint session of Congress:

“Israel is our closest ally in the Middle East and, as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, it is especially important for me to hear Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's assessment of the growing crisis in the region.

“I strongly disagree with Speaker Boehner's decision to circumvent the White House. This is not a partisan event, and I am deeply concerned that the Prime Minister was invited to speak to both Chambers of Congress on the eve of the Israeli elections. Nevertheless, I believe it is important to hear from America's closest partner in the Middle East.

“The purpose of this event should be to strengthen the unbreakable bond that ties our two nations, not to highlight any divisions that fall along party lines. I hope that today's speech does not set a precedent, and that the Speaker works more closely with the Administration to ensure this does not happen again.”

Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham is Congresswoman Sewell's guest for today's speech.

Senate Passes Gold Medal Bill for Voting Rights Marchers

Congresswoman Sewell says America should never forget their sacrifices

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Terri Sewell applauded the Senate’s unanimous passage of S517, a bipartisan bill she introduced in the House to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the courageous Foot Soldiers whose perilous journey from Selma to Montgomery led to the passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965.

“I am deeply humbled by the strong, bipartisan support this bill received in both the House and the Senate. Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights Movement will serve as an enduring reminder of the blood, courage and sacrifice those marchers faced in the pursuit of equality. The Edmund Pettus Bridge was the portal through which America left its dark past and marched to a brighter future. This nation should never forget the sacrifices those who refused to accept second-class citizenship and demanded that our nation live up to the very ideals on which it was founded,” said Rep. Sewell. “I would like to thank Representative Martha Roby, Senator Jeff Sessions, Senator Corey Booker, and all of the members of the Alabama Congressional delegation for standing with me in support of this bill.”

“I am pleased that Sen. Shelby, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, and his committee members have unanimously approved the Congressional Gold Medal for those who marched for voting rights in Selma. I am also grateful for the work of Reps. Roby and Sewell and our entire Alabama delegation for their work in the House. Fifty years ago, it was a time of tension and real danger. The marchers courageously moved forward on the Edmund Pettus Bridge to demand the voting rights to which they were entitled. They were attacked for doing so. This dramatic event captured the attention of the nation, led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act, and was a key event in ending the systematic denial of the right of African-American citizens to vote in many areas. Those who marched on that day deserve the high honor of the Congressional Gold Medal, which is reserved for exceptional achievements,” Senator Jeff Sessions said.

“I appreciate the efforts of everyone who made it possible to pass this bill expeditiously: my colleague in the House, Representative Terri Sewell, along with Senators Jeff Sessions, Richard Shelby and Cory Booker. I am pleased to welcome the Faith and Politics Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama as a co-host. It is fitting for Congress to award its highest civilian honor to those who marched to ensure equal voting rights as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday,” said Representative Martha Roby.

About the Congressional Gold Medal Since the American Revolution, Congress has commissioned gold medals as its highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions by individuals or institutions. The medal was first awarded in 1776 by the second Continental Congress to General George Washington.

About the March from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 Civil rights activists were brutally attacked by Alabama state troopers on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on March 7, 1965. This day, now known as Bloody Sunday, was the first of three planned, peaceful protests from Selma to Montgomery. Nearly 2,500 Foot Soldiers led by Dr. Martin Luther King attempted a second march two days later on March 9, 1965, now known as “Turnaround Tuesday.” An estimated 8,000 Foot Soldiers left Selma on March 21, 1965, and successfully marched to Montgomery to peacefully protest restrictive voting laws that prevented African-Americans from voting in the South.

Rep. Sewell Launches Oral History Project

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-7) is launching an Oral History Project to preserve the legacies of the brave men and women who took part in the marches from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

This is a year-long partnership with Alabama State University, Miles College, and the University of Alabama. College student volunteers will identify potential interview subjects, conduct video interviews, and archive footage. The Oral History Project is an excellent opportunity for these students to connect with their local communities and learn about Alabama's rich civil rights history while preserving it for future generations.

“This initiative will honor the bravery and courage of our Foot Soldiers. As we approach the 50th commemoration of Bloody Sunday, we must recommit to never forgetting the contributions of those before us. This endeavor will preserve the story of America's Civil Rights District,” said **Rep. Sewell**. “I am thrilled that students from Alabama State University, Miles College, and the University of Alabama will have the opportunity to connect with their local communities and learn about Alabama's rich civil rights history, all while preserving the history of voting rights for future generations.”

“The Voting Rights Movement that led to the Selma to Montgomery historic march is a dynamic freedom movement that -- 50 years later -- must not only be celebrated, but researched and taught to ensure that our country continues to hold true to its democratic principles of freedom and justice. Alabama State University congratulates Rep. Sewell for her work to preserve and protect this history that will be gathered from those who were on the front lines of this non-violent movement that resulted in national voting rights legislation for all Americans,” said **Dr. Janice Franklin, Dean of Alabama State's Levi Watkins Learning Center**.

“Students from Miles College have always been at the forefront in the fight for civil rights. We are thrilled for the opportunity to participate in the recording of the accounts of various Foot Soldiers who were active in the fight for voting rights. The stories of these ‘invisible leaders’ would give us a deeper understanding of the past and motivate us to face current and future challenges with courage and hope. We thank Rep. Sewell for initiating and implementing this great project. Our students will help ensure that these monumental moments in American history will stay fresh in all the classrooms and libraries of the world,” said **Dr. Emmanuel Chekwa, Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Miles College**.

“The University of Alabama is pleased to be able to participate in this initiative to preserve this significant event in our country's history. Being able to capture the stories of the individuals who were there will provide a unique, important and insightful perspective for generations to come, and we thank Rep. Terri Sewell for the opportunity to be involved,” said **Dr. Judy Bonner, President of the University of Alabama**.

We Are the Bridge: Rural Development Carries Forward Civil Rights Legacy

Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah stands at the head of the historical trail where marchers began their trek across the Edmund Pettus bridge enroute to Montgomery, Alabama seeking voting rights for African-Americans.

On my first trip as the Under Secretary for Rural Development, I visited Alabama and Mississippi. It seemed fitting for me to begin my trip in *Selma, Alabama* given the historical significance of the location. The march from Selma, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., embodied our most human desires: to be treated fairly, to be heard, to be treated with decency-to not be denied access and opportunities due to the color of our skin, our gender identity, our gender expression or our political identity.

I was raised in Oregon by my father, an immigrant from Ghana and my mother, an Iowa farm girl. Standing there in Selma, the sacrifices made by those before me came into focus. As an African-American woman, I'm now very honored to be at an agency that plays an important role in bringing new investments to rural America.

Here at USDA, we play a role in rebuilding communities when we provide help to a first-time homebuyer, or provide safe and sanitary housing for a renter. When a revolving loan fund helps expand a business and bring new jobs to town, or critical water and wastewater systems are installed, or high-speed internet connection comes online to a remote community. This is how we build on a continued pursuit of equality-striving for inclusion of all Americans.

I was heartened to have a tour of the Southern Classic Food Group, a condiment manufacturer in Brundidge, Alabama that is expanding their business and their market share with support from Rural Development. The Economic Development Center in Pike County, Alabama works in partnership with us to invest in local small businesses and create jobs.

In Winona, Mississippi I announced our investment of \$600,000 to seed a revolving loan fund for north central Mississippi small businesses, and I learned about a mental health center in Greenwood, Mississippi funded by our Community Facilities program that is touching thousands of lives every year. Improvements that strengthen and enhance the quality of life in rural communities often subject to great poverty.

As I stood on the edge of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, I was struck by the fear and bravery it took for those marchers to cross it on that day in 1965. Though our nation is faced with challenges of the past and more subtle discrimination today, those who marched over the bridge made it possible for us to *be* the bridge-to rebuild trust and to challenge practices of exclusivity that have limited the extent to which we serve communities across our nation. Now, fifty years later, I know that we stand on the shoulders of giants who came before us as we work to develop and sustain our rural communities.

- See more at: <http://blogs.usda.gov/2015/02/24/we-are-the-bridge-rural-development-carries-forward-civil-rights-legacy/#sthash.kRKHUmHS.dpuf>

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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

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

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Program: [Pool Safety Grant Program](#)

Description: The purpose of this program is to prevent the drowning and drain entrapments of children in pools and spas. The PSGP seeks to provide state and local governments with assistance for prevention education and enforcement of pool safety requirements. Deadline is March 19, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50783>

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program: [AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants FY 2015](#)

Description: CNCS may award an AmeriCorps planning grant or an AmeriCorps program grant under this announcement. A planning grant provides support to a grant recipient for the development of an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to solve community problems. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$75,000 for a 12-month planning period and are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle. Deadline is April 29, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=274641>

Program: **2015 Social Innovation Fund Grant Competition**

Description: The Social Innovation awards grants to grantmaking institutions, referred to as “intermediaries.” These intermediaries in turn competitively select, provide grants to, and otherwise support high-performing community-based nonprofit organizations to implement evidence-based programs in the areas of healthy futures, economic opportunity and youth development. The intermediaries and the nonprofits must match the grant funds they receive one-to-one in cash from non-federal sources. Deadline is March 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/social-innovation-fund-notice-funding>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER GRANT PROGRAM**

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities for regional Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs) that provide multi-media environmental finance expertise and outreach to regulated communities. The EFC’s will be established and supported in EPA regions across the country to provide regulated parties with finance-related training, technical assistance, finance studies, and other analytical support (eligible services) to help them develop sustainable solutions to the critical “how-to-pay” issues associated with meeting environmental standards and goals. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www2.epa.gov/envirofinance/efc-grant-rfa>

National Archives and Records Administration

Program: **Access to Historical Records**

Description: The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities:• Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats• Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. Deadline is June 17, 2015.

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

Program: **Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions**

Description: The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. Deadline is October 8, 2015.

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

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEA Challenge America, FY2016**

Description: The Challenge America category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors)

does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. Deadline is April 16, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: [Preservation and Access Education and Training](#)

Description: Preservation and Access Education and Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national or regional (multistate) education and training programs. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices. Deadline is May 5, 2015.

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

Program: [Humanities Open Book Program](#)

Description: By taking advantage of low-cost eBook technology, the program will allow teachers, students, scholars, and the public to read humanities books that have long been out of print. Deadline is June 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/humanities-open-book-program>

Program: [Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

Description: Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. Deadline is May 5, 2015.

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

Program: [Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#)

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.

Deadline is June 25, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-historically-black-colleges-and-universities>

Program: **Enduring Questions**

Description: The NEH Enduring Questions grant program supports faculty members in the preparation of a new course on a fundamental concern of human life as addressed by the humanities. This question-driven course would encourage undergraduates and teachers to join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential ideas, works, and thinkers over the centuries. Deadline is September 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/enduring-questions>

Program: **Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants**

Description: The Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program awards relatively small grants to support the planning stages of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities.

Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve

- research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities;
- planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets;
- scholarship that focuses on the history, criticism, and philosophy of digital culture and its impact on society;
- scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines;
- innovative uses of technology for public programming and education incorporating both traditional and new media; and
- new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Deadline is September 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/digital-humanities-start-grants>

Program: **Challenge Grants**

Description: NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, many organizations and

institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support and enhance ongoing program activities. Deadline is May 5, 2015.

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

Program: [Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions](#)

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Hispanic-Serving Institutions pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects. Deadline is April 15, 2015.

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

Program: [Awards for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#)

Description: This program supports individual faculty or staff members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Awards are designed to be flexible, allowing applicants to define the audience, type of research, award periods, and administrative arrangements that best fit their projects. Deadline is April 15, 2015.

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

National Science Foundation

Program: [Historically Black Colleges and Universities - Undergraduate Program](#)

Description: To this end, HBCU-UP provides awards to develop, implement, and study evidence-based innovative models and approaches for improving the preparation and success of HBCU undergraduate students so that they may pursue STEM graduate programs and/or careers. Deadline is October 7, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15552

Program: [STEM + Computing Partnerships](#)

Description: The STEM+C Partnerships program seeks to significantly enhance the learning and teaching of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and computing by K-12 students and teachers, through research on, and development of, courses, curriculum, course materials, pedagogies, instructional strategies, or models that innovatively integrate computing into one or more STEM disciplines, or integrate STEM content into the teaching and learning of computing. Deadline is April 14, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15537

Program: [Science of Learning: Collaborative Networks](#)

Description: The goals of the SL Program are to: advance fundamental knowledge about learning through integrated research; connect the research to specific scientific, technological, educational, and workforce challenges; and enable research communities to capitalize on new opportunities and discoveries. **Letter of**

Intent Due Date: February 06, 2015 and Full Proposal Deadline: March 18, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15532

Small Business Administration

Program: [FEDERAL AND STATE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Description: The purpose of this Program Announcement is to invite proposals for funding from any public or private organization, entity or individual interested in providing assistance and guidance to small technology business concerns. Deadline is April 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.sbir.gov/>

Program: [Women's Business Center Renewal Grant](#)

Description: The purpose of this Program Announcement is to provide WBCs that are currently in SBA's WBC Program that will have successfully completed an 5-year Initial WBC Project by September 29, 2015 or those centers that will have successfully completed a 3-year Renewal WBC Project by September 29, 2015 the opportunity to apply for a new 3-year Renewal WBC Grant. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/wbo/resources/12967>

Social Security Administration

Program: [SSA Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program \(WIPA\)](#)

Description: The purpose of these projects is to disseminate accurate information to beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) about work incentives programs and issues related to such programs, to enable them to make informed choices about working and whether or when to assign their Ticket to Work, as well as how available work incentives can facilitate their transition into the workforce. Deadline is March 30, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50517>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: [2015 Local Food Promotion Program Grants](#)

Description: LFPP offers grant funds with a 25% match to support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets. Deadline is May 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LFPP>

Program: [FY16 Farm to School Grant](#)

Description: The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is charged with implementing the Farm to School Program. In this funding cycle, USDA anticipates awarding approximately \$6 million in grant funding to support efforts that improve access to local foods in schools. Deadline is May 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/grant-awards>

Program: [Children, Youth and Families at Risk Sustainable Communities Projects](#)

Description: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA announces the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) funding program to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk

children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. The CYFAR program mission is to marshal resources of the Land-Grant and Cooperative Extension Systems to develop and deliver educational programs that equip limited resource families and youth who are at-risk for not meeting basic human needs with the skills they need to lead positive, productive, contributing lives. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

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

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

Description: This competitive grants program is intended to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to carry out higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. Programs aim to attract outstanding students and produce graduates capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. Deadline is April 23, 2015.

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

Program: [Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive Grants Program](#)

Description: The Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive (SACC) Grants Program will support the development of canola as a viable supplemental and alternative crop in the United States. The goal of the SACC program is to significantly increase crop production and/or acreage by developing and testing of superior germplasm, improving methods of planting, cultivation, and harvesting, and transferring new knowledge to producers (via Extension) as soon as practicable. Deadline is April 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/supplemental-and-alternative-crops-sacc>

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

Description: The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Notification of Intent to Submit (NOI) emails are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 1, 2015. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

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

Program: [FY2015 Team Nutrition Training Grants](#)

Description: The purpose of this grant is for State agencies to expand and enhance their training and educational activities to support implementation of USDA nutrition standards for meals and snacks offered through the Child Nutrition Programs (NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP). Activities to be funded under this grant apply at least one of Team Nutrition's three behavior-focused strategies in their proposals:

- ♣ Provide training and technical assistance to child nutrition foodservice professionals to enable them to prepare and serve nutritious meals that appeal to children.
- ♣ Provide fun and interactive nutrition education for children, teachers, parents, and other caregivers.
- ♣ Build school and community support for creating healthy school environments that are conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

Deadline is May 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/2015-training-grant-application>

Program: [Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program](#)

Description: REAP Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvement Program. Refer to Application Package AND Application Instruction links to obtain all necessary forms for a complete application. Grant competition deadlines for Fiscal Year 2015 are: April 30, 2015 and June 30, 2015. For applicants requesting grants of \$20,000 or less, that wish to have their application compete for the "Grants of \$20,000 or less set aside", complete applications are due April 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

Program: [Revolving Fund Program](#)

Description: The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private, non-profit organizations, who are selected for funding, will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-revolvingfund.html>

Program: [Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program](#)

Description: The purpose of the BRAG program is to support the generation of new information that will assist Federal regulatory agencies in making science-based decisions about the effects of introducing into the environment genetically engineered organisms (GE), including plants, microorganisms (including fungi, bacteria, and viruses), arthropods, fish, birds, mammals and other animals excluding humans. Deadline is April 17, 2015.

Website: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/biotech_risk.html

Program: [Community Foods Program](#)

Description: In FY 2015, NIFA's CFPCGP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP), and (2) Planning Projects (PP). The primary goals of the CFPCGP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. Deadline is March 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/communityfoodprojects.cfm>

Program: [Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers](#)

Description: The primary purpose of the Outreach Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Grant Program (2501 Program) is to enhance the coordination of outreach, technical assistance, and education efforts, to reach socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner and to improve their participation in the full range of USDA programs. This program will assist eligible community-based and non-profit organizations, higher education institutions, and

tribal entities in providing outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranch. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.outreach.usda.gov/grants/index.htm>

Program: [Socially Disadvantaged Policy Research Center](#)

Description: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible institutions to compete for financial assistance in the form of a grant to establish a Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center (The Center) at an 1890 Institution (as defined in 7 U.S.C. 7601). Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.outreach.usda.gov/grants/index.htm>

Program: [Higher Education Challenge Grants Program](#)

Description: Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a State, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support. Deadline is March 19, 2015.

Website: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/higher_education_challenge.html

Program: [AFRI Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative](#)

Description: The AFRI Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative (AFRI ELI) focuses on developing the following:

- opportunities for undergraduate students at colleges and universities, including those from underrepresented ethnicities and economically disadvantaged groups at minority-serving institutions, community colleges, and other universities to obtain hands-on experience at land-grant and non-land-grant universities and USDA laboratories and obtain training to join the agricultural workforce or pursue graduate studies in food, agriculture, natural resources and the human sciences.
- technical and functional competence for pre-doctoral students; and the research independence and teaching credentials of postdoctoral students.

Applications for programs within the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program: Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 11, 2015 (for the Pre-doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships Program).

Deadline is May 6, 2015 (for the Undergraduate Research and Extension Experiential Learning Fellowships Program). Applicants are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to Submit an Application for the Undergraduate Research and Extension Experiential Learning Fellowships by the Letter of Intent due date specified in the RFA.

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: **Strengthening the Public's and/or K-12 Students' Environmental Literacy for Community Resilience to Extreme Weather Events and Environmental Changes**

Description: The goal of this Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is to strengthen the public's and/or K-12 students environmental literacy to enable informed decision-making necessary for community resilience to extreme weather events and environmental changes. Many U.S. communities face significant environmental changes, natural disasters, or economic disruptions (U.S Department of Commerce FY2014-FY2018 Strategic Plan). Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NOAA-SEC-OED-2015-2004408>

Program: **FY 2015 Economic Development Assistance Programs Application submission and program requirements for EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs**

Description: Under this FFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. The next two funding cycle deadlines are: March 12, 2015 for funding cycle 2 of FY 2015; and June 12, 2015 for funding cycle 3 of FY 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Defense

Program: **Communicating with Computers (CwC)**

Description: DARPA is soliciting innovative research proposals in the area of natural communication with computers. This program is a 6.1 basic research effort that aims to accelerate progress toward two-way communication between people and computers in which the machine is more than merely a receiver of commands and in which a full range of natural modes is tapped, including potentially language, gesture and facial or other expressions. Deadline is April 9, 2015.

Website: <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/ODA/DARPA/CMO/DARPA-BAA-15-18/listing.html>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: [HHS/ACL/NIDILRR: Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program CFDA Number 84.133P-5](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-16/pdf/2015-05949.pdf>

Program: [HHS/ACL/NIDILRR: Small Business Innovation Research Program \(SBIR\) Phase I CFDA Number 84.133S-1](#)

Description: The Act requires certain agencies, including the Department, to reserve a statutory percentage of their extramural R&D budgets for two phases of the three-phase SBIR program (see <http://sbir.gov/about/about-sbir> for more information on the program). Phase I awards are to determine, insofar as possible, the scientific or technical merit, feasibility, and commercial potential of R&D projects submitted under the SBIR program. Phase I awards are for amounts up to \$75,000 and for a period of up to six months. Phase II projects continue the development of Phase I projects. Funding is based on the results achieved in Phase I and the scientific and technical merit and commercial potential of the proposed Phase II project. Only Phase I grantees are eligible to apply for Phase II funding. Phase II awards are for amounts up to \$575,500 over a period of two years. In Phase III, the small business grantee pursues commercial applications of the Phase I and II R&D. The SBIR program does not fund Phase III. Deadline is May 12, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-13/pdf/2015-05329.pdf>

Program: [Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Rehabilitation Services Administration \(RSA\): Rehabilitation Short Term Training Program CFDA Number 84.246K](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: The Rehabilitation Short-Term Training Program supports special seminars, institutes, workshops, and other short-term courses in technical matters relating to vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs; independent living service programs; and client assistance programs (CAPs). Deadline is April 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-09/pdf/2015-05432.pdf>

Program: [Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program CFDA Number 84.022A](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: The Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Program provides opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States. Deadline is April 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-27/pdf/2015-04137.pdf>

Program: [Office of Postsecondary Education \(OPE\): Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program: Short-Term Projects CFDA Number 84.021A](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (Fulbright-Hays GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Short-term projects may include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study. Deadline is March 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-19/pdf/2015-03453.pdf>

Program: **Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Arts in Education National Program (AENP) CFDA Number 84.351F**

Description: Purpose of Program: The AENP supports national-level, high-quality Arts \1\ education activities and services for children and youth, with special emphasis on serving Children from Low-income Families and Children with Disabilities. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-10/pdf/2015-02596.pdf>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Migrant Education Program (MEP) Consortium Incentive Grant Program CFDA Number 84.144F**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the MEP Consortium Incentive Grant program is to provide incentive grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) that participate in a consortium with one or more other SEAs or other appropriate entities to improve the delivery of services to migrant children whose education is interrupted. Deadline is April 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-05/pdf/2015-02350.pdf>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Office of Indian Education (OIE): Indian education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies CFDA Number 84.060**

Description: Purpose of Program: The Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Formula Grants) program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs) and other eligible entities described in this notice in reforming and improving elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students. **Deadline for Transmittal of Part I Applications: February 27, 2015. Part II of the Formula Grant EASIE Applications Available: April 10, 2015. Deadline for Transmittal of Part II Applications: May 15, 2015.**

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-23/pdf/2015-01202.pdf>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **NODES-The Advanced Research Projects Agency**

Description: ARPA-E funds research on and the development of high-potential, high-impact energy technologies that are too early for private-sector investment. The agency focuses on technologies that can be meaningfully advanced with a modest investment over a defined period of time in order to catalyze the translation from scientific discovery to early-stage technology. Deadline is March 20, 2015.

Website: <https://arpa-e-foa.energy.gov/>

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **Health Careers Opportunity Program**

Description: The program's goal is to provide individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete for, enter, and graduate from health or allied health professions schools. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=275220>

Program: **National Legal Resource Center**

Description: Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the Administration for Community Living (ACL) plans to award four (4) cooperative agreements to organizations that will collaborate and collectively function as a National Legal Resource Center (NLRC), with funding for each project ranging from a federal share of \$151,839 to \$176,838 for each year of a 2 year project period, contingent on the availability of federal funds, satisfactory performance, and at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary for Aging. Deadline is May 13, 2015.

Website: http://www.acl.gov/Funding_Opportunities/Announcements/Index.aspx

Program: **FY15 College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative**

Description: OWH implemented the Health and Wellness Initiative for Women Attending 3 Minority Institutions, which supported eight minority-serving institutions (two Hispanic-Serving Institutions, four Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and two Tribal Colleges and Universities) in conducting women's health promotion activities, expanding health services and resources for women, and offering on-going HIV education and screening sessions. Deadline is May 18, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=51128>

Program: **FY15 Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers and Their Families**

Description: The PAF aims to strengthen access to and completion of education (secondary and postsecondary); improve child and maternal health outcomes; improve pregnancy planning and spacing and reduce the likelihood of repeat teen pregnancies; increase parenting skills for mothers, fathers, and families; strengthen co-parenting relationships and marriage where appropriate, increase

positive paternal involvement; decrease intimate partner violence; and raise awareness of available resources. For purposes of this funding announcement, the term expectant includes both women and men who are expecting a child. Deadline is May 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=275005>

Program: [2015 Campus Suicide Prevention Grant](#)

Description: The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive public health approach to prevent suicide in institutions of higher education. The grant is designed to assist colleges and universities in building essential capacity and infrastructure to support expanded efforts to promote wellness and help-seeking of all students. Deadline is April 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-008>

Program: [Senior Medicare Patrol Projects - Empowering Seniors to Prevent Health Care Fraud](#)

Description: The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program includes 54 project grants in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. SMP projects have made great progress in recruiting and training volunteers on Medicare errors, fraud and abuse. These volunteers empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education. SMP projects actively work to disseminate SMP fraud prevention and identification information through the media, outreach campaigns, community events and also working with beneficiaries who present with complex cases such as compromised Medicare numbers. Deadline is April 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acl.gov/>

Program: [Rural Health Care Coordination Network Partnership Program](#)

Description: The purpose of the Rural Health Care Coordination Network Partnership Program is to support the development of formal, mature rural health networks that focus on care coordination activities for the following chronic conditions: diabetes, congestive heart failure (CHF) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Website: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=e3af9abe-a716-4a40-be96-b8273fac43f6>

Program: [Rural Health Clinic Policy and Clinical Assessment Program](#)

Description: The purpose of this program is to identify key policy, regulatory and clinical challenges facing Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and identify possible solutions, while also informing them and other rural stakeholders about key RHC issues, including regulatory and programmatic changes that affect care delivery in these locations. The awardee will identify gaps in knowledge among RHCs about issues such as regulatory and program compliance, billing and reimbursement, quality improvement, best practices, disease management, and care coordination, as well as ORHP and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services priorities, and will propose tools, resources, and strategies to address them. Deadline is April 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=273314>

Program: **FY15 The IPV Provider Network: Engaging the Health Care Provider Response to Interpersonal Violence Against Women**

Description: The Department of Health and Human Services has identified violence prevention as a major goal for improving health across several initiatives, including Healthy People. Deadline is May 12, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50841>

Program: **Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant (Flex) Program is providing support for critical access hospitals for quality improvement, quality reporting, performance improvements, and benchmarking; designating facilities as critical access hospitals; and the provision of rural emergency medical services. Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Website: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=b56d4504-7bf6-4f79-b0e8-37b766f2213e>

Program: **Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States (CABHI-States)**

Description: The purpose of this jointly funded program is to enhance or develop the infrastructure of states and their treatment service systems to increase capacity and provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated/integrated, and evidence-based treatment services; permanent supportive housing; peer supports; and other recovery support services to: • Individuals who experience chronic homelessness and have substance use disorders, serious mental illnesses (SMI), or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders; and/or • Veterans who experience homelessness/chronic homelessness and have substance use disorders, SMI, or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. Deadline is April 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-15-003>

Program: **Community Health Peer Learning Program**

Description: The purpose of this FOA is to address health challenges at the population level through a community-based collaborative approach. The Community Health Peer Learning Program supports HHS efforts to promote the development of a nationwide health information infrastructure built on the sustainable efforts of local providers and communities. Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CLP-CL-15-001>

Program: **Cooperative Agreements for State Adolescent and Transitional Aged Youth Treatment Enhancement and Dissemination Implementation (State Youth Treatment-Implementation)**

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide funding to states/territories/tribes (hereafter known as states) to improve treatment for adolescents and/or transitional aged youth with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (hereafter known as “the population of focus”) by assuring youth state-wide access to evidence-based assessments, treatment models, and recovery services supported by the strengthening of the existing infrastructure system. Deadline is April 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-15-004>

Program: **Workforce Training to Educate Health Care Professionals in Health Information Technology**

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to institutions of higher education, or consortia thereof, to establish or expand medical health informatics education programs to promote the rapid and effective utilization and development of health information technologies. Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=WF-WF-15-300>

Program: **Rural Outreach Benefits Counseling Program**

Description: The purpose of the three-year Benefits Counseling Program is to expand outreach, education and enrollment efforts to eligible uninsured individuals and families, and newly insured individuals and families in rural communities. Deadline is March 30, 2015.

Website: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=b75e6a62-78d0-4be7-a9e3-6de4c7f04dd4>

Program: **Rapid Response Rural Data Analysis and Issue Specific Rural Research Studies**

Description: The purpose of this program is to assist rural communities with conducting rapid data analyses and short term issue-specific rural research studies to understand the impact of current and proposed policies and regulations as well as provide information that will improve access to health care and population health in rural America. Deadline is March 30, 2015.

Website: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=bc2d13f8-4e48-4bd4-b39f-8c2126a18a20>

Program: **Rural Network Allied Health Training Program**

Description: This program will further support integrated rural health networks that can partner with local community colleges and other accredited educational institutions (such as vocational and technical colleges) to develop formal clinical training programs. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

Website: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=8a3ccedb-c206-47da-b651-eb7ccfe0e2>

Program: **Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: Special Interest Project Competitive Supplements**

Description: This RFA will provide supplemental funding to Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) to design, test, and disseminate effective applied public health prevention research strategies to include behavioral interventions, environmental or system-wide solutions, and strategies that address major causes of disease and disability. Deadline is April 8, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=RFA-DP-15-008>

Program: **Enhancing HIV Prevention Communication and Mobilization Efforts through Strategic Partnerships**

Description: The intent of this announcement is to partner with national organizations that have a demonstrated reach and influence in one or more of the following targeted

populations; the African American/Black, Hispanics/Latino, Gay, Bisexual Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM), and Transgender population in order to assist DHAP in HIV/AIDS Prevention. Deadline is March 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-PS15-1505>

Program: **Rural Health Value Program**

Description: The purpose of the Rural Health Value Program is to inform rural health care providers, and stakeholders such as HHS, Congress, states, and for-profit and nonprofit entities that set policies impacting rural health care providers, about the impacts of changes in the health care delivery system, and to provide technical assistance to rural providers in identifying potential new approaches to health care delivery in their communities. Deadline is March 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-072>

Program: **Drug-Free Communities Support Program**

Description: DFC Support Program has two goals: 1. Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth*. 2. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. Deadline is March 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-15-001>

Program: **Announcement of Availability of Funds for Supporting and Enabling Early Innovation to Advance Adolescent Health and Prevent Teen Pregnancy (Tier 2A)**

Description: The primary purpose of the TPP Early Innovation Program is to establish two independent intermediaries that will select, fund, and support a portfolio of innovators across the country to design, test, and refine interventions to advance adolescent health and prevent teen pregnancy. Deadline is April 10, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewAnnouncement.do?id=50659&dispatch=%2FupdateAnnouncement&timeZone=EST>

Program: **Announcement of Availability of Funds for a National Resource Center for HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Adolescents**

Description: This announcement seeks proposals from public and nonprofit private entities. OAH seeks to competitively award up to \$350,000 per year through a three-year cooperative agreement to support the maintenance, enhancement, re-launch, and evaluation of a comprehensive National Resource Center website for HIV/AIDS prevention among adolescents (resource center). Deadline is April 10, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewAnnouncement.do?id=50662&dispatch=%2FupdateAnnouncement&timeZone=EST>

Program: **Rural Recruitment and Retention Analysis Cooperative Agreement**

Description: The purpose of the Rural Recruitment and Retention Analysis Cooperative Agreement is to identify and assess trends, tools, resources and successful strategies used by rural communities to recruit and retain needed staff across key sectors of the rural health care delivery system. Deadline is March 9, 2015.

Website: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=c150b476-bfdf-4d3c-aada-acbc999d8867>

Program: **Enhancing HIV Prevention Communication and Mobilization Efforts through Strategic Partnerships**

Description: The purpose of this FOA is (1) to support the dissemination of Act Against AIDS (AAA) campaign materials, messaging and other CDC resources that support HIV prevention and (2) to implement national engagement efforts focusing on HIV prevention and awareness. Deadline is March 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270913>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: **FY 2014 Fire Prevention and Safety Application Assistance Tools**

Description: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire

prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The Grant Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program as part of the AFG Program. Deadline is April 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/101167>

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **National Disaster Resilience Competition**

Description: The goal of the competition is to make Community Development Block Grant; Resilient Disaster Recovery (CDBG-RDR) funds available for compelling resilient recovery projects. Deadline is March 27, 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: **FY 2015 Environmental Studies Program**

Description: The Environmental Studies Program (ESP) of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is offering a cooperative agreement opportunity to conduct research in topics that serve the public interest of safe and environmentally sound energy and mineral production on the nation's outer continental shelf. This Program Announcement describes the specific projects that may be awarded to the universities or eligible groups identified. Deadline is April 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=274880>

Program: **FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-State Historic Preservation Offices**

Description: To provide matching grants to States for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as survey, planning technical assistance, acquisition, development, and certain Federal tax incentives available for historic properties; to provide matching grants to States to expand the National Register of Historic Places, (the Nation's listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture at the National, State and local levels) to assist Federal, State, and Local Government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities. Deadline is August 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/shpo/grants.html>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **[OVC FY 15 2016 NCVRW Resource Guide Competitive Solicitation](#)**
Description: OVC will award one cooperative agreement of up to \$300,000 to conceptualize, develop, and produce a comprehensive kit that will serve as a resource for the victim services field to support efforts to heighten public awareness of crime victim issues nationwide during National Crime Victims' Rights Week in April 2016, and throughout the year. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, including tribal nonprofit organizations, faith and community-based organizations, and public agencies. Those applying are urged to begin in advance of the April 29, 2015 deadline.

Website: <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>

Program: **[OVC FY 15 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Competitive Solicitation](#)**

Description: OVC and BJA will award between \$600,000 and \$900,000 to law enforcement agencies and victim service providers to work collaboratively to develop and enhance multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces that combat sex and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens of all sexes and ages. Eligible applicants are law enforcement agencies and victim service providers who submit separate but coordinated proposals that outline how this funding will be used to implement the human trafficking task force specified within the application. Those applying are urged to begin in advance of the May 11, 2015, deadline.

Website: <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>

Program: **[BJA FY 15 Anti-Human Trafficking National Training and Technical Assistance Program for Law Enforcement Task Forces](#)**

Description: Eligible applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and consortiums with demonstrated experience providing national and local-level training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in the areas of human trafficking task force development, implementation, and operation. Demonstrated experience in delivering anti-human trafficking training to law enforcement agencies and their identified partners is required. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services. BJA welcomes applications that involve two or more entities; however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as sub-recipients. Deadline is April 20, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15HTTTAsol.pdf>

Program: **[BJA FY 15 Second Chance Act Two-Phase Adult Reentry Demonstration Program: Planning and Implementation](#)**

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) helps to address these significant challenges by providing comprehensive responses to the significant number of incarcerated adults who are returning to communities from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities. Programs funded under the Second Chance Act help to promote public safety by ensuring that the transition individuals make from prison and jail to the community is successful. Deadline is April 29, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15SCAReentryDemoSol.pdf>

Program: **NIJ FY15 Evaluation of the Office on Violence Against Women's Sexual Assault Justice Initiative**

Description: NIJ seeks proposals to evaluate the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Sexual Assault Justice Initiative. The OVW Sexual Assault Justice Initiative will fund up to eight sites to implement performance measures intended to gauge prosecution efforts in cases of sexual assault. The performance measures are intended to improve prosecutorial practices by targeting accountability-related outputs and outcomes rather than determining success by conviction rates. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001157.pdf>

Program: **OVW FY 2015 Technical Assistance Program**

Description: The primary purpose of the OVW Technical Assistance Program is to provide direct technical assistance to existing and potential grantees and sub grantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. In addition, OVW is focused on building the capacity of criminal justice and victim services organizations to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking and fostering partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address violence against women. Deadline is April 9, 2015.

Website: http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/02/26/final_fy_2015_ta_solicitation_2-25-2015.pdf

Program: **BJA FY 15 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**

Description: The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (42 U.S.C. 3797u et seq.) is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders. Deadline is April 16, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15DrugCourtSol.pdf>

Program: **BJA FY 15 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program**

Description: Healthy, vibrant communities are places that provide the opportunities, resources, and an environment that children and adults need to maximize their life outcomes, including high-quality schools and cradle-to-career educational programs; high-quality and affordable housing; thriving commercial establishments; access to quality health care and health services; art and cultural amenities; parks and other recreational spaces; and the safety to take advantage of these opportunities. Deadline is April 20, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15BCJIsol.pdf>

Program: **NIJ FY 15 DNA Arrestee Collection Process Implementation Grants Program**

Description: NIJ seeks applications from eligible States with designated DNA database laboratories for funding to assist with the costs associated with the implementation of DNA arrestee collection processes, in keeping with the purposes of the Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-253), thereby helping to improve the capacity of laboratories that conduct DNA analysis of DNA database samples. Deadline is April 27, 2015.

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001156.pdf>

Program: [NIJ FY 15 Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing](#)

Description: The goal of the “Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing” solicitation is threefold: 1. Assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples to support the efforts of States and units of local government to identify missing persons. 2. Enter the resulting DNA profiles into the FBI’s National DNA Index System using the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) version 7.0. 3. Enter any relevant case information related to unidentified remains into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), as deemed appropriate by the submitting agency (if a case is not entered, a justification will be required). Deadline is April 28, 2015.

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001154.pdf>

Program: [OVW FY 2015 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program](#)

Description: This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by encouraging partnerships between state, local, and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers, to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system and community-based victim service organizations. Deadline is March 24, 2015.

Website: http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/02/11/final_fy_2015_arrest_solicitation_2_11_2015.pdf

Program: [BJA FY 15 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#)

Description: The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) supports innovative cross- system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. BJA is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program. Deadline is April 14, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15JMHCPCsol.pdf>

Program: [NIJ FY 15 Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent](#)

Description: NIJ seeks proposals for funding to assist in defraying the costs associated with post-conviction DNA testing in cases of violent felony offenses (as defined by State law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to identify and review such post-conviction cases and to locate and analyze associated biological evidence. Deadline is May 4, 2015.

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL001150.pdf>

Program: [BJA FY 15 Law Enforcement and Missing Persons with Alzheimer’s Disease](#)

Description: This FY 2015 grant announcement focuses on programs strategically targeted to address community and law enforcement needs. Specifically, this grant announcement focuses on developing community partnerships to assist law enforcement in locating and working with missing persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15LE-AlzheimersSol.pdf>

Program: **OVW FY 2015 Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program**

Description: The Campus Program encourages a comprehensive coordinated community approach that enhances victim safety, provides services for victims and supports efforts to hold offenders accountable. The funding supports activities that develop and strengthen victim services and strategies to prevent, investigate, respond to and prosecute these crimes. Deadline is March 20, 2015.

Website: http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/02/06/campus_program_solicitation.pdf

Program: **OVW FY 2015 Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies**

Description: The Consolidated Youth Program supports projects designed to provide coordinated community responses that support child, youth and young adult victims through direct services, training, coordination and collaboration, effective intervention, treatment, response, and prevention strategies. The Consolidated Youth Program creates a unique opportunity for communities to increase collaboration among non-profit victim service providers; violence prevention, and children (0-10), youth (11-18), young adult (19-24) and men-serving organizations; tribes and tribal governments; local government agencies; schools; and programs that support men's role in combating sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Deadline is March 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ovw/pages/attachments/2015/02/04/fy2015-cy-solicitation.pdf>

Program: **BJA FY 15 Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adults with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Disorders**

Description: The Reentry Program for Adults with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Disorders is designed to improve outcomes for adults with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders through the screening and assessment of incarcerated individuals, availability of some pre-release programming, leading to the provision of appropriate evidence-based services and treatment after incarceration. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15SCA CoOccurringDisordersSol.pdf>

Program: **SMART FY 15 Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program**

Description: The Support for Adam Walsh Act (AWA) Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement requirements of SORNA. In summary, SORNA requires: (1) all States, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories, and participating federally recognized Indian tribes to maintain a sex offender registry; and (2) sex offenders to register and maintain a current registration in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, is an employee, or is a student. Deadline is April 16, 2015.

Website: <http://www.smart.gov/pdfs/SMARTFY15AWA.pdf>

Program: **FY 2015 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)**

Description: The goal of the NCHIP grant program is to improve the nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal

history record information and by ensuring the nationwide implementation of criminal justice and noncriminal justice background check systems. Deadline is April 20, 2015.

Website: <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/jsf/opportunity/opportunity.faces>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **Linking to Employment Activities Pre-release Specialized American Job Centers (AJCs)**

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide locally incarcerated offenders with employability skills by providing them workforce services prior to release from local incarceration and linking them to a continuum of employment, training, education, and support services offered through their community-based AJCs post-release, as well as building connections to local employers that will enable transitioning offenders to secure employment pre-release. Deadline is April 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FOA-ETA-15-03>

Program: **American Apprenticeship Initiative**

Description: This initiative is intended to provide a catalyst in supporting a uniquely American Apprenticeship system that meets our country's particular economic, industry and workforce needs. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FOA-ETA-15-02>

U.S. Department of State

Program: **FY2015 TechWomen Program**

Description: The award recipient will be responsible for arranging appropriate and meaningful mentorships for all the participants at U.S.-based science and technology companies, and for monitoring the safety and well-being of the participants while they are on the program. The mentoring experience will focus on advancing the status of professional women in the fields of science and technology through project-based mentorships, networking opportunities, and enhancement activities. Deadline is May 4, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50971>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **National Public Transportation/Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Technical Assistance Initiative**

Description: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces a Notice of Funding Opportunity and Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new National Public Transportation/TOD Technical Assistance Initiative, which supports the Ladders of Opportunity initiative of the President and the Secretary of Transportation by providing technical assistance for transit-oriented development activities around public transportation stations, including technical assistance to economically distressed communities across the country. FTA has budgeted up to \$4,000,000

over a four-year period and seeks proposals that will demonstrate the ability to organize a technical assistance team with practical expertise in a range of disciplines including public transportation, transit-oriented development, land use, urban planning, affordable housing, environmental justice and community-based economic development. Deadline is April 10, 2015.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16298.html

Program: [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center RFP](#)

Description: FTA is releasing this notice of funding availability to promote the availability and accessibility of transportation options that serve the needs of people with disabilities, seniors and caregivers with a focus on effectively leveraging MAP-21 Section 5310 (5310) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grants and other transit investments. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

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

Program: [2015 PHMSA HMEP States and Territories](#)

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to increase State, Territorial, Tribal, and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. Deadline is April 3, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=50780>

U.S. Department of Treasury

Program: [RESTORE Act Direct Component - Construction Activities](#)

Description: The RESTORE Act created five components through which funds will be disbursed. Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity notices as part of the RESTORE Act. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component, and is only for applications for eligible construction activities. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: [VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program](#)

Description: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for supportive services grants under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. Deadline is March 17, 2015.

Website: <http://http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp>

Program: [Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

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

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

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **NEH Accepting Applications for Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants**

Description: The National Endowment for the Humanities is accepting applications from libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations for projects to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage resources.

Through its Preservation and Access Education and Training program, the endowment will award grants to cultural institutions to maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The grants are designed to help staff obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also will support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices.

Grants of up to \$175,000 over two years will be awarded to eligible service organizations in the preservation field. For all other applicants, the maximum award is \$100,000 per year for up to two years.

Any U.S. nonprofit organization is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Deadline is May 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pet.html>

Program: **Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Accepting Fellowship Applications From Artists and Scholars**

Description: The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation provides fellowships to advanced professionals in all fields -- including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts (except the performing arts). Last year, the program awarded fellowships to a hundred and eighty-one scholars, artists, and scientists in the United States and Canada.

Often characterized as "midcareer" awards, the fellowships are intended to assist individuals who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts. The program seeks to further the development of scholars and artists by helping them engage in research in any field of knowledge or creation in any of the arts under the freest possible conditions. Deadline is September 19, 2015.

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

Program: Harpo Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Emerging Artists Fellowship

Description: The foundation's Emerging Artist Fellowship at the Santa Fe Art Institute was established in 2013 to provide an annual opportunity to an emerging visual artist 25 years of age or older who needs time and space to explore an idea and/or start a new project. Artist fellows will receive a one-month residency at the Santa Fe Art Institute that includes a well-appointed room with private bath; a beautiful, well-lit studio space; and a \$500 travel stipend. Deadline is July 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/emerging-artist-fellowship/>

Program: Individuals Addressing Open Society Challenges Invited to Apply for Open Society Foundations Fellowship

Description: A program of the Open Society Foundations, the Open Society Fellowship was founded in 2008 to support individuals pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. The fellowship program seeks to fund work that will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching conversations within the Open Society Foundations and the world.

A fellowship project might identify a problem that has not been recognized, develop new policy ideas to address familiar problems, or offer a new advocacy strategy. Project themes should cut across at least two areas of interest to the Open Society Foundations, including human rights, government transparency, access to information and to justice, and the promotion of civil society and social inclusion.

Deadline is August 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/open-society-fellowship>

Program: Aspen Institute Social Innovation Program Invites Applications for Hearst Fellowship for Minority Students

Description: Candidates for the fellowship are highly motivated, current, non-graduate graduate or undergraduate students from underrepresented communities of color. Each candidate should have an excellent academic record and also have a demonstrated interest in or experience with nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, and the social sector; excellent research and writing skills; demonstrated financial need; and United States citizenship or permanent resident status. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

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

Program: **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Invites LOIs for Building Demand for the Arts Program**

Description: The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for its Building Demand for the Arts program (formerly called Doris Duke Artist Residencies to Build Demand for the Arts grants).

The annual program supports organizations and artists working to develop audience demand for jazz, theatre, and/or contemporary dance. While many programs focus on the supply side of the supply/demand equation, this program is predicated on the belief that artists and organizations can work together in imaginative ways to create and pilot methods of reaching the public and developing interest in and access to the performing arts. Deadline is April 24, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ddcf.org/Programs/Arts/Initiatives--Strategies/Doris-Duke-Performing-Artist-Initiative/Doris-Duke-Building-Demand-for-the-Arts/>

Program: **Wild Ones Invites Applications for Native Plant Education Projects**

Description: Wild Ones, a nonprofit environmental education and advocacy organization, is accepting applications from projects designed to enhance and develop an appreciation for nature using native plants.

Through the Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund, grants of up to \$500 will be awarded for projects that emphasize the involvement of students and volunteers in all phases. In addition, local nurseries identified by Wild Ones will supply seeds, plants, and advice to grant recipients. Deadline is October 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/>

Program: **RWJF Issues RFP for Eliminating Health Disparities Awards**

Description: Through the program, the foundation will award a total of ten grants of up to \$60,000 each to individuals who have successfully implemented systems changes related to the determinants of health. Recognition of these efforts increases the visibility and awareness of the urgent need for systems changes to eliminate health disparities in our society.

The foundation is inviting proposals from national nonprofit membership organizations and/or associations to establish an annual awards program to honor individuals who implement systems changes to solve health disparities. The awards program will span seven years, with the first winners selected in 2016 and

then annually through 2022. A total of ten organizations representing the following sectors will be chosen to administer the awards programs: public health, health care, business, media, social justice, civic leadership, faith-based, education, science and technology, design, community development, and philanthropy.

To be eligible, organizations must have experience with systems change in one or more of the following areas that influences health outcomes: access to quality health care, education, employment, income, community environment, housing, or public safety.

The foundation will hold a Web conference for applicants on March 25, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. EST. Registration is required. Deadline is April 14, 2015.

Website: http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/funding-opportunities/2014/rwjf-awards-for-eliminating-health-disparities.html?rid=CR0RfoW1kVrIxFKudcSYjL9Zh7yWU63Vdhd aVE2UAc&et_cid=186347

Program: [Music Therapy Association Invites Applications for Anne Emery Kyлло Professional Scholarship](#)

Description: The [American Music Therapy Association](#) is accepting applications for the 2015 Anne Emery Kyлло Professional Scholarship, an annual program designed to support professional music therapists in their efforts to expand their training and professional interactions through participation in continuing education opportunities.

Three scholarships of \$500 will be awarded annually for use toward continuing music therapy education credits. The award may be used for national and/or regional conferences, continuing music therapy education courses, and/or other continuing education courses that meet the educational activity guidelines established by the Certification Board for Music Therapists. In addition, the award may be used for postgraduate coursework as it relates to the clinical practice of music therapy. The award is for one calendar year. Deadline is June 26, 2015.

Website: http://www.musictherapy.org/careers/scholars/#Anne_Emery_Kyлло_Professional_Scholarship

Program: [Fisher House Foundation Seeks Proposals for Newman's Own Awards for Service Members and Families](#)

Description: The [Fisher House Foundation](#), a private-public partnership that supports America's military in times of need, is accepting proposals for the 2015 Newman's Own Awards from nonprofit organizations with creative ideas for improving the quality of life for service members and their families.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in recognition of the most innovative plans to improve the quality of life for active duty, Reserve, and National Guard service members, as well as veterans and their families. Award funds cannot be used to pay salaries or wages.

Deadline is April 29, 2015

Website: <http://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/newmans-own-grant/>

Program: [National Resource Center for First-Year Experience and Students in Transition Invites Applications for Research Projects](#)

Description: The University of South Carolina's [National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition](#) program is accepting applications for research projects aimed at improving the experiences of college students transitioning into and through higher education.

Through its Paul P. Fidler Research grant program, the center will award \$5,000 for a research project that supports and promotes research with the potential to have a national impact on student success. Topics may include but are not limited to underrepresented student populations; community colleges; student advising, transfer and articulation; career development; and other issues related to college student transitions.

To be eligible, applicants must be faculty, staff, or a graduate student at an institution of higher education in the U.S. who plans to conduct research on issues of college student transitions. Deadline is July 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.sc.edu/fye/fidler/>

Program: [Aaron Siskind Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Individual Photographer's Fellowships](#)

Description: The annual program encourages and celebrates artistic achievement in contemporary photography by supporting the creative endeavors of artists working in photography and photo-based art media.

A limited number of fellowship grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to artists working in photography and photo-based art. Qualified applicants must provide a portfolio of still photography of any subject matter, genre, or process. Works submitted may be traditional photography projects or experimental works, but photographic techniques must be pivotal to the works submitted. Examples of ineligible work include film, video, and interactive multimedia. Deadline is May 29, 2015.

Website:

<http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/Link%20to%20Complete%20ORFP>

Program:

Buckminster Fuller Institute Issues RFP for 2015 Fuller Challenge

Description:

The Buckminster Fuller Institute has announced a Request for proposals or the 2015 Fuller Challenge.

Through the annual program, the institute invites activists, architects, artists, designers, entrepreneurs, scientists, students, and planners from all over the world to submit innovative solutions to some of humanity's most pressing problems. A \$100,000 prize is awarded to support the development and implementation of one such strategy.

BFI looks for holistic strategies that demonstrate a clear grasp of big-picture dynamics. If a proposal emphasizes a new design, material, process, service, tool or technology, it is essential that it be part of an integrated strategy that simultaneously addresses key social, environmental, and economic factors. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

Website:

<http://bfi.org/dymaxion-forum/2015/02/2015-call-proposals>

Program:

National Endowment for the Arts Accepting Applications for Challenge America Fast-Track Grants

Description:

The National Endowment for the Arts is accepting applications from small and midsize organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations, including those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Deadline is April 16, 2015.

Website:

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

Program:

College Board Seeks Application for 2015 College Board Award for Excellence in the Arts

Description:

The College Board is accepting applications for the 2015 College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts. The annual award recognizes the achievements of member institutions which have implemented an arts program in grades 6 to 12 that promotes student learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website:

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

Program: **MacArthur Foundation Issues RFP for New Safety and Justice Challenge**

Description: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation has issued a Request for Proposals for a new initiative that targets the overuse of jails as a major driver and core component of over-incarceration.

Through its Safety and Justice Challenge, the foundation will make an initial investment of \$75 million over five years in an effort to create national demand for local justice reform as a means of reducing over-incarceration in America.

Deadline is March 31, 2015.

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

Program: **South Arts Invites Applications for Literary Arts Touring Program**

Description: Through its Literary Arts Touring initiative, South Arts will award grants of up to \$2,500 for literary projects that contain both a public reading and an educational component such as a writing workshop. The project can include single or multiple writers involved in an event (writers series, festivals, or single engagements). The maximum grant request is 50 percent of the writers' fee(s). Qualified projects must take place between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. Deadline is May 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.southarts.org/site/c.guIYLaMRJxE/b.7586099/k.9279/Literary_Arts.htm

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

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

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

Only applicants operating an emergency shelter (immediate overnight housing) for survivors of domestic violence are eligible for a grant. Applicants must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

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

Program: **Cornerstone OnDemand Foundation Accepting Applications for Impact Software Grants**

Description: To that end, the Impact Grant program is designed to support a select group of nonprofits that can effectively leverage the foundation's learning and development technology in innovative and tangible ways for significant community impact. The foundation will be holding informational webinars on February 3 at 11:00 a.m. EST, and on February 19 at 2:00 p.m. EST. (Registration required.) Deadline is March 20, 2015.

Website: http://www.cornerstoneondemand.org/impact-grant?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRomrfCcl63Em2iQPJWpsrB0B%2FDC18kX3RUtI7Scbwfind1SFJk7a8C6XFJHRd1R5D4VTbHB

Program: **AAFP Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Senior Immunization Grant Awards**

Description: To that end, the foundation is accepting applications from family medicine residency programs for its 2015 Senior Immunization Grant Awards. The annual program provides support to family medicine residency programs with the aim of enhancing residents' community health training and improving influenza and pneumococcal vaccination rates in patients age 65 and older during the 2015-16 influenza season (October 2015 through March 2016. Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.aafpfoundation.org/online/foundation/home/programs/education/aafpfoundationimmunizationawards/immunizawdsfactsheet.html#Parsys33830>

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

Description: Administered by the [USA TODAY Charitable Foundation](#) and the [Lift a Life Foundation](#), with support from the [Yum Foundation](#), the [Lead2Feed World Hunger Leadership Challenge](#) encourages middle and high school students to develop leadership skills by starting a service-learning project that addresses hunger. Teams of students from public, private, and charter middle schools and high schools are invited to enter. First-, second-, and third- place prizes of \$25,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000, will be awarded up to a total of \$275,000. Deadline is April 17, 2015.

Website: <http://lead2feed.com/the-challenge>

Program: [**Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation Accepting Applications for Toolbox for Education Grants**](#)

Description: One-year grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded in support of projects that have a permanent impact on a school community, such as a facility enhancement (indoor or outdoor) or landscaping/clean-up project. In addition, Toolbox grants can be used as part of a larger-scale project, as long as the funds are used to complete a phase of the project achievable within twelve months of the award date.

To be eligible, applicants must be a public K-12 school or nonprofit parent group associated with such a school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Preschools are not eligible. If the number of applications reaches 1,500, the foundation may close the grant cycle. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

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

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

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

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

Program: [**SHAPE America Issues RFP for 2014-2015 Research Grant Program**](#)

Description: [SHAPE America](#) promotes school-based health, physical education, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles among children in the United States.

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

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

Program: [**Patagonia Accepting Applications for Grassroots Environmental Campaigns**](#)

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

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

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

Program: [**Louisville Institute Invites Academic and Pastoral Researchers to Apply for Sabbatical Grants Program**](#)

Description: The Louisville Institute offers the Sabbatical Grants for Researchers program to identify and support ecclesiastically engaged academics and intellectually astute pastoral and religious leaders whose scholarly research work can contribute to the vitality of Christianity in North America. The program is designed to bring pastors and academics together and help them share their insights into the life of churches.

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

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

Program: [**Air Medical Physician Association Invites Applications for Research Seed Grants**](#)

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

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

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

Program: **The Office Depot Foundation Grants**

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

Website: http://officedepotfoundation.org/?page_id=237

Program: **Environmental Competitive Grant**

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

Website: www.legacyenvd.org

Program: **Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant**

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

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

Program: **The RGK Foundation awards grants**

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

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

March 6, 2015

June 12, 2015

September 16, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Website: http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant

Program: **Binoculars for Young Citizen Scientists**

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

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

Program: **International Paper Environmental Education Grants**

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

Website:

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

Program:

Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation

Description:

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

Website:

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

SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Program:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I-B Youth Programs-Request for Proposals

Description:

To solicit proposals for innovative programs to assist out-of-school youth and in-school youth, with significant barriers to employment such as a disability, by providing a broad array of activities designed for educational and occupational skills training in the Alabama Workforce Investment Area (AWIA). Deadline is March 20, 2015.

Website:

www.adeca.alabama.gov

Program:

2016 Alabama Library Service Technology Act (LSTA)

Description:

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

Links:

Notice of Intent December 5, 2014:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20notice%20of%20intent.doc

Deadline to apply April 3, 2015:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc

Application:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/docs/lsta/FY2016%20LSTA%20appl.doc

Website:

http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls_web/apls/apls/?q=lsta

Program:

Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants

Description: Applicants are encouraged to develop projects for a wide variety of audiences including: library and museum patrons, teachers and scholars, youth, senior citizens, nursing home residents, hospital patients, the economically disadvantaged, the incarcerated, and the hearing and sight impaired.

Application submission deadlines:

Major Grants (\$1,500 and up) – [February 15](#), [June 16](#), [September 15](#)

Minor Grants (\$1,500 or less) – [February 15](#), [June 16](#), [September 15](#)

Website: <http://www.alabamahumanities.org/grants/>

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

Program: [Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging Invites Nominations for Innovation in Caregiving Award](#)

Description: The institute is inviting nominations for its 2015 Innovation in Caring Award for innovative ideas that have resulted in improvements in care and increased comfort for those receiving care.

The annual award recognizes adults (age 18 and over) who, in the course of caring for an adult age 60 or over in a private home or a residential setting, has invented a device or technique that solves a caregiving challenge or found a new application for an existing device or technique that supports caregiving and eases the burden on caregivers.

Up to three award winners will receive a commemorative plaque and a check for \$1000. Deadline is June 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.benrose.org/award/>

Program: [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring](#)

Description: The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) is a Presidential award established by the White House in 1995. The PAESMEM program is administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Nominations, including self-nominations, are invited for "Individual" and "Organizational" PAESMEM awards. Individuals and organizations in all public and private sectors are eligible including industry, academia, K-12, military and government, non-profit organizations, and foundations. Deadline is June 19, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15551

Program: [L'Oreal Paris Seeking Nominations for 2015 Women of Worth Awards](#)

Description: L'Oreal Paris has announced a Call for Nominations for the 2015 L'Oreal Paris Women of Worth awards, an annual program designed to honor women making a “beautiful difference” in the world through voluntarism.

Since 2006, the program, in partnership with Points of Light, has recognized eighty inspiring women who have selflessly devoted themselves to causes at the local and national level and motivated others to get involved. Past honorees have been involved in a range of important causes, from advocating for victims of childhood abuse and mentoring homeless children, to helping break the cycle of poverty and empowering teens with disabilities. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.lorealparisusa.com/en/women-of-worth.aspx>

Program: **Buckminster Fuller Institute Issues RFP for 2015 Fuller Challenge**

Description: Through the annual program, the institute invites activists, architects, artists, designers, entrepreneurs, scientists, students, and planners from all over the world to submit innovative solutions to some of humanity’s most pressing problems. A \$100,000 prize is awarded to support the development and implementation of one such strategy. Deadline is March 31, 2015.

Website: <http://bfi.org/dymaxion-forum/2015/02/2015-call-proposals>

Program: **College Board Seeks Application for 2015 College Board Award for Excellence in the Arts**

Description: The annual award recognizes the achievements of member institutions which have implemented an arts program in grades 6 to 12 that promotes student learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways. Deadline is April 13, 2015.

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

Program: **GreenPal Lawncare Accepting Applications for Annual Business Scholarship**

Description: Greenpal is accepting applications for the annual GreenPal Small Business Scholarship to assist a motivated, driven student and future business leader. One applicant will be chosen each year to receive a scholarship award of \$2,000 paid equally over (four) semesters. This scholarship will be renewed each year with a new winner.

The program is open to any graduating high school senior, college freshman, or sophomore who owns and operates his/her own small business or has put together a business plan to start a business while in college. In addition, applicants must be in a graduating high school's senior class in 2015 or be currently enrolled in a college of business with a 3.0 or higher GPA; demonstrate

high ambition and desire to be an entrepreneur or business owner; and have a declared major in a college of business. Deadline is May 30, 2015.

Website: <http://yourgreenpal.com/scholarship>

Program: [National Environmental Education Foundation Invites Applications for Capacity-Building Grants](#)

Description: NEEF, with support from Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc., will be awarding capacity-building grants of up to \$5,000 each to Friends Groups that have been in existence for at least two years. A Friends Group is defined as a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to support the improvement and responsible use of a public land or water site in the United States. Friends Groups may serve more than one site, such as a regional group of parks. Applicants must have had an established collaborative relationship with a local public lands site (including federal, state, regional, county, city or other local public lands area) for at least one year. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.publiclandseveryday.org/grants/capacity-building-grants>

Program: [Nominations Sought for 2015 Kavoussi Family Outstanding Teacher Award](#)

Description: The annual award program honors an ASRM member who is recognized as an outstanding educator in undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, professional, or patient education in the area of basic and/or clinical reproductive biology and medicine. Sustained achievement in the fields of professional, scientific and/or patient education is an important consideration in selecting the awardee. Deadline is June 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.asrm.org/Kavoussi_Family_Outstanding_Teacher_Award/

Program: [Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program](#)

Description: The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 STEM teachers. Track 1: The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships and Stipends Track provides funds to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate STEM professionals to become highly effective STEM teachers; these individuals commit to teaching for 2 years in high-need local educational agencies for every year of scholarship/stipend support. Track 2: The NSF Teaching Fellowships Track provides funds to support fellowships, academic programs, professional development, and salary supplements for STEM professionals, including retirees from STEM professions, who enroll in a master's degree program leading to teacher certification or licensing; these individuals,

referred to as NSF Teaching Fellows, commit to teaching for four years in high-need local educational agencies. Track 3: The NSF Master Teaching Fellowships Track provides funds to support professional development and salary supplements for K-12 STEM teachers, who are experienced and exemplary and who already have a master's degree in their field, to become NSF Master Teaching Fellows; these individuals commit to teaching for five years in high-need local educational agencies. Deadline is March 17, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15530

Program: [ING Foundation Grants](#)

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

Financial Literacy
Children's Education
Diversity
Environmental Sustainability

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

Program: [Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants](#)

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

Areas of focus for the Foundation include:
Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating
Sustainability
Women's Economic Empowerment
Career Opportunity

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

Program: [William G. McGowan Charitable Fund Issues Request for Proposals for Projects That Address Homelessness](#)

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

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

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

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

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

HBCU Scholarship Directory

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

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

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

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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

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

FELLOWSHIP SEARCH

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

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

Minority Fellowship Program

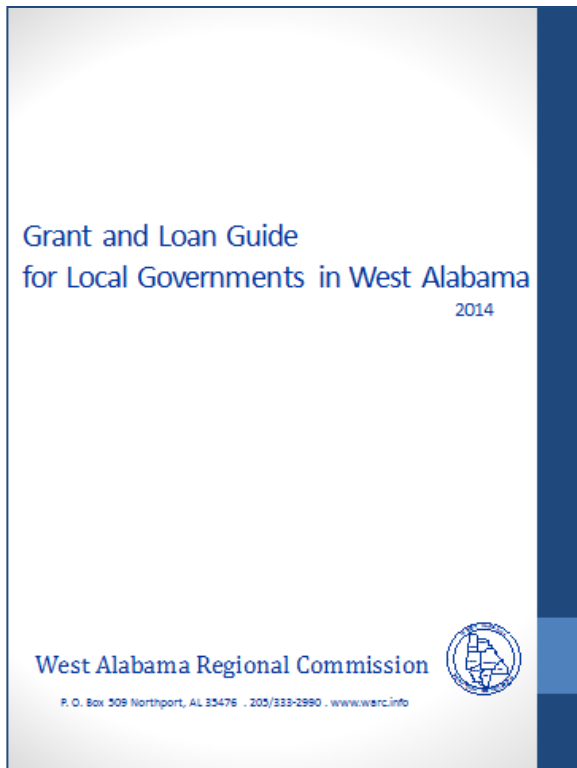
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Section VI RESOURCES

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

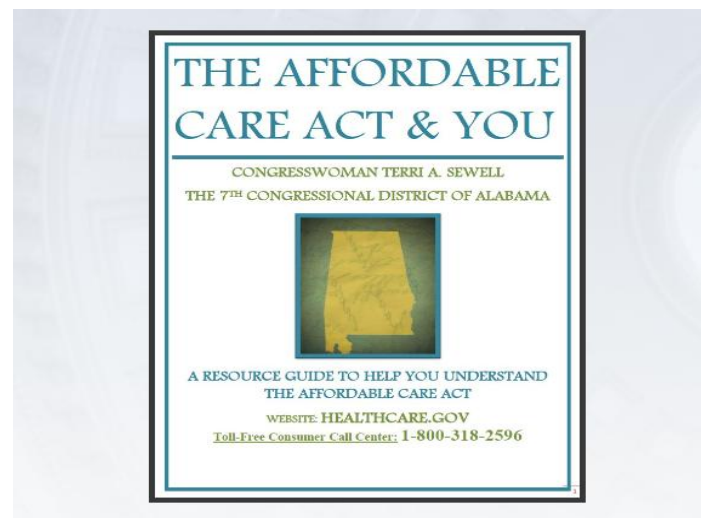
The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.

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



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

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



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

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

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

Alabama

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION VETERANS:

FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center

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

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

Veteran Applicant Resources:

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

Employer Resources:

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

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden's Joining Forces initiative, the Department of Veterans Affairs worked with the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Education, and the Office of Personnel

Management to design and develop the site and incorporate features of existing online employment tools at each agency. The result is an upgrade to the existing Veterans Job Bank and an integrated solution connecting Veterans, transitioning Service Members and employers.

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

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

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

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

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West Alabama Regional Commission

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

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

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South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

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Lee-Russell Council of Governments

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

Autauga Area Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223
Website: www.aacinfo.org

The Community Foundation of South Alabama
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama
P.O. Box 990
Mobile, AL 36601
Phone: 251-438-5591
Website: www.communityendowment.com

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

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

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

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

Elmore County Community Foundation
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Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur
P.O. Box 2003
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Website: www.cfogd.org

The Community Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County
659 Gallatin Street
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Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

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

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

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422
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Community Foundation of West Alabama
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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