



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!***

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to ***Guide to Grants*** at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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Rep. Sewell to Unveil Stronger Consumer Borrower Protections

Washington, D.C. -- Congresswoman Terri Sewell will soon introduce legislation to better protect consumers as a follow-up to President Obama's March visit to Birmingham where he outlined the stronger need for payday lending requirements.

Today, Congresswoman Sewell outlined the urgent need for reform on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. A video of her speech is available online at <https://sewell.house.gov/media-center/videos>. Below is the text of her floor speech:

Thank you Mr./Madam Speaker,

Today I rise to talk about the critical need for stronger oversight of payday lenders.

In March, I welcomed President Obama to the City of Birmingham in my district, where he highlighted our nation's economic recovery and put a spotlight on the area that needed most improvement. The President highlighted the urgent need for better regulation of the payday lending industry the very same day that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau unveiled proposals to rein in this loosely-regulated industry.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting the CFPB's efforts to ensure that these products help -- not harm -- consumers. The payday lending and title loan industry must take steps to ensure that borrowers understand the loan terms and have the resources to pay them back.

In my district, the proliferation of payday lending is really unacceptable. On every corner, you will find a payday lender. In fact the President quoted that there were more payday lending institutions in my district than there were McDonald's.

These borrowers are disproportionately African American or Latino – two communities that were severely impacted by the predatory lending practices – and far too many of these borrowers find themselves trapped in a cycle of debt.

In the coming weeks, I plan to introduce a bill and to spearhead efforts led by consumer industry groups to protect consumers from predatory lending. I ask my colleagues to join me. These good people are my constituents, and not this industry's prey.

The Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act Passes in the House

Washington, D.C. -- Congresswoman Terri Sewell issued the following statement after the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act (H.R. 650), a bill she co-sponsored to preserve critical access to financing for manufactured homes for low-income and rural families, passed the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Manufactured homes provide quality, affordable housing for roughly 22 million Americans. More than 300,000 Alabama families live in manufactured homes, which accounts for over 14 percent of the state's available housing stock.

"The Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act ensures that manufactured homes remain a viable, affordable housing option for families in rural, distressed and underserved areas. Manufactured homes loans are considered personal property loans, which distinguishes them from traditional mortgages.

"The Dodd Frank Act was meant to enhance consumer protections, rather than limit consumer access. This bill corrects an unintended consequence of Dodd Frank and makes a simple but necessary adjustment to enable lenders to meet the demand for affordable, responsible mortgage loans for manufactured homes while preserving important consumer protections.

"This bill leaves untouched important protections established under the Dodd Frank Act. Consumers will continue to have a wide range of mortgage protections, including the Qualified Mortgage Standards 'Ability to Repay' requirement, the prohibition on steering incentives, the prohibition against steering a consumer to a predatory loan, loan term disclosures, the prohibition on mandatory arbitration, as well as other state and federal laws.

"Without this bill, working families and retirees with limited credit or fixed incomes will be forced into more expensive housing options. I am proud of the bipartisan support the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act received in the House. Today's vote underscores our commitment to preserving affordable housing choices for all Americans."

Rep. Sewell Introduces Expanded Child Care Credits for Working Families

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell introduced the Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act of 2015 (H.R. 1780), to make quality child care more affordable for millions of working-class families.

“Access to affordable, quality child care should not be a financial hurdle that proves too high for working families to cross. Families living below the federal poverty level spend, on average, one-third of their income on child care expenses.

“The Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act would make child care more affordable for millions of working parents by increasing child care tax credits and making the credit fully refundable for low-income families.

“Expanding child care tax credits will boost our economy, and provide working parents with the security they need to care for their families. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to provide much needed relief for working families.”

Highlights of the Bill

The Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act of 2015 will modernize the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC), enacted in 1976, by expanding the size and scope of child care tax credits.

The Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act increases the amount of eligible child care expenses to \$8,000 for one child or \$16,000 for two or more children, up from \$3,000 for one child and \$6,000 for two or more children under the CDCTC.

Working class families would be eligible for tax credits of \$2,800 or \$5,600, depending on the number of children for whom they incur qualifying expenses.

Working parents who currently receive no benefits from existing child care tax credits -- because their income is too low -- would be eligible for a federal refund under the Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act.

U.S. Senator Patty Murray (WA), the Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee, introduced the companion bill in the Senate.

Reps. Sewell and Byrne Reintroduce the Workforce Development Tax Credit Act

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-7) and Congressman Bradley Byrne (AL-1) reintroduced the Workforce Development Tax Credit Act (H.R. 1781), a bipartisan bill that prepares our workforce for manufacturing jobs by providing federal tax credits for businesses that offer apprenticeship programs and additional tax credits for companies that hire apprentices.

The Manufacturing Institute says nearly 3.5 million manufacturing jobs will need to be filled over the next decade; however, approximately 2 million of those jobs will go unfilled due to a skilled labor shortage.

"A strong manufacturing sector is crucial for our nation's economic growth and prosperity. The Workforce Development Tax Credit Act encourages businesses to work with community colleges and universities to develop apprenticeship programs that will lead to more skilled workers. Emphasizing skills training will enable our country to maintain its competitive edge, and help bring more Americans into the middle class. I am proud to sponsor this bill with Bradley Byrne, my friend and fellow Alabamian, and I look forward to its passage," said **Rep. Sewell**.

"The workforce needs in the United States are rapidly changing, and skills training is becoming more important than ever before. That's why I am proud to join my friend and colleague Terri Sewell in introducing the Workforce Development Tax Credit Act. By encouraging businesses to partner with community colleges and universities to advance workforce training initiatives, we can help connect Americans with the skills they need to get a job and meet growing industry demands," **Rep. Byrne**.

"The Workforce Development Tax Credit Act is in total alignment with the goals of the Alabama Workforce Investment Board and with the recommendations made by the Alabama Workforce Council regarding public/private partnerships," said **George Clark**, President of Manufacture Alabama, Chairman of the Alabama Workforce Investment Board, and Vice-Chairman of the Alabama Workforce Council.

Reps. Chris Van Hollen (MD-8), Joseph Crowley (NY-14), Tim Ryan (OH-17), Raul Ruiz (CA-36) and John Carney (DE-At Large) are original co-sponsors of the bill.

"Apprenticeship programs are a critical tool to bridge the skills gap and help employers train and hire workers for jobs that strengthen our economy," said **Rep. Van Hollen**, Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee. "I am proud to stand with Representatives Sewell and Byrne and support this common-sense approach to incentivize apprenticeships and help connect workers to good-paying jobs in my home state of Maryland and across the country."

"Apprenticeships are an effective method for giving Americans the specified, hands-on experience they need in order to obtain a secure, good-paying job," said **Rep. Joe Crowley**, Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus. "We should do everything we can to incentivize the creation of these programs, which have a demonstrated record of success. I'm proud to join Reps. Sewell and Byrne in introducing this critical legislation."

"Manufacturing is the backbone of the American economy, but in order for this industry to continue to grow and thrive we must have a skilled workforce. That is why I am happy to join my colleagues in introducing the bipartisan Workforce Development Tax Credit Act. This legislation will ensure that we have apprenticeship programs to prepare our young people for today's job market. This tax credit will help us remain a world leader and on the cutting edge in manufacturing," said **Rep. Ryan**.

"Since I first came to Congress, reinvigorating the manufacturing sector has been among my top priorities. The revitalization of the manufacturing sector is essential to creating stronger economic growth and securing the financial future of working families. I am proud to join colleagues on both sides of the aisle in co-sponsoring the Workforce Development Tax Credit Act, which creates fruitful new partnerships between the business community and institutions of higher learning to provide new training and apprenticeship opportunities, and to help address the industry's need for more skilled labor," said **Rep. Carney**.

Highlights of the Bill

The Workforce Development Tax Credit Act of 2015 would close the skill gap and encourage job creation by providing federal tax credits to employers that create apprenticeship programs. An additional tax credit is offered to businesses that subsequently hire and retain apprentices for at least one year post-apprenticeship.

The goals of this bill are to train workers for skilled manufacturing jobs, assist companies in creating recruitment pipelines and decreasing costly turnover, and provide incentives for businesses to manufacture in America.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Incorporated (CBCF) Opportunities

CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship

This award is for full-time students with majors in the performing arts including, but not limited to, drama, music, dance, opera, marching bands,...

04/15/2015 Not Applicable

Deadline: 04/15/2015

Award: Not Applicable

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship

This award is for students with majors in the visual arts including, but not limited to, architecture, ceramics, awing, fashion, graphic design,...

05/01/2015 \$3,000.00

Deadline: 05/01/2015

Award: \$3,000.00

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

This award is for students of all majors who are preparing to pursue or are currently pursuing an dergraduate or graduate degree full-time at a...

05/01/2015 \$3,000.00

Deadline: 05/01/2015

Award: \$3,000.00

CBCF Communications Internship Program

The semester-long CBCF Communications Internship program sponsored by State Farm offers dergraduate students who are interested in learning about...

05/22/2015 Varies

Deadline: 05/22/2015

Award: Varies

CBCF Emerging Leaders Internship Program

The semester-long Emerging Leaders Internship Program sponsored by Walmart creates a corps of trained, young leaders with the skills, outlook, and...

06/05/2015 Internship

Deadline: 06/05/2015

Award: Internship



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National Park Service Awards Historic Preservation Grants

WASHINGTON – National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis announced today the distribution of \$46,925,000 for historic preservation grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. These funds were appropriated under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, enacted as Public Law 113-235.

“In partnership with the States and Territories, the National Park Service is committed to preserving our nation’s important historic and cultural places, using important tools like these historic preservation grants,” said Jarvis. “Looking ahead to the National Park Service’s Centennial in 2016, we are committed to telling a more complete and diverse story of America’s history in our second century, and this grant program helps us accomplish that goal.”

Grants may be used for a broad range of activities such as historic property inventories, resource protection planning, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, monitoring compliance with Federal historic preservation requirements, technical assistance to private interests that seek to preserve and protect historic resources, assisting local government preservation programs, and acquisition or development of historic properties

The National Park Service will administer these funds as part of the Historic Preservation Fund. Amounts made available to each jurisdiction are listed on the next page.

Following is a list of grants by state. For more information about the National Park Service historic preservation programs and grants, please visit: www.nps.gov/stlpg.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND APPORTIONMENT TO STATES UNDER P. L. 113-235

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www.nps.gov

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

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program:	Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps FY 2015
Description:	This funding opportunity is a program jointly sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to create a Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps. This program is consistent with the missions of OJJDP and CNCS, and within the objectives of the My Brother's Keeper initiative. Deadline is May 20, 2015.
Website:	http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/youth-opportunity-americorps-notice-funding

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>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: [**Fiscal Year 2015 Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program**](#)

Description: The grant program does not support projects that rely on reducing pollution by using recycling, clean-up, treatment, disposal or energy recovery activities. This solicitation announces that EPA's Regional Pollution Prevention (P2) Program Offices anticipate collectively having approximately \$1,200,000 in total grant funds in Fiscal Year 2015 to issue SRA grants. Deadline is May 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap/srap15.pdf>

Program: [**2015 Targeted Air Shed Grant Program**](#)

Description: This program will assist local, state and/or tribal air control agencies in developing plans, conducting demonstrations, and implementing projects in order to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that EPA determines are the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone (O3) or annual average fine particulate matter (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The overall goal of the Targeted Air Shed Grant program is to reduce air pollution in the Nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM2.5 ambient air concentrations. Deadline is June 5, 2015.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html

Program: [**FY15 Region 4 Wetland Program Development Grants**](#)

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants to build or refine state/tribal/local government wetland programs as described in Section I, FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION, of this announcement. States, tribes, local government agencies, interstate agencies, and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply under this announcement, as further described herein. Universities that are agencies of a state government are eligible, but must include documentation demonstrating that they are chartered as part of a state government in the proposal submission. Non-profit organizations are not eligible to compete under this RFP. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/wetlands/wetlands_grants.html

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: **Common Heritage**

Description: The Common Heritage program aims to capture this vitally important part of our country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Common Heritage will support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of public programming at community events that explore these materials as a window on a community's history and culture. Deadline is June 25, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/common-heritage>

Program: **Digital Projects for the Public**

Description: Digital Projects for the Public grants support projects that significantly contribute to the public's engagement with the humanities. Digital platforms—such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks, games, and virtual environments—can reach diverse audiences and bring the humanities to life for the American people. The program offers three levels of support for digital projects: grants for Discovery projects (early-stage planning work), Prototyping projects (proof-of-concept development work), and Production projects (end-stage production and distribution work). While projects can take many forms, shapes, and sizes, your request should be for an exclusively digital project or for a digital component of a larger project. Deadline is June 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/digital-projects-the-public>

Program: **Humanities Initiatives**

Description:	These grants may be used to enhance existing humanities programs, resources, or courses, or to develop new ones. NEH Humanities Initiatives may • create opportunities for faculty members to study together, in order to improve their capacity to teach the humanities; • support new humanities programs (which may include but are not limited to new humanities minors, first-year seminars, and capstone courses), and enhance existing ones; • support humanities contributions to professional training (in such fields as business, law, economics, technology, and nursing and medicine); • develop bridge programs for at-risk and nontraditional students; • help institutions take advantage of humanities resources, especially in the digital humanities; and; • support collaborative projects in the humanities between the applicant institution and another institution, such as a college or university, a school or school system, a museum or library, or a historical or cultural society. Deadline is June 25, 2015.
Website:	http://www.neh.gov/grants/humanities-initiatives
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>

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

Small Business Administration

Program: [State Trade and Export Promotion Program](#)

Description: The purpose of this Program Announcement is to invite proposals for funding from eligible state entities interested in and capable of providing assistance and guidance to eligible small business concerns to increase the number of such firms that export and the value of small business exports. May 20, 2015 The closing date is May 20, 2015 at 11:59pm EST.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=OIT-STEP-2015-01>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: [Rural Health and Safety Education](#)

Description: The RHSE program proposals are expected to be community-based, outreach education programs, such as those conducted through Human Science extension outreach, that provides individuals and families with: Information as to the value of good health at any age; Information to increase individual or family's motivation to take more responsibility for their own health; Information regarding rural environmental health issues that directly impact on human health; Information about and access to health promotion and educational activities; and Training for volunteers and health services providers concerning health promotion and health care services for individuals and families in cooperation with state, local and community partners. Deadline is May 20, 2015.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/rural-health-and-safety-education-competitive-grants-program-rhse>

Program: [Distance Education Grants \(DEG\) for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas](#)

Description: The purpose of this program is strengthen the capacity of Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas to carry out resident instruction, curriculum, and

teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences through distance education technology. The Distance Education Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (DEG) is a NIFA-administered competitive grants program focused on improving formal, postsecondary agricultural sciences education. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/distance-education-grants-institutions-higher-education-insular-areas-deg>

Program: [**Specialty Crop Research Initiative**](#)
Description: The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program (CDRE) is authorized in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (H.R. 2642) to award grants to eligible entities to conduct research and extension activities, technical assistance and development activities to: (a) combat citrus diseases and pests, both domestic and invasive and including huanglongbing and the Asian citrus psyllid, which pose imminent harm to United States citrus production and threaten the future viability of the citrus industry; and (b) provide support for the dissemination and commercialization of relevant information, techniques, and technologies discovered pursuant to research and extension activities funded through SCRI/CDRE and other research and extension projects targeting problems caused by citrus production diseases and invasive pests.
Deadlines: Complete, pre-applications must be received by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on June 1, 2015. Complete, invited full applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 14, 2015

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/specialty-crop-research-initiativecitrus-disease-research-and-extension-scricdre>

Program: [**2015 Farmers Market Promotion Program**](#)
Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) seeks applications for projects that establish, expand, and promote direct producer-to-consumer marketing. Approximately \$13 million is available to fund applications under this solicitation. The minimum award per grant is \$25,000 and the maximum is \$100,000. Deadline is May 14, 2015.

Website: http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5110858&utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=f7be251d23-Promise+Zones+Updates%3A+Second+Round+Promise&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-f7be251d23-19307661

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/farmtoschool/grant-awards>

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: **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: **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: [**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 Education

Program:	HHS/ACL/NIDILRR: Employer Practices Leading to Successful Employment Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.133B-1
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 June 19, 2015.
Website:	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-20/pdf/2015-09032.pdf
Program:	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OES): Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program CFDA Number 84.041C
Description:	Purpose of Program: The Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant program provides grants for emergency repairs and modernization of school facilities to certain local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive Impact Aid formula funds. Jun 30, 2015 Applications Available: April 13, 2015. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 30, 2015.
Website:	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-13/pdf/2015-08376.pdf
Program:	Ready-to-Learn Television CFDA Number 84.295A
Description:	Purpose of Program: The Ready-to-Learn Television Program (Ready-to-Learn) is designed to: (1) Facilitate school readiness and academic achievement by supporting the development and national distribution of educational television and interactive media programming for preschool and elementary school children and their parents; (2) develop and disseminate educational outreach materials and programs that are designed to deepen and extend the effectiveness of the educational television and interactive media and (3) build social and virtual communities of parents, educators, and children devoted to using the media materials.
	May 26, 2015 Applications Available: March 25, 2015 Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: April 9, 2015 e of Pre-Application Webinar: An informational Webinar will be announced on the Ready-to-Learn Television Web site at http://www2.ed.gov/programs/rtltv/index.html . Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 26, 2015.
Website:	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-25/pdf/2015-06791.pdf
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 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: [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: [Family Strengthening Scholars](#)

Description: These grants are meant to build capacity in the research field to focus research on questions that have direct implications for healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. These grants are intended to address issues of significance to inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved/understudied populations (e.g., low-income families, minority populations), utilize rigorous research methodology (both primary data collection and secondary data analysis), and help inform the development of future intervention research. Deadline is June 8, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OPRE-PD-0977>

Program: [Lifespan Respite Care Program Technical Assistance](#)

Description: Lifespan Respite Care programs are coordinated systems of accessible, community-based respite care services for family caregivers of children or adults of all ages with special needs. Public and/or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations, as well as universities and other entities, are eligible to apply under this program announcement. Deadline is June 8, 2015.

Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/Funding_Opportunities/Announcements/Index.aspx

Program: [Community Economic Development Healthy Food Financing Initiative Projects](#)

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) will award up to \$9.5 million in Community Economic Development (CED) discretionary grant funds to Community Development

Corporations (CDCs) for community-based efforts to improve the economic and physical health of people in areas designated as food deserts. Additionally or as an alternative, applicants can point to indicators of need, such as poor access to a healthy food retail outlet, a high percentage of low-income residents, incidence of diet-related health conditions, or high concentrations of persons eligible for food assistance programs. Deadline is April 23, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/index.cfm?switch=foa&fon=HHS-2014-ACF-OCS-EE-0819>

Program:

Community Economic Development Projects

Description:

CED grants will be made as part of a broader strategy to address objectives such as decreasing dependency on federal programs, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas. CED projects are expected to actively recruit low-income individuals to fill the positions created by CED-funded development activities, and to assist those individuals to successfully hold those jobs and ensure that the businesses and jobs created remain viable for at least one year after the end of the grant period.

CED-funded projects can be non-construction or construction projects. The grant period for non-construction projects is 3 years; for construction projects, the grant period is 5 years. Deadline is April 24, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2014-ACF-OCS-EE-0817>

Program:

Health Profession Opportunity Grants to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals

Description:

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) is announcing that it anticipates competitively awarding cooperative agreements to support demonstration projects that are designed to provide eligible individuals with the opportunity to obtain education and training for occupations in the health care field that pay well and are expected to either experience labor shortages or be in high demand. Deadline is May 29, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OFA-FX-0951>

Program:

Implementation Grants to Develop A Model Intervention for Youth/Young Adults With Child Welfare Involvement At-Risk of Homelessness

Description:

Planning grantees may apply for the second in this series of projects that are expected to build the capacity of child welfare systems to prevent homelessness among the most at-risk youth/young adults with child welfare involvement. During this Phase II, grantees will install and test the interventions developed during the planning grant period to determine if the interventions have been installed with fidelity and if the interventions are capable of producing the intended outcomes, with the goal of assessing readiness for moving to a rigorous evaluation of the most successful intervention model(s). Deadline is May 26, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-ACYF-CA-0961>

Program: **Help America Vote Act (HAVA)**
Description: Help America Vote Act (HAVA) programs are designed to establish and improve participation in the election process for individuals with a full range of disabilities. In each eligible state and territory, seven percent of HAVA funds are set aside for Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) to ensure that individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in every step of the voting process. May 26, 2015 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-ACYF-CA-0961>

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.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-ACYF-CA-0961>

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

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

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

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

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages grant applications from investigators interested in conducting basic research studies into the

biological/genetic causes and mechanisms of cancer health disparities. These awards will support pilot and feasibility studies designed to investigate biological/genetic bases of cancer disparities, such as (1) mechanistic studies of biological factors associated with cancer disparities, (2) the development and testing of new methodologies and models, and (3) secondary data analyses. Deadline is November 17, 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: [**FY 2015 Transit Security Grant Program \(TSGP\)**](#)

Description: TSGP provides funds to eligible publicly owned operators of public transportation (which include intra-city bus, commuter bus, ferries, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. The FY 2015 TSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. Deadline is May 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DHS-15-GPD-075-000-02>

Program: [**Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program - Region 4**](#)

Description: Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions. Deadline is April 24, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DHS-15-GPD-042-004-01>

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: [**Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) for the Department's Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program**](#)

Description: The purpose of HUD & Housing Counseling Grant Program is to provide funds that shall be used for providing counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management/ literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them

in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership. Deadline is May 7, 2015.

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

Program: [**Research and Evaluation, Demonstrations, and Data Analysis and Utilization**](#)

Description: The funds are provided from HUD & Office of Policy Development and Research from the Transformation Initiative appropriations account. Funds will be awarded in the form of cooperative agreement. Eligible applicants include: public or private nonprofit organizations or intermediaries, including institutions of higher education and area-wide planning organizations; for profit organizations; States, units of general local government, or Indian tribes; public housing authorities; and small businesses. Deadline is April 30, 2015.

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: [**Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities**](#)

Description: Grant projects must support the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks, as determined by the National Park Service and the applicant. Deadline is June 15, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html>

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: [**BJA FY 15 Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors**](#)

Description: The Second Chance Act grant funding is designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism reduction. Deadline is June 11, 2015.

Website:

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

Program: [**OJJDP FY 2015 Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel**](#)

Description: Courts and child welfare agencies face significant challenges in managing complex child abuse, neglect, and related cases and heavy caseloads. In addition, they are required to comply with federal child welfare reform laws and initiatives

to achieve safe, permanent placements for abused and neglected children. Through this program, OJJDP seeks to provide judicial, legal, and social service professionals with training and technical assistance to enhance their understanding that commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors are acts of abuse and violence against children and adolescents and to meet the other challenges that they face. Deadline is June 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/CATraining.pdf>

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Assessing the Impact of Juvenile Justice Reforms Program**

Description: This program will support research and evaluation to investigate the effectiveness and/or cost efficiency of juvenile justice system reforms. In particular, OJJDP is interested in reforms targeted at youth and law enforcement interaction, diversion, and community-based alternatives. Deadline is June 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/ImpactReform.pdf>

Program: **OVC FY 15 Training and Technical Assistance on Comprehensive Legal Services for Human Trafficking Victims**

Description: OVC will make up to two awards of up to \$500,000 to expand access to comprehensive legal services for victims of human trafficking through training and technical assistance. Trafficking victims face an array of legal challenges including: immigration, family law, employment law, victims' rights enforcement, civil actions, criminal restitution, and criminal records expungement/vacatur. Access to trained legal counsel assists victims in increasing their safety, financial security, independence, and self-sufficiency. Through TTA, this program seeks to expand the capacity of the existing legal services network to meet these critical needs. Those applying are urged to begin in advance of the June 18, 2015 deadline.

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Juvenile Drug Courts Addressing Systematic Barriers Program**

Description: To meet this vision, this program will focus on increasing the effectiveness of juvenile drug courts by: (1) supporting programs or strategies that recognize and engage the family as a valued partner in all components of the program; (2) supporting local training programs or teams that educate practitioners and their families to meet the needs of the adolescent client and include adolescent brain development, integrated treatment, trauma-informed care, cultural competency, and strong judicial interaction; (3) supporting the development of local programs that will engage stakeholders and build or enhance partnerships among judges, representatives from behavioral health treatment programs, juvenile justice, social services, school and vocational training programs, law enforcement, probation, prosecution, defense, and community organizations; (4) supporting existing juvenile drug courts to monitor and evaluate current practices to develop strategies to create policies and procedures that will address and provide solutions to identified local barriers and (5) developing and implementing data management systems, including disaggregated data by race and ethnicity of participants. Deadline is June 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/DrugCourts.pdf>

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Mentoring for Youth: Underserved Populations**

Description: OJJDP is committed to promoting quality mentoring services and expanding the reach to as many youth across the nation as possible, including the underserved

populations identified above. OJJDP defines underserved youth as those who demonstrate need but have not participated in consistently high-quality mentoring services due to location; shortage of qualified mentors; special physical or mental challenges; being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning; or other analogous situations that the community identifies. Deadline is June 16, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/MentoringOpportunities.pdf>

Program:

NIJ FY 15 Comprehensive School Safety Initiative

Description:

NIJ is seeking proposals for funding under the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) to support rigorous research that produces practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students. The initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators and other stakeholders, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. Deadline is June 12, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/s1001161.pdf>

Program:

FY 2015 National Criminal History Improvement Technical Assistance Program (NCHIP TA)

Description:

Through this solicitation, BJS is seeking a national technical assistance service provider to support the goals and objectives of its National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) and NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP). Direct technical assistance is provided to states, territories, and tribal jurisdictions to ensure that records systems are developed and managed to conform to FBI standards, ensure jurisdictions are using the most appropriate technologies, and adhere to the highest standards of practice with respect to privacy and confidentiality. Deadline is May 26, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/nchipta15sol.pdf>

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:	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: [**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: [**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: [**YouthBuild**](#)

Description: Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) (formerly known as a Solicitation for Grant Applications), DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, DOL hopes to serve approximately 4,950 participants during the grant period of performance, with approximately 76 projects awarded across the country. Individual grants will range from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million and require an exact 25 percent match from applicants, using sources other than federal funding. The grant period of performance for this FOA is 40 months, including a four-month planning period. Deadline is June 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=275699>

Program: [**Face Forward 3-Intermediary and Community Grants**](#)

Description: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award four intermediary organization grants of \$5 million each and approximately 10 community organization grants of up to \$1,050,000 million each, totaling approximately \$30,500,000 million, to provide services to youth between the ages of 14 to 24 that have been involved in the JJS and never convicted in the adult criminal system. Applicants may only submit one application in response to this solicitation. Applicants must choose between submitting an intermediary or community grant application. Intermediary grantees must competitively select after grant award local sub-grantees to operate the program in a minimum of three communities in at least two states, with a priority to serving target areas in high-poverty, high-crime areas. Applicants submitting intermediary grants applications must have the capacity to implement multi-site, multi-state projects. Deadline is April 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=275016>

Program: **Training to Work 3 – Adult Reentry Grant Program**

Description: Training to Work grants will fund sustainable efforts to develop and adopt career pathway models - an approach designed to link and coordinate education and training services for individuals to obtain industry recognized credentials. With these credentials, these workers can find meaningful employment and meet the needs of local employers in growing sectors and industries.

Grant applicants must be located in an area with high poverty and high crime rates, including Promise Zones communities which often have a larger proportion of returning citizens and higher rates of recidivism. Applicants will also be required to establish a committed Career Pathways Collaborative led by the grantee, and consist of representatives from the workforce system, work release programs, and employers and/or industry associations. Deadline is May 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DDOL%7CDepartment%20of%20Labor&utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=f7be251d23-Promise+Zones+Updates%3A+Second+Round+Promise&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-f7be251d23-19307661

Program: **Mine Health and Safety Grants**

Description: Mine Safety and Health Grants. Deadline is May 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.holmessafety.org/msha/StateSGAforFY2015-03-03-15.pdf>

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: **FY 2015 Global Sports Mentoring Program**

Description: Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct two separate four-week reciprocal mentorship programs. By empowering women, girls, and people with disabilities, the GSMP directly supports United States foreign policy goals, promotes social inclusion and elevates the status of marginalized populations, by encouraging professional relationships between sports leaders and administrators in the United States and those overseas. Deadline is May 18, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=51356>

Program:

FY 2015 EducationUSA Leadership Institutes

Description:

EducationUSA, located within the Office of Global Educational Programs, works with students in 170 countries around the world to promote U.S. higher education. Advising staff at over 400 EducationUSA centers provide accurate, comprehensive, and current information about the diversity of U.S. higher education opportunities, guiding students to find their best academic fit. EducationUSA advising centers also assist U.S. institutions of higher education in their overseas enrollment outreach and provide information on the complex U.S. higher education system to foreign governments and institutions. This NOFO is aimed at building greater knowledge on key issues within U.S. higher education among select foreign university and government representatives so as to further the EducationUSA mission of promoting U.S. higher education abroad. Deadline is May 29, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=51355>

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:

Pipeline Safety Research Competitive Academic Agreement Program (CAAP) – FY 2015

Description:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), hereby requests applications from non-profit institutions of higher education to obtain funding to research innovative solutions to pipeline corrosion and other known pipeline integrity challenges. The CAAP initiative is intended to spur innovation by enabling an academic research

focus on high-risk and high pay-off solutions for the many pipeline safety challenges. Deadline is May 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=DTPH5615SN0003>

Program: **FY15 ALERT Funding Opportunity (PHMSA Hazmat Grants)**

Description: This grant will be used to provide local emergency responders with additional training on hazardous materials transportation incidents. Grant funding will be sourced from prior year recoveries. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=51329>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: **Veterans Cemetery Grants**

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

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

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **Home Depot Foundation Offers Grants to Support the Housing Needs of Military Veterans**

Description: The Home Depot Foundation is inviting applications from community groups to its Community Impact Grants Program, which supports a range of activities, including repairs, refurbishment, and modification of low-income and/or transitional veterans housing or community facilities; weatherizing and other projects designed to increase the energy efficiency of such facilities; and tree planting or community gardening activities involving veterans. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S. and must specifically benefit veterans.

Only registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tax-exempt public schools, and tax-exempt public agencies in the U.S. are eligible to apply.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

Deadline is September 1, 2015.

Website: <http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>

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

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

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

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

Deadline is September 30, 2015.

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

Program: [Chambers of Commerce Invited to Start Young Entrepreneur Academies](#)

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

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

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

Program: [Retirement Research Foundation Accepting Applications for Projects to Improve Lives of Aging Americans](#)

Description: The Retirement Research Foundation is accepting proposals from nonprofit organizations for local and national projects designed to improve the lives of older Americans.

Grants will be awarded to projects that provide direct services, advocacy, education, and/or training programs for professionals working with elders, as well as for research that investigates causes and solutions to significant problems of older adults.

Deadline: Rolling

The foundation considers proposals on **February 1, May 1, and August 1**. Should an applicant like to discuss a project before submitting a full proposal, a brief Letter of Inquiry should be sent to the foundation at least three weeks prior to a deadline.

Website: <http://www.rrf.org/grants/responsive-grants>

Program: [**Advocacy Event Fund**](#)

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

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

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

Description: Activities: Project must address a need in at least one of the following areas: education, community life, health and human services, arts and culture, or the environment. Applicants: units of local government and other organizations. Requests under \$50,000 are accepted on a rolling basis. Requests over \$50,000 are accepted quarterly; February 13, June 5, August 21 and November 13, 2015.

Contact: [Alabama Power Foundation, Peggy Burnett \(205\) 257-2375,
peburnet@southernco.com](mailto:peburnet@southernco.com)

Program: [**Bank of America Charitable Foundation funding opportunities**](#)

Description: [**HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**](#) we are combining our philanthropy and the expertise of our employee volunteers, in support of affordable housing, neighborhood preservation, community revitalization initiatives, as well as the delivery of integrated services connecting individuals and families with financial education tools, resources and benefits to achieve their financial goals. Funding examples:

Preserving neighborhoods:

Increasing access to affordable housing and homeownership opportunities, preparing future homeowners, helping individuals and families move toward financial stability and helping distressed individuals and families stay in their homes.

Revitalizing communities:

Driving economic development through support of large institutions such as arts and culture venues and hospitals as well as initiatives that contribute to the vitality and livability of communities.

Deadline is May 8, 2015.

HUNGER: BASIC HUMAN SERVICES: We're applying our philanthropic resources, employees and expertise to address the issues of hunger and lack of access to benefit resources, supportive housing and shelter. This comprehensive response helps bring significant resources to nonprofit partners serving the community – as they continue to help struggling individuals and families at their point of need – delivering integrated services and offering access to financial education and coaching.

Funding Priorities:

Hunger Relief/Food Access

Providing access to vital food supplies and services to feed individuals, children and families, with a particular focus on nonprofits that address the immediate challenges of food access and also connect the families they serve to supportive services and economic livelihood programs that help towards financial stability.

Supportive Housing/Shelter

Addressing immediate shelter needs and long-term supportive housing for vulnerable individuals and families with a focus on housing-first or place-based approaches that make supportive wraparound services available to those seeking financial security and independence.

Benefits Access/Referrals

Transitioning financially-distressed, low-to-moderate income individuals and families towards financial stability through bundled services in three core areas: employment and education, access to benefits and support resources, financial coaching and better money habits education.

Deadline is August 7, 2015

Website:

<http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html#fbid=yKb1ryemPwF>

Program:

Tufts Health Plan Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Healthy Aging Advocacy Projects

Description:

The Tufts Health Plan Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from nonprofit organizations for projects that champion communities as they improve the quality of life for all citizens across the lifespan.

The foundation will consider policy/advocacy projects in the areas of built environment, transportation, housing, social and civic participation and inclusion, employment, communication and information, and community support and health services. Projects should be collaborative and involve participants from all community arenas. Specifically, the foundation will fund policy and advocacy activities that help communities achieve age-friendly status. Key aspects of the work should include community/civic engagement of diverse stakeholders to

mobilize and create change; participation among key stakeholders, including the voice of older adults, to support planning, policy, and advocacy initiatives; and expanded access to programs and services as well as system change/improvement. Letters of Inquiry must be received no later than July 20, 2015. Upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by September 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org/focus-areas.php?page=focus-areas/policy-change>

Program: [**French-American Jazz Exchange Invites Applications for Collaborative Projects**](#)

Description: The French-American Jazz Exchange, a partnership of the [Cultural Service of the French Embassy](#), the [French American Cultural Exchange](#), and the [Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation](#), seeks to foster the creative and professional development of jazz artists from France and the United States through the collaborative investigation of artistic practice and exposure to new audiences, music concepts, and professional relationships.

FAJE supports projects jointly conceived by French and American professional jazz artists that encourage artistic exploration, foster intercultural dialogue, and contribute to the dynamism of the art form. Each FAJE project consists of a lead partner from one country working with a collaborating partner from the other country. Lead and collaborating partners may be either individual artists or ensembles. Projects may take place either in France or the U.S. and their respective territories within a sixteen-month period (September 1, 2015, to December 31, 2016).

Deadline is May 29, 2015

Website: http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/artists_programs/FAJE/FAJE_guidelines.html

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

Description: The [Aaron Siskind Foundation](#) is accepting applications for the 2015 Individual Photographer's Fellowships. 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://aaronsiskind.org/grant.html>

Program: [National Alliance for Grieving Children Invites Applications for Child Bereavement Programs](#)

Description: The [National Alliance for Grieving Children](#) is accepting applications from local child bereavement organizations for programs that bring grief support services to youth from ethnically diverse or low-income communities not served by existing bereavement programs.

Through the Grief Reach program, NAGC will award grants of up to \$100,000 to organizations with programs designed to have a direct impact on children. Fifty percent of the children served must be from low-income families or from minority communities.

Deadline is July 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.childrengrieve.org/grief-reach-community-expansion-grants>

Program: [William T. Grant Foundation Accepting Nominations for 2015 Scholars Program](#)

Description: The [William T. Grant Foundation's Scholars Program](#) supports promising early-career researchers from diverse disciplines who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and are seeking to further develop and broaden their expertise.

Proposed research projects must be focused on youth between the ages of 5 to 25 in the United States and aim to improve our understanding of programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes, as well as the use of research evidence in policy and practice.

Candidates are nominated by a supporting institution and must submit five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor, and a commitment to continued professional development.

Deadline is July 8, 2015.

Website: <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants#apply-wtgrant-scholars>

Program: [ESA Foundation Seeks Proposals for Youth-Oriented Technology Projects](#)

Description: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Entertainment Software Association, is seeking proposals from projects that use innovative technology and/or computer and video games to positively shape the lives of youths in the United States.

The foundation supports geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit boys and girls of all races and religions. Eligible projects must be implemented or available nationwide or at a minimum in two or more states and serve American youth between the ages of 7 and 18. In addition, projects must provide programs and services that utilize technology and/or computer and video games for educational purposes.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to first-time recipients

Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

Program: [**Aetna Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Gardens, Farmers' Markets**](#)

Description: The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities it serves.

To help advance this mission, the foundation's Local Roots program supports the creation and expansion of community gardens, urban farms, and farmers' markets in underserved, low-income, and minority communities. To be eligible, all projects must include nutrition education or cooking classes focused on the health benefits of fresh produce; the growing or distribution of produce that reflects the food traditions of the target area; opportunities to learn job skills or entrepreneurship within the context of community gardens, urban farms, or farmers' markets; and/or opportunities for community service or volunteer work.

Deadline is May 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/assets/documents/2015go-local-rfp.pdf>

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

Description: New Signage or renovation of an existing sign. No landscaping or lighting permitted. Applications accepted April-June. Awards made in August.

Applicants: units of local government.

Website: [Alabama Power Foundation](http://www.alabamapowerfoundation.org), Peggy Burnett (205) 257-2375,
peburnet@southernco.com

Program: [Harpo Foundation Seeks Applications for New Work Grants](#)

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

To that end, the foundation is inviting Letters of Inquiry for its 2015 New Work Project Grants program. Through the annual program, grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded to nonprofit organizations in support of new work by underrecognized artists age 21 or older. The foundation considers proposals that directly support the production of new work by visual artists and/or collaborative teams. This production may happen in the context of an installation, public intervention, residency, or exhibition.

Letter of Inquiry: April 29, 2015.

Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/new-work-project-grants/>

Program: [Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation Invite Applications for Quality of Life Grants](#)

Description: The [Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation](#) is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations that provide services to individuals with paralysis.

Through its Quality of Life program, the foundation will award grants to organizations that help disabled individuals as well as their families and caregivers in ways that more immediately give them increased independence. Special consideration will be given to organizations that serve returning wounded military and their families, and to those that provide targeted services to diverse cultural communities. Grant size will be based on project scope and impact.

Deadline is August 3, 2015.

Website: http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4435149/k.A6F7/Program_Overview.htm

Program: [Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Future of Work Research](#)

Description: The foundation's program on the Future of Work supports research on the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of jobs for less- and moderately-skilled workers in the United States. The foundation seeks research proposals related to the role of changes in employer practices; the nature of the labor market;

and public policies with respect to the employment, earnings, and quality of jobs for American workers.

Grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to qualified organizations. To be eligible, organizations must be considered nonprofit organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Letters of Inquiry must be received no later than June 1, 2015. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit proposals by July 31, 2015.

Website: http://www.russellsage.org/research/future-work/funding_opportunity

Program: [**National Arts Strategies Seeks Applications for 2015 Creative Community Fellowships**](#)

Description: [National Arts Strategies](#) is seeking applications for the 2015 Creative Community Fellowship program for innovators committed to using arts and culture to design solutions for community problems. All fifty fellows will connect online as a single community, sharing monthly updates on their progress and providing feedback on other fellows' projects. They will also use the online space to share project pitches and get peer feedback. Following the feedback sessions, fellows will have the opportunity to create a crowd-source campaign to fund their projects. Deadline is April 26, 2015.

Website: http://www.artstrategies.org/programs/creative_community_fellows/about.php#box

Program: [**RWJF Announces New Health Through Sports Award**](#)

Description: For more than forty years the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) has worked to improve health and health care. The foundation is striving to build a national Culture of Health that will enable all Americans to live longer, healthier lives now and for generations to come.

As part of that mission, the foundation is accepting applications for the Robert Wood Johnson Sports Award, a new annual prize designed to honor individuals, organizations, and teams that are making communities healthier through sport

Deadline is May 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/newsroom-content/2015/03/robert-wood-johnson-foundation-sports-award-accepting-applicatio.html>

Program: [**Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations Accepting Proposals for Fund for a Just Society Grants**](#)

Description: The [Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations](#) is accepting proposals from non-Unitarian Universalist groups in the U.S. and Canada for community organizing campaigns aimed at creating systemic change in the economic, social, and political structures that affect the lives of those who have been excluded from resources, power, and the right to self-determination. Deadline is September 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.uua.org/giving/funding/102186.shtml>

Program: [**NEA Foundation Invites Applications for Learning & Leadership Grant Program**](#)

Description: The [NEA Foundation](#), the charitable arm of the [National Education Association](#), supports student success by helping public school educators work with key partners to build strong systems of shared responsibility and advance student achievement.

Through its Learning & Leadership program, the foundation awards grants of up to \$2,000 to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff at public institutions of higher education for participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research. The foundation also awards grants of up to \$5,000 to support group projects related to collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, and/or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. Deadline is June 1, 2015.

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

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

Description: The company's environmental grant program supports small, grassroots organizations that are pursuing provocative direct-action agendas and 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, are focused 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: [**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: [**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: **Music Therapy Association Invites Applications for Anne Emery Kyllo Professional Scholarship**

Description: The American Music Therapy Association is accepting applications for the 2015 Anne Emery Kyllo 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 Kyllo 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%20RFP>

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: [**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%20Arts.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: [**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: [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: [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/sgfrdetail.aspx>

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.legacyenved.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:	<u>http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines</u>
Program:	Public Welfare Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Juvenile Justice Programs
Description:	The <u>Public Welfare Foundation</u> 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:	<u>http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/FullProposal.aspx</u>
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:	<u>http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/</u>
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:	<u>http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant</u>
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:	<u>http://www.birdsleuth.org/binoculars-for-the-citizen-scientists/</u>

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: **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

Description: Applicants: Units of local government. Activities: Construction of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrian, cycling and non-motorized transportation (includes streetscaping of combined lighting, sidewalks and landscaping), infrastructure for safe routes; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors; construction of turnouts, overlooks; community improvement activities (removal of outdoor advertising, historic transportation facilities preservation and rehab, vegetation management and erosion control, archaeological activities); and environmental mitigation activities; construction engineering and inspection for infrastructure projects. Maximum Request: \$400,000 Match Requirement: 20% Source: Cash Disbursement Method: Reimbursement. Deadline is May 1, 2015.

Contact: Corey Clifton (334)353-6403, cliftonc@dot.state.al.us, Bob Kratzer, (334)353-6442, kratzerr@dot.state.al.us

Program: **People for Bikes Community Grant Program**

Description: Activities: Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges, Mountain bike facilities, Bike parks and pump tracks BMX facilities, End-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, and bike storage. We also fund some advocacy projects, such as: Programs that transform city streets, initiatives designed to increase ridership or the investment in bicycle infrastructure, engineering and design work, construction costs including materials, labor, and equipment rental, and reasonable

volunteer support costs. For advocacy projects, we will fund staffing that is directly related to accomplishing the goals of the initiative.

Maximum Request: \$10,000

Match Requirement: Must exceed 50% Source: Cash

Disbursement Method: Grant

Spring 2015 Grant Cycle

Online application opens: December 15, 2014

Online Letter of Interest due: January 30, 2015

Notification of LOI status: February 27, 2015

Full Application due: April 3, 2015

Grant award notifications: by May 31, 2015

Fall 2015 Grant Cycle

Online application opens: June 15, 2015

Online Letter of Interest due: July 31, 2015

Notification of LOI status: September 4, 2015

Full Applications due: October 9, 2015

Grant award notifications: by December 4, 2015

Contact:

Zoe Kircos, Grant Manager (303)449-4893 x106; zoe@peopleforbikes.org

Program:**Tombigbee Resource and Conservation- General Fund Grant****Description:**

Applicants: Units of local government, school boards, Private educational institutions and Nonprofits with 501 (c)(3) status. Activities: Wide range of community and economic development enhancements. Projects may include construction, programs, and services. Ineligible activities include: capital assets, operational phases of established programs, endowment campaigns, religious organizations for religious purposes, individuals working independently, post-event or after the fact situations, and land purchases.

Requirements: Project must benefit the public and improve the general quality of life in the district. Awards are intended to be seed grants and/or have multiple funding partners.

Minimum request \$500 Maximum request: \$10,000

Match Requirement: N/A

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

Deadline: FY 2016 Applications are due September 1, 2015.

Contact:

Susan Wesson, Executive Director (205) 469-6463, swesson@tuscco.com

Program:**Tombigbee Resource and Conservation- Education Grant****Description:**

Applicants: Units of local government, school boards, Private educational institutions and Nonprofits with 501 (c)(3) status. Activities: Educational programs and improvements. Projects may include programs, services and construction related to an educational component. Ineligible activities include: capital assets, operational phases of established programs, endowment campaigns, religious organizations for religious purposes, individuals working independently, post-event or after the fact situations, and land purchases.

Requirements: Project must benefit the public and improve the general quality of life in the district. Awards are intended to be seed grants and/or have multiple funding partners.

Minimum request \$500 Maximum request: \$10,000
Match Requirement: N/A
Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

Deadline: FY 2016 Applications are due September 1, 2015.

Contact: Susan Wesson, Executive Director (205) 469-6463, swesson@tuscco.com

Program: **Competitive Fund, Single purpose or multi-purpose activities**
Description: Non-entitlement cities (excludes member of Jefferson and Mobile consortium), counties (excludes Jefferson and Mobile). Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Water, Sewer, Streets, Drainage, Housing Rehabilitation, Neighborhood and Downtown Revitalization, Professional Services e.g., engineering, administrations within fee scale limits. Maximum request: County \$350,000; Large City (2010 Census population 3,000+) \$450,000; Small City \$350,000. **Application workshop held in April; application due date between June/July.** Award announcements are typically in the fall with a mandatory compliance workshop to follow. Note: Waiver of match available for applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less.

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

Program: **Community Enhancement Fund**
Description: Applicants: Non-entitlement local governments. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Activities: water, sewer, streets, drainage, housing rehab, senior or community center, demolition, recreation, Boys and Girls Clubs, Fire Protection, Misc. Benefit 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries or eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need resulting from an immediate health threat. **Application workshop held in April; Application due date between June/July.** Award announcements are typically in the fall with a mandatory compliance workshop to follow. Maximum request: \$250,000. Minimum Request: \$50,000. Note: Waiver of match available for applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less.

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

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

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

Program: **Economic Development Incubator projects**

Description:	Units of local government. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Program must benefit 51% low to moderate income beneficiaries. Project must commit to create jobs. Maximum request: \$250,000. Match request: 20%. Applications are taken throughout the year. Award upon approval and as funding is available. Application workshop held in April and compliance workshop held in the fall.
Website:	Community and Economic Development; Shabbir Olia, CED Programs Manager, 334.242.5462, shabbier.olia@adeca.alabama.gov
Program:	Planning Fund
Description:	Non-entitlement local governments. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Benefit 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries or eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need resulting from an immediate health threat. Application workshop held in April; Application due date between June/July. Award announcements are typically in the fall with mandatory compliance workshop to follow. Maximum request: \$250,000. Match request: 20%.
Contact:	Community and Economic Development; Shabbir Olia, CED Programs Manager, 334.242.5462, shabbier.olia@adeca.alabama.gov
Program:	Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)
Description:	Construction of on road and off-road facilities for pedestrian, cycling and non-motorized transportation (includes streetscaping of combined lighting, sidewalks and landscaping), infrastructure for safe routes; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors; construction of turnouts, overlooks; community improvement activities (removal of outdoor advertising, historic transportation facilities preservation and rehab, vegetation management and erosion control, archaeological activities); and environmental mitigation activities, construction engineering and inspection for infrastructure projects. Project must be for public use. Maximum Request: \$400,000 Match Requirement: 20%. Applications due May 1, 2015.
Contact:	ALDOT Multi-Modal Division; Corey Clifton, 334.353.6403, cliftonc@dot.state.al.us; Bob Kartzer, 334.353.6442, kratzerr@dot.state.al.us
Program:	States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)
Description:	Applicants: State and local units of governments, public bodies, and non-profit entities. Eligible counties in West Alabama: Bibb, Fayette, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa. Activities: Water and wastewater facilities, telecommunications, health care, planning activities, leadership development, education and training programs, business development, and entrepreneurship. Requirements: Project must meet one of ARC's goals: increase job opportunities and per capita income, strengthen the capacity of people to compete in the global economy or develop and improve infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive. Construction projects funded by ARC must have an "Administering

Agency" such as ADECA, USDA Rural Development or TVA. The project will be administered by and take on the requirements of that agency

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

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

Program:

States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)

Description:

Application due date in June. Award announcements typically made in August.

Applicants: State and local units of governments, public bodies, and non-profit entities. Eligible counties in West Alabama: Greene, Hale and Pickens.

Activities: Water and wastewater facilities, electric and gas utilities, broadband delivery, solid waste landfills, roadways, bridges, rail, port facilities, airports, business development, and workforce development.

Requirements: Project must meet one of the Federal Priority Eligibility Criteria: job creation and/or retention, benefit to constituents in multiple counties or municipalities, include multiple funding partners, or an emergency funding need.

Maximum Request: \$500,000

Match Requirement: 10% Source: Cash/In-kind

Note: Match can be waived in distressed counties (Greene, Hale, and Pickens)

Website:

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

Program:

Tombigbee Resource and Conservation District: General Fund Grant

Description:

Activities: Wide range of community and economic development enhancements. Projects may include construction, programs, and services. Ineligible activities include: capital assets, operational phases of established programs, endowment campaigns, religious organizations for religious purposes, individuals working independently, post-event or after the fact situations, and land purchases.

Applicants: Units of local government, school boards, Private educational institutions and Nonprofits with 501 (c)(3) status.

Requirements: Project must benefit the public and improve the general quality of life in the district. Awards are intended to be seed grants and/or have multiple funding partners. Minimum request \$500 Maximum request: \$10,000

FY 2016 applications are due September 1, 2015.

Contact:

Susan Wesson, Executive Director (205) 469-6463, swesson@tuscco.com

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.
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**](http://www.lorealparisusa.com/en/women-of-worth.aspx)

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**](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**](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: **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

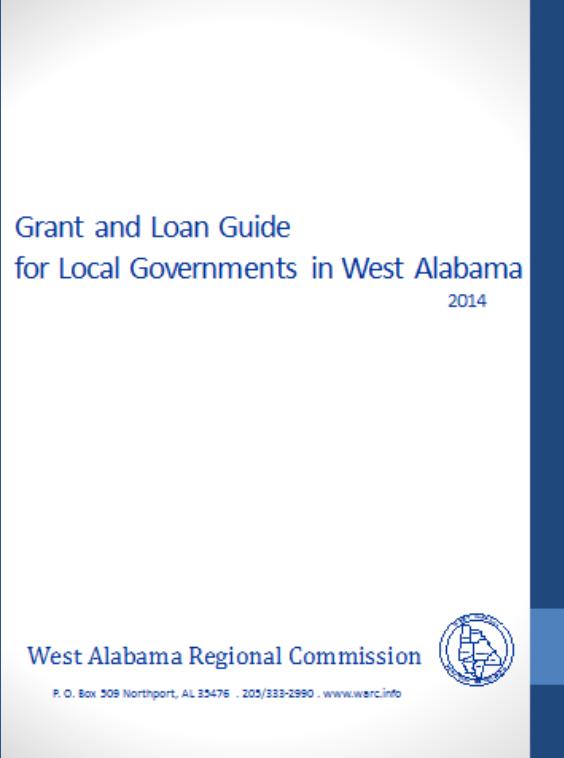
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Section VI RESOURCES

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

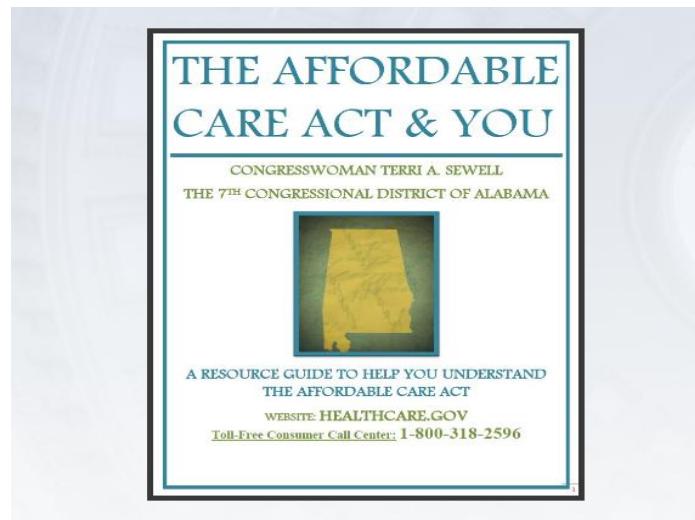
The guide is a quick reference to a variety of commonly used programs giving you the most important details you need to get started.

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.dpu>

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>

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

P.O. Box 2603

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

Phone: 256.389.0500

Fax: 256.389.0599

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

West Alabama Regional Commission

4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990

Fax: 205.333.2713

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

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Phone: 205.251.8139

Fax: 205.328.3304

Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 2186

Anniston, Alabama 36202

Phone: 256.237.6741

Fax: 256.237.6763

Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission

5900 Carmichael Place

Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Phone: 334.244.6903

Fax: 334.270.0038

Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

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

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

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

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

Lee-Russell Council of Governments
2207 Gateway Drive
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Phone: 334.749.5264
Fax: 334.749.6582
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments
P.O. Box C
Decatur, Alabama 35601
Phone: 256.355.4515
Fax: 256.351.1380
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments
5075 Research Drive, NW

Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912
Phone: 256.830.0818
Fax: 256.830.0843
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

The Community Foundation of South Alabama
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.
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225

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

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

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

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

The Community Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County
659 Gallatin Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-564-7430
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

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

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

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

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422

Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627
Website: www.sacfinfo.org

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

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