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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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Congresswoman Terri Sewell Calls on Senate Republicans to Do Their Job and Consider the President's Supreme Court Nominee

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D-AL-7) released the following statement to call on the Senate Republicans to follow the Constitution and give the President's Supreme Court nomination full and fair consideration:

"I urge the Senate Republicans to consider the President's nominee for the Supreme Court. The Constitution clearly states that the President has the power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to nominate a successor for open seats in the Supreme Court. Justice and democracy are at stake and there is no time for this kind of partisan divisiveness. At stake is not only the Supreme Court but there are highly qualified nominees for federal, district and appellate courts that the Senate should act upon as well. On February 11, 2016, President Obama nominated Judge Abdul K. Kallon of Birmingham, AL to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Judge Kallon is a highly qualified jurist whose integrity, brilliance and judicial temperament has earned him the praise and respect of his colleagues and members of the Alabama bar. The Senate should do their duty and consider all qualified nominees.

"It is a low day in a democratic society when government leaders ignore their duty and the Constitution for partisan agendas. This is not American. The President of the United States of America intends to do his job and fulfill his duty to nominate a replacement for the Supreme Court vacancy and America expects the Senate Republicans to do their job.

"If the average American worker isn't excused from doing their job just because they don't feel like it, why do Senate Republicans think they should be excused? The bottom-line is this; they are not excused. The Constitution of the United States of America can never be ignored for purposes of political preference."

Congresswoman Terri Sewell Issues Statement on the Greg Gunn Shooting in Montgomery, Alabama

Montgomery, AL – Congresswoman Terri Sewell released the following statement in response to the death of Greg Gunn, a Montgomery resident who was recently shot by a Montgomery Police Officer.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mr. Greg Gunn and those affected by this unfortunate tragedy. I have been in contact with local authorities to ensure that this case receives a thorough review and investigation."

"Now that a murder warrant has been issued in Mr. Gunn's death, and the officer has been arrested and charged, we seek to have justice be fair and swift for the family, the community and all those struggling with this tragic incident."

FEMA Seeks an Emerging Leader for National Advisory Council

The [National Advisory Council](#) (NAC) is a federal advisory committee established to ensure effective coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. The NAC advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management frameworks, strategies, and plans. Individuals who are interested in serving on the NAC are requested to apply by **March 24, 2016** to be considered for an appointment.

Available positions include:

- Emergency Management (one representative appointment)
- Emergency Medical Providers (one Special Government Employee appointment)
- Access and Functional Needs (one representative appointment)
- Non-Elected Local Government Officials (one representative appointment)
- Non-Elected State Government Officials (one representative appointment)
- Public Health (one Special Government Employee appointment)
- Standards Setting and Accrediting (one Special Government Employee appointment)
- FEMA Administrator Selections (up to four Special Government Employee positions, including one emerging leader)

For one of the four Administrator Selection positions, FEMA seeks to appoint an individual who is an emerging leader in emergency management. This individual could have academic experience in emergency management, or may have participated in the [FEMA Corps](#) program; contributed to the field of emergency management as an emerging leader, or served on FEMA's [Youth Preparedness Council](#). Instructions on how to apply and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/membership-applications>.

Youth Preparedness Council Applications: Due March 20

FEMA is seeking applicants for its Youth Preparedness Council formed in 2012 to bring together leaders from across the country engaged in advocating youth preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, efforts in making a difference in their communities, and potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness.

FEMA will accept applications for students currently in 8th, 9th, or 10th grade that are engaged in individual and community preparedness or have experienced a disaster that motivated him or her to make a positive difference in their community.

All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than **March 20, 2016, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)** to be eligible. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2016.

Youth interested in applying must submit a completed application form, two letters of recommendation, and academic records. Information about submitting the application and attachments can be found in the [application instructions](#). For more information about the Youth Preparedness Council and to access the application materials, visit the [Youth Preparedness Council webpage](#).

Apply for FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards

Individual and Community Preparedness Awards highlight innovative local practices and achievements by individuals and organizations that made outstanding contributions toward making their communities safer, better prepared, and more resilient.

Emergency management is most effective when the entire community is engaged and involved. Everyone, including faith-based organizations, voluntary agencies, the private sector, tribal organizations, youth, older adults, people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs can make a difference in their communities before, during, and after disasters.

To be considered for this year's awards, all submissions must be received by **March 28, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. EDT**, and they must feature program activities between January 1, 2015, and March 28, 2016. Submit applications to citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov.

Award categories include:

- Outstanding Citizen Corps Council
- Community Preparedness Champions
- Awareness to Action
- Technological Innovation
- Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness
- Preparing the Whole Community
- Outstanding Inclusive Initiatives in Emergency Management (**new category**)
- Outstanding Private Sector Initiatives (**new category**)
- Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team Initiatives
- Outstanding Citizen Corps Partner Program
- America's PrepareAthon! in Action (**new category**)

Visit Ready.Gov for more information, to [download the application](#), and to [read the application guidance](#).

Winners will be announced in the fall of 2016 and will be invited as FEMA's honored guests at a recognition ceremony. The winner of the Preparing the Whole Community category will receive the John D. Solomon Whole Community Preparedness Award.

TIGER Discretionary Grants

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program.

Like the first seven rounds, FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, does not provide dedicated funding for the planning, preparation, or design of capital projects; however, these activities may be funded as part of an overall construction project.

Since 2009, TIGER has provided nearly \$4.6 billion to 381 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including 134 projects to support rural and tribal communities. Overall, the Department has received more than 6,700 applications requesting more than \$134 billion for transportation projects across the country. The TIGER grant program supports innovative projects, including multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects. These federal funds leverage money from private sector partners, states, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, ports, and transit agencies. The 2015 TIGER round alone is leveraging \$500 million in federal investment to support \$1.4 billion in overall transportation investments.

TIGER funding is provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, signed by President Obama on December 18, 2015. Applications are due April 29, 2016.

<https://www.transportation.gov/tiger/tiger-nofo>

**The Department of Homeland Security
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
FY2015 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)**

NOTE: Applicants pursuing this funding opportunity who have not obtained a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and/or are not currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) should take immediate action to obtain a DUNS number, if applicable, and then register immediately in SAM. It may take four weeks or more after SAM registration submittal before the registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for Grants.gov to recognize the information. Information on obtaining a DUNS number and registering in SAM is available from Grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>

A. Program Description

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)

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CFDA Title

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Notice of Funding Opportunity Title

Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

NOFO Number

DHS-15-GPD-083-000-99

Authorizing Authority for Program

Section 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, (Pub. L. No. 93-498), as amended (15 U.S.C. § 2229a)

Appropriation Authority for Program

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. No. 114-4)

Program Type New Program Overview, Objectives, and Priorities

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. The goal of the SAFER Grant Program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The application period will close at 5PM EDT on Friday March 25th, 2016.

Additional Detail available at: [Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants | FEMA.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

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

Program: [FY 2016 and FY 2017 Pollution Prevention Grant Program](#)

Description: EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Chemistry, Economic and Sustainable Strategies Division oversees the Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program to support State and Tribal P2 Programs administer P2 projects that will help businesses identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. EPA anticipates it will award approximately \$7.94 million in federal P2 grant funding (\$3.97 million in FY 2016 and \$3.97 million in FY 2017) to support two-year grant agreements. Grants will be awarded and managed by EPA's ten Regional P2 Program Offices. P2 grants are dependent on Congressional appropriation and the quality of proposals received. Deadline is May 9, 2016.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-03/documents/2016rfpp2grant.pdf>

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

Program: [FMCS Labor-Management Cooperation Grant Program](#)

Description: In accordance with the terms of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978, FMCS considers applications from plant, geographic or area-wide committees. During the 2016 grant cycle, we especially encourage applications from area-wide, industry or sectoral joint labor-management committees focused on the 21st century economy and

the challenges of a rapidly evolving workplace, such as: job security and skills; working conditions for an increasingly mobile workforce; consensus solutions to workplace standards; organizational effectiveness; economic development and competitiveness for entire communities; hiring and retaining the next generations of workers. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Website: <https://www.fmcs.gov/resources/forms-applications/labor-management-grants-program/labor-management-cooperation-grant-program/>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: [**Museum Assessment Program**](#)

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

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

There are three types of MAP assessments:

Organizational Assessment: Reviews all areas of operations.

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

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

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

Program: [**National Leadership Grants for Libraries**](#)

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

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

Program: [**Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**](#)

Description: The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports professional development, graduate education and continuing education to help libraries and

archives develop the human capital capacity they need to meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

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

National Archives and Records Administration

Program: [State Board Programming Grants](#)

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

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

Deadline is June 15, 2016.

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

Program: [ACCESS-201606](#)

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

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

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

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

National Endowment for the Arts

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

Description: An organization may submit only one proposal under this program solicitation. This Cooperative Agreement may begin no earlier than October 1, 2016, and may extend for up to 12 months. Description The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (Cooperator) to administer the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD), a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). MICD brings U.S. mayors together with design professionals in workshops to assist mayors with urban design challenges, to promote design excellence, and to enhance the livability of communities across the country. Deadline is March 29, 2016.

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

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

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

on April 5, 2016. We strongly recommend that you submit your application by March 25, 2016 to give yourself ample time to resolve any problems that you might encounter.

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

Program: **National Endowment for the Arts Accepting Applications for Challenge America Grants**

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

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

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

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **Preservation Assistance Grants**

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. The program encourages applications from small and mid-sized institutions that have never received an NEH grant. The program also encourages applications from presidentially designated institutions (Hispanic-serving institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities), and from Native American tribes with significant humanities collections. Deadline is May 3, 2016.

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

Program: **Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants**

Description: The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous, and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing. Preservation and Access Education and

Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national or regional education and training programs that reach audiences in more than one state. 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 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 3, 2016.

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

Program: [Common Heritage](#)

Description: The program supports day-long events organized by community cultural institutions, which members of the public will be invited to attend. At these events experienced staff will digitize the community historical materials brought in by the public. Project staff will also record descriptive information—provided by community attendees—about the historical materials. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

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

Program: [Fellowships](#)

Description: 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. Deadline is April 28, 2016.

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

Program: [State Humanities Councils General Operating Support Grants](#)

Description: NEH and the Office of Federal/State Partnership use General Operating Support grants as the primary means of funding the 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils. NEH awards General Operating Support grants for five-year periods—three years in which the grants provide funding, plus two subsequent years to close out the grants. General Operating Support Grant award amounts are amended each year to reflect the current year's budget, provided that funds are available. NEH determines funding for each state and jurisdictional council according to a legislatively mandated formula. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/fedstate/state-humanities-councils-general-operating-support-grants>

Program: [Humanities Access Grants](#)

Description: Humanities Access grants help support capacity building for humanities programs that benefit one or more of the following groups: youth, communities of color, and economically disadvantaged populations. Humanities Access grants establish or augment term endowments (that is, endowments whose funds are entirely expended over the course of a set time period) to provide funding for existing programs at institutions such as public libraries, local and regional museums, historical societies, community colleges, HBCUs and tribal colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, archival repositories, and other cultural organizations. Humanities Access grants are intended to seed longer-term endowment-building efforts. Programs supported by Humanities Access grants might include, for example • a summer project for teens at a local historical society; • internships for Native American students at a tribal museum; or • a Clemente course at a homeless shelter organized by a community college. Humanities

Access Grants offer two years of match-based funding to be expended through a term endowment over the final three years of the five-year grant period. Humanities Access grant funds should not be used to replace existing program funds. Instead, the grant should expand or enhance an existing exemplary humanities program. Institutions that have never received an NEH grant and small to mid-sized institutions are especially encouraged to apply. Deadline is May 4, 2016.

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

Program: **Office of Challenge Grants**

Description: Humanities Access grants help support capacity building for humanities programs that benefit one or more of the following groups: **youth, communities of color, and economically disadvantaged populations.**

Humanities Access grants establish or augment **term endowments** (that is, endowments whose funds are entirely expended over the course of a set time period) to provide funding for existing programs at institutions such as public libraries, local and regional museums, historical societies, community colleges, HBCUs and tribal colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, archival repositories, and other cultural organizations. Humanities Access grants are intended to seed longer-term endowment-building efforts.

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- a summer project for teens at a local historical society;
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Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/challenge/humanities-access-grants>

Program: **Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities**

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

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

Program: **Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions**

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

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

Program: **Preservation and Access Education and Training**

Description: The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous, and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing.

Preservation and Access Education and Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national or regional (multistate) education and training programs. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices. **Receipt Deadline May 3, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

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

Program: **Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions**

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

Applicants must draw on the knowledge of consultants whose preservation skills and experience are related to the types of collections and the nature of the activities on which their projects focus. Within the conservation field, for example, conservators usually specialize in the care of specific types of collections, such as objects, paper, or paintings. Applicants should therefore choose a conservator whose specialty is appropriate for the nature of their collections. Similarly, when assessing the preservation needs of library, museum, or archival holdings, applicants must seek a

consultant specifically knowledgeable about the preservation of these types of collections. **Receipt Deadline May 3, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

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

Program: **Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges**

Description: NEH Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges are intended to strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities in subjects such as history, philosophy, and literature. These grants may be used to enhance existing humanities programs, resources, or courses, or to develop new ones.

NEH Humanities Initiatives may

- create opportunities for faculty members to study together, in order to improve their capacity to teach the humanities;
- support new humanities programs (which may include but are not limited to new humanities minors, first-year seminars, and capstone courses), and enhance existing ones;
- support humanities contributions to professional training (in such fields as business, law, economics, technology, and nursing and medicine);
- develop bridge programs for at-risk and nontraditional students;
- help institutions take advantage of humanities resources, especially in the digital humanities; and
- support collaborative projects in the humanities between the applicant institution and another institution, such as a college or university, a school or school system, a museum or library, or a historical or cultural society.

Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes. **Receipt Deadline September 7, 2016 for Projects Beginning April 2017**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-community-colleges>

Program: **Awards for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

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

Awards can be used for a wide range of projects that are based on humanities research. Eligible projects include pursuing research in primary and secondary materials;

producing articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources; and conducting basic research leading to the improvement of an existing undergraduate course or the achievement of institutional or community research goals. **Receipt Deadline April 14, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

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

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

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

Awards can be used for a wide range of projects that are based on humanities research. Eligible projects include pursuing research in primary and secondary materials; producing articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources; and conducting basic research leading to the improvement of an existing undergraduate course or the achievement of institutional or community research goals. **Receipt Deadline April 14, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

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

Program: [Research and Development](#)

Description: The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. **Receipt Deadline June 21, 2016 for Projects Beginning January 2017**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/research-and-development>

National Science Foundation

Program: [Cybermanufacturing Systems](#)

Description: There is an opportunity for researchers to pursue research and educational efforts to accelerate the creation of an interoperating, cross-process manufacturing service layer that enables the rapid, bottom-up transformation of access to manufacturing services. Such a service layer can allow creative entrepreneurs and companies to both furnish and access manufacturing apps that span the full spectrum from ideation to physical realization, giving rise to an era of cybermanufacturing. The cybermanufacturing service layer differs from existing Internet services in that it needs an architecture that can incrementally incorporate and organize the rich and deep semantic elements of manufacturing knowledge, requiring an almost unlimited capacity to expand the range and depth of content contributed in the form of partitioned, but interoperating, manufacturing applications. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505291

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| Program: | Innovation Corps - National Innovation Network Sites Program |
| Description: | The National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks to develop and nurture a national innovation ecosystem that builds upon research to guide the output of scientific discoveries closer to the development of technologies, products and processes that benefit society. In order to contribute to a national innovation ecosystem, NSF established the NSF Innovation Corps Sites Program (NSF I-Corps Sites). Sites are funded at academic institutions, having already existing innovation or entrepreneurial units, to enable them to: Nurture students and/or faculty who are engaged in projects having the potential to be transitioned into the marketplace. Deadline is May 25, 2016. |
| Website: | http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16547 |
| Program: | Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science |
| Description: | The objective is to develop networks that involve representative organizations and consortia from different sectors that are committed to a common agenda to solve a specific STEM inclusion problem at scale. The long-term goal of NSF INCLUDES is to support, over the next ten years, innovative models, networks, partnerships, and research that enable the U.S. science and engineering workforce to thrive by ensuring that women, blacks, Hispanics, and people with disabilities are represented in percentages comparable to their representation in the U.S. population. Deadline is June 24, 2016. |
| Website: | http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16544 |
| Program: | Historically Black Colleges and Universities - Undergraduate Program |
| Description: | To meet the nation's accelerating demands for STEM talent, more rapid gains in achievement and successful degree completion in STEM for underrepresented minority populations are needed. The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) is committed to enhancing the quality of undergraduate STEM education and research at HBCUs as a means to broaden participation in the nation's STEM workforce. 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. |
| Website: | http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16538 |
| Program: | Innovation Corps - Nodes Program |
| Description: | The National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks to further develop and nurture a national innovation ecosystem that builds upon fundamental research to guide the output of scientific discoveries closer to the development of technologies, products, processes and services that benefit society. The goal of the program is to dramatically reduce the period of time necessary to bring a promising idea from its inception to widespread implementation. Deadline is May 10, 2016. |
| Website: | http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16539 |
| Program: | Expeditions in Computing |
| Description: | The far-reaching impact and rate of innovation in the computing and information disciplines has been remarkable, generating economic prosperity and enhancing the quality of life for people throughout the world. The Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) has created the Expeditions in Computing (Expeditions) program to provide the CISE research and education community with the opportunity to pursue ambitious, fundamental research agendas that promise to define |

the future of computing and information. In planning Expeditions projects, investigators are encouraged to come together within or across departments or institutions to combine their creative talents in the identification of compelling, transformative research agendas that promise disruptive innovations in computing and information for many years to come. Funded at levels up to \$2,000,000 per year for five years, Expeditions represent some of the largest single investments currently made by the directorate. Together with the Science and Technology Centers CISE supports, Expeditions form the centerpiece of the directorate's center-scale award portfolio. With awards funded at levels that promote the formation of research teams, CISE recognizes that concurrent research advances in multiple fields or sub-fields are often necessary to stimulate deep and enduring outcomes. The awards made in this program will complement research areas supported by other CISE programs, which target particular computing or information disciplines or fields. Deadline is January 18, 2017.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16535

Program: **Tribal Colleges and Universities Program**

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

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16531

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

Description: The program supports projects that emphasize consilience of knowledge, adopting diverse disciplinary approaches to shared research questions. The program seeks to develop robust and integrated accounts of contexts, mechanisms, and effective strategies of learning. This solicitation invites proposals for the creation of new research networks to address important integrative questions in the science of learning. Deadline is April 4, 2016.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16528

Program: **STEM + Computing Partnerships**

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

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16527

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

Description: This solicitation describes an Ideas Lab on "Measuring Big G" Ideas Labs are intensive meetings focused on finding innovative solutions to grand challenge problems. The ultimate aim of this Ideas Lab organized by the Physics Division of the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF), in collaboration with experts in the field, is to facilitate the development of new experiments designed to measure Newton's gravitational constant G with relative uncertainties approaching or surpassing one part in 100,000. The aspiration is that

mixing researchers from diverse scientific backgrounds will engender fresh thinking and innovative approaches that will provide a fertile ground for new ideas on how to measure G that can be used to validate and extend current calculations. US researchers may submit preliminary proposals for participation in the Ideas Lab only via FastLane. The goal is to develop multidisciplinary ideas that eventually will be submitted as full proposals. Deadline is October 26, 2016.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16520

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

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

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16516

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Program: **Anti-Doping Activities**

Description: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President, is seeking applications from a grantee to provide continued support of anti-doping efforts to educate athletes on the dangers of drug use and eliminate doping in amateur athletic competitions recognized by the United States Olympic Committee. Specifically; 1) Provide continued support of anti-doping efforts to educate athletes on the dangers of drug use and eliminate doping in amateur athletic competitions recognized by the United States Olympic Committee; 2) Provide support for athlete drug testing programs, research initiatives, educational programs and efforts to inform athletes of the adopted rules governing the use of prohibited substances outlined in the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code); and 3) Provide support for legal efforts to enforce compliance with the Code and adjudicate athlete appeals involving doping violations. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=ONDCP-ANTI-DOPING-2016>

Small Business Administration

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Household Water Well Grant Program**

Description: The HWWS Grant Program has been established to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own. Eligible Grant Purposes a. Grant funds must be used to establish and maintain a revolving loan fund to provide loans to eligible individuals for household water well systems. b. Individuals may use the loans to construct, refurbish, rehabilitate, or replace household water well systems up to the point of entry of a home. Point of entry for the well system is the junction where water enters into a home water delivery system after being pumped from a well. c. Grant funds may be used to pay administrative expenses associated with providing Household Water Well loans. Deadline is May 9, 2016.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/household-water-well-system-grants>

Program: [Farmers Market Promotion Program](#)

Description: The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) is a component of the Farmers Marketing and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP), which is authorized by the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3005). The goals of FMPP grants are 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 by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

Program: [Local Food Promotion Program](#)

Description: LFPP offers grant funds with a 25% match 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, by: developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to Local and Regional Food Business Enterprises, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of Local and Regional Food Business Enterprises. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp>

Program: [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – Farm Bill](#)

Description: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of approximately \$62.6 million in grant funds to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture). State departments of agriculture interested in obtaining grant program funds are invited to submit applications to AMS. Deadline is July 6, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp>

Program: [Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program](#)

Description: The 2016 allocation for grants is approximately \$1 million. Proposals may focus on addressing barriers, overcoming challenges or realizing opportunities manifesting at any stage of the marketing chain including direct, wholesale, and retail. Proposals must have a strong marketing focus, must involve research, and the primary beneficiaries must be agricultural producers and agribusinesses. Proposals that involve training or education programs must include a research component that tests the effects of the program on the marketing goals. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fsmip>

Program: **FY2016 TN Training Grant**

Description: The purpose of this FY 2016 TN Training Grant is for State agencies to implement and evaluate nutrition education, training, and technical assistance activities to support implementation of USDA nutrition standards for meals and snacks offered through the Child Nutrition Programs (e.g., NSLP, SBP, and CACFP). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/2016-training-grant-application>

Program: **Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)**

Description: This program supports research and extension projects that have robust collaborations to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are relevant to USDA priorities identified by the Secretary: (i) Promotion of a safe, sufficient, and nutritious food supply for all Americans and for people around the world; (ii) Sustainable agricultural policies that foster economic viability for small and mid-sized farms and rural businesses, protect natural resources, and promote value-added agriculture; (iii) national leadership in climate change mitigation and adaptation; (iv) Building a modern workplace with a modern workforce; and (v) Support for 21st century rural communities. Deadline is April 7, 2016.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/women-and-minorities-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-fields>

Program: **2017 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program**

Description: Funds are to support national urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or multi-state impact and application. All awards are based on the availability of funding, which may be subject to change. Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. non-Federal organization and Tribal agencies, operating within the United States or its territories, may apply for the Challenge Cost-Share grant. While collaboration with Federal agencies is encouraged, a Federal agency may not receive funding or be used as match to the Federal funds being requested. Individuals and private land are not eligible. Proposals are required to address National or multi-state, multi-tribal land urban forestry issues. The Forest Service will address any conflicts of interest. Not Eligible: If an entity has a local/State tree-planting projects, capital improvements to property of any ownership, and/or projects that have only a local impact and applicability are not eligible and they should contact their State Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator for assistance in identifying funding alternatives at the local level. Deadline is June 17, 2016.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us%20%20http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac.shtml>

Program: **Higher Education Challenge Grants Program**

Description: Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a State, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support. Deadline is April 22, 2016.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/higher-education-challenge-hec-grants-program>

Program: **Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive Grants Program**
Description: The Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive (SACC) Grants Program will support the development of canola as a viable supplemental and alternative crop in the United States. The goal of the SACC program is to significantly increase crop production and/or acreage by developing and testing of superior germplasm, improving methods of planting, cultivation, and harvesting, and transferring new knowledge to producers (via Extension) as soon as practicable. Extension, education, and communication activities related to the research areas above must be addressed in the proposal. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

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

Program: **Children, Youth and Families at Risk Sustainable Communities Projects**
Description: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA announces the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) funding program to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk children, youth, and families supported by the Cooperative Extension System. The CYFAR program mission is to marshal resources of the Land-Grant and Cooperative Extension Systems to develop and deliver educational programs that equip limited resource families and youth who are at-risk for not meeting basic human needs with the skills they need to lead positive, productive, contributing lives. Deadline is March 14, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Description: The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECA) program seeks to: (a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and (b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences. Deadline is March 18, 2016.

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

Program: **Organic Transitions**

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

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

Program: **Outreach and Education, Technical Assistance, and Financial Education for FSA Programs, Functions, and Activities**

Description: This RFA seeks proposals to further support and expand FSA’s existing outreach and education efforts. The additional outreach and education could, for example, be public meetings, training sessions, and/or workshops for producers including new and beginning farmers, veterans, underserved communities, and/or established producers. Emphasis will be afforded to proposals that propose to address producers who are ethnic minorities, women, new and beginning, veterans, urban, or who grow non-commodity crops (e.g., fruits and vegetables or specialty crops). Proposals may include innovative outreach approaches that ease the learning curve for farmers and ranchers through training on best practices, common challenges and solutions, and local networking opportunities. Deadline is May 27, 2016.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach>

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: [MBDA Business Center Program](#)

Description: This Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO or Announcement) announces the availability of funding for the MBDA Business Center (“Center”) program, and solicits competitive applications for operators of MBDA Business Center in one (1) location. MBDA Business Center is established to provide technical assistance and business development services. The technical assistance and business development services are provided through federal financial assistance awards to generate increased financing and contract opportunities for minority business enterprises (MBEs). In addition, the services provided will assist MBEs in creating and retaining jobs. Deadline is May 7, 2016.

Contact: Ms. Joann J. Hill, Chief MBDA Office of Business Development U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room 5079 Washington, DC 20230 Tel: 202-482-1940 Nakita Chambers MBDA Program Manager U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room 5079 Washington, DC 20230 Tel: 202-482-0065

Program: [National Network for Manufacturing Innovation \(NNMI\) Institute Awards](#)

Description: NIST is soliciting applications for National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) Institute Awards from eligible applicants to establish and operate a Manufacturing Innovation Institute in an area of U.S. advanced manufacturing national need. Proposed Institutes in any area of advanced manufacturing will be considered so long as they do not duplicate the technical scope and programs of both existing programs of federally funded Institutes within the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI), and technical focus area(s) that are identified within any in-progress Institute funding opportunity announced by a federal agency. Please consult the Full Announcement/FFO document for further details on the NNMI Institute Awards, the program’s public web site, FAQs, and informational webinars. Deadline is April 20, 2016.

Website: <http://nist.gov/amo/upload/NNMI2016FFO.pdf>

Program: [Replicable Smart City Technologies Cooperative Agreement Program](#)

Description: NIST invites applications from eligible applicants (referred to below as City/Community Partners) for a program that will support cities and communities in team-based efforts under the 2016 Global City Teams Challenge (GCTC). The purpose of this funding opportunity is to enable cities and communities to take a lead role in the team-based GCTC efforts to advance the measurement science of replicable, standards-based smart city technologies that provide measurable performance metrics, meet the needs of cities and communities of all types and sizes, and provide platforms for entrepreneurship and innovation. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

Website: <http://www.nist.gov/eps/upload/20160219-RSCT-FFO.pdf>

Program: [FY 2016 Joint Technology Transfer Initiative](#)

Description: Through the U.S. Weather Research Program (USWRP), OAR's Office of Weather and Air Quality (OWAQ) is soliciting proposals to conduct research and development activities related to advancing the storm-scale modeling and Integrated Water Prediction over the coming 1 to 2 years. Deadline is April 29, 2016.

Website: Chandra.Kondragunta, R/WA; Office of Weather and Air Quality/OAR/NOAA; R.No. 10321, SSMC-3; 1315 East West Highway; Silver Spring; MD 20910; 301-734-1034
Chandra.Kondragunta@noaa.gov

Program: [FY 2016 Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Program](#)

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

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

Program: [FY 2016 – FY 2019 EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program](#)

Description: Under the Planning program EDA assists eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective regions. Deadline: Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received. This Planning and Local Technical Assistance opportunity will remain in effect until superseded by a future announcement.

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS): Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP): Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities: Stepping-up Technology Implementation CFDA Number 84.327S**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purposes of the Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program are to: (1) improve results for students with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom for students with disabilities; (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom; and (4) provide accessible educational materials to students with disabilities in a timely manner. Deadline is April 14, 2016.

Website: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-29/pdf/2016-04338.pdf>

Program: **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs CFDA Number 84.103A**

Description: Purpose of Program: The Training Program provides grants to train the staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in, projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs to improve the operation of these projects. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Website: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-16/pdf/2016-03089.pdf>

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: **NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00)**

Description: The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent

faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. Deadline is May 7, 2016.

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

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: [National Education and Resource Center on Women and Retirement Planning](#)

Description: A cooperative agreement will expand efforts to prevent identity theft, fraud and financial exploitation among older individuals by targeting Baby Boomer women who serve as caregivers. These women are among the most vulnerable due to the stresses associated with caregiving, managing a home and balancing family finances for three generations of family members. Goal of the project is to help reduce one of the aspects of caregiver stress. Objectives include making available financial literacy and retirement planning information aimed at preventing identity theft, financial exploitation and alleviating some of the stresses caregivers experience in relation to managing finances. Deadline is May 10, 2016.

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

Program: [Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Program](#)

Description: The primary goal of the DFC Mentoring Program is to assist newly forming coalitions in becoming eligible to apply for DFC funding on their own. It is the intent of the DFC Mentoring Program that, at the end of the Mentoring grant, each Mentee coalition will meet all of the Statutory Eligibility Requirements of the DFC Support Program and be fully prepared to compete for the DFC grant on their own. Grantees will be expected to achieve this goal by meeting the following objectives: 1. Strengthen Mentee coalition's organizational structure. 2. Increase Mentee coalition's leadership and community readiness to address youth substance use problems in the Mentee community. 3. Assist the Mentee coalition in working through a strategic planning process that will result in a comprehensive Action Plan. Deadline is May 16, 2016.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-002>

Program: [Foster/Adoptive Parent Preparation, Training and Development Initiative](#)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research

on the common characteristics of individuals and their foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability. Deadline is April 29, 2016.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-CO-1122>

Program: **Re-Entry Community Linkages (RE-LINK)**

Description: The mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs to eliminate health disparities. OMH serves as the focal point in HHS for leadership, policy development and coordination, service demonstrations, information exchange, coalition and partnership building, and related efforts to address the health needs of racial and ethnic minorities. The importance of providing support for formerly incarcerated individuals successful reentry to their communities as a critical tool in breaking the cycle of drug use and crime, providing a second chance, and improving the public health and public safety of our communities is widely recognized. RE-LINK will demonstrate the effectiveness of multiple stakeholders working together to implement a model transition process. Deadline is April 21, 2016.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=55702>

Program: **Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: Americans with Disabilities Act National Network Knowledge Translation Center**

Description: The purpose of NIDILRR & DRRPs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act by developing methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technologies that advance a wide range of independent living and employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most significant disabilities. Under this particular opportunity, a DRRP must conduct knowledge translation and related activities in collaboration with the ADA National Network & grantees. Specifically, the ADAKT center must coordinate and support KT activities of the ADA National Network, conduct research aimed at improving knowledge translation on the ADA, manage and maintain the Outcome Measurement System database, and organize and support an ADA research conference. Deadline is April 19, 2016.

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

Program: **Capacity Building Initiative for Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV Prevention Services for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Youth and Young Adults (HIV CBI)**

Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2016 Capacity Building Initiative for Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV Prevention Services for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Youth and Young Adults (HIV CBI) cooperative agreements. The purpose of this program is to support an array of activities to assist grantees in building a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining quality and accessible state-of-the-science substance abuse and HIV prevention services. The program aims to engage community-level domestic public and private non-profit entities, tribes and tribal organizations to prevent and reduce the onset of SA and transmission of HIV/AIDS among at-risk populations ages 13-24, including racial/ethnic minority youth and young adults, hereafter referred to as the population of focus. Deadline is April 19, 2016.

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-004>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Website:

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

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

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

Website:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program: **Accountable Health Communities**

Deadline: The Accountable Health Communities model, as authorized under section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), provides funding opportunities to community based organizations, healthcare provider practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities for the purpose of testing whether systematically identifying the health-related social needs of community-dwelling Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and addressing their identified needs impacts those beneficiaries total health care costs and their inpatient and outpatient utilization of health care services. Deadline is March 31, 2016.

Website:

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

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

Description: The DFC Program was created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-20). The DFC Support Program has two goals: 1. Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community

coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth*. 2. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. *For the purposes of this FOA, "youth" is defined as individuals 18 years of age and younger. Deadline is March 18, 2016.

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

Program: [Development and Translation of Medical Technologies to Reduce Health Disparities \(SBIR\) \(R43/R44\)](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Program: [Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants - Alabama \(entire State\)](#)

Description: This announcement seeks applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. The Title X statute specifies that local and regional public or private nonprofit entities may apply directly to the Secretary for a Title X family planning services grant under this announcement. Funding of applications that propose to rely on other entities to provide services will take into consideration the extent to which the applicant indicates it can provide the required services and best serve individuals in need throughout the anticipated service area. Deadline is April 01, 2016.

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

Program: [Centers for Agricultural Safety and Health \(U54\)](#)

Description: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invites applications for Centers for Agricultural

Safety and Health (Ag Centers). Ag Centers are expected to conduct high quality research and help translate scientific discoveries into practical applications to improve worker safety and health in the areas of agriculture, forestry, and fishing. Center functions should include developing integrated approaches that link basic science with translation and outreach activities. Center structure should take advantage of diverse scientific resources and focus on local, regional, and/or national worker safety and health issues. Centers should place emphasis on the creation and implementation of evidence-based solutions that address important agricultural safety and health problems. Collaborations with other academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and other occupational safety and health focused groups are expected. Deadline is November 30, 2017.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-353.html>

Program: **Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants (T03)**

Description: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for Training Project Grants (TPGs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training. NIOSH is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the TPGs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate. The majority of TPGs are in academic institutions that provide high quality training in the core occupational safety and health disciplines of industrial hygiene (IH), occupational health nursing (OHN), occupational medicine residency (OMR), occupational safety (OS), as well as closely related allied disciplines. NIOSH also funds non-academic programs to meet specific training needs of targeted populations including firefighters, commercial fishermen and occupational health and safety interns. Deadline is November 3, 2019.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-352.html>

Program: **Screening and Brief Alcohol Interventions in Underage and Young Adult Populations (R03)**

Description: The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research on screening and brief interventions to prevent and/or reduce alcohol use and alcohol-related harms among underage and young adult populations. Deadline is May 7, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-296.html>

Program: **The Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (U01)**

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from multi-disciplinary teams of researchers and clinicians to establish the Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (PCDC) to conduct research to improve the detection of early stage pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) and characterization of its precursor lesions. This initiative addresses one of the four research priorities identified in the National Cancer Institute's 2014 Scientific Framework for Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma. The PCDC is intended to support research for the development and testing of new molecular and imaging biomarkers for identifying patients at high risk for PDAC (because of genetic factors or the presence of precursor lesions) who could be candidates for early intervention. The research will be conducted by individual multi-disciplinary research teams, hereafter called Units. The Units will undertake studies on the following areas: identification and testing of biomarkers measurable in bodily fluids for early detection of PDAC or its precursor lesions; determine which

pancreatic cysts are likely to progress to cancer; develop molecular- and/or imaging-based approaches for screening populations at high risk of PDAC; conduct biomarker validation studies; and collect longitudinal biospecimens for the establishment of a biorepository. All Units are expected to participate in collaborative activities with other Units and share ideas, specimens and data within the Consortium. Deadline is April 6, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-289.html>

Program: **Limited Competition: Small Grant Program for NHLBI K01/K08/K23 Recipients (R03)**

Description: The purpose of this FOA is to solicit current or recently completed NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 awardees for grant support to expand their current research objectives or to branch out to a study that resulted from the research conducted under the K award. Recently completed NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 awardees are eligible to apply for this R03 FOA if the earliest possible R03 start date falls within 2 years of their prior NHLBI K award Project Period end date. Thus, this FOA is intended to enhance the capability of NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 award recipients to conduct research as they complete their transition to fully independent investigator status. Deadline is June 15, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-16-020.html>

Program: **NINDS Exploratory Clinical Trials for Small Business (R42)**

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide a vehicle for Small Business Concerns (SBCs) submitting Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications for investigator-initiated exploratory clinical trials to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). The projects must focus on products related to the mission and goals of the NINDS and may evaluate drugs, biologics, devices, or diagnostics, as well as surgical, behavioral or rehabilitation therapies. Deadline is April 5, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-278.html>

Program: **Integrated Food Defense**

Description: The Integrated Food Defense & Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement Program (IFD&ER CAP) grant awards are designed to generate food defense tools and resources that are easily replicated and can complement, aid in the development of, and/or improve State, local, Tribal and territorial (SLTT) food defense programs through unique, innovative, and reproducible projects. The known overlap between food safety (unintentional contamination) and food defense (intentional contamination) is extensive. And the pools of resources available are vast and sometimes difficult to locate and implement.

Deadline Dates: Apr 2, 2019 Other key dates include: Open Date (Earliest Submission Date) - May 8, 2015; February 1, 2016; February 1, 2017; February 1, 2018; February 1, 2019 Letter of Intent Due Date(s) - June 15, 2015; March 1, 2016; March 1, 2017; March 1, 2018; March 1, 2019 Application Due Date(s) - July 9, 2015; April 2, 2016; April 2, 2017; April 2, 2018; April 2, 2019:

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-15-022.html>

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>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: [**FEMA Seeks an Emerging Leader for National Advisory Council**](#)

Description: The FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) was established by the enactment of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of Federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other manmade disasters. The NAC advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management. The NAC incorporates state, local, and tribal governments; nonprofit, and private sector input in the development and revision of the National Preparedness Goal, the National Preparedness System, the National Incident Management System, and other related plans and strategies. Deadline Extended to March 24, 2016.

Website: <https://www.fema.gov/national-advisory-council>

Program: [**Youth Preparedness Council**](#)

Description: The FEMA Youth Preparedness Council was formed in 2012 to bring together youth leaders from across the country who are highly interested and engaged in advocating youth preparedness and making a difference in their communities. The Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness. Deadline is March 20, 2016.

Website: <https://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>

Program: [**Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program**](#)

Description: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas. Deadline is May 6, 2016.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>

Program: [**Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants \(SAFER\)**](#)

Description: The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. The goal of the SAFER Grant Program is

to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. SAFER intends to improve or restore local fire departments' staffing and deployment capabilities so they may more effectively and safely respond to emergencies. With enhanced or restored staffing levels, recipients should experience a reduction in response times and an increase in the number of trained personnel assembled at the incident scene. Deadline is March 25, 2016.

Website: http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1455644730889-1856450d66491b2137fafdc07a5707cc/FY15_SAFER_NOFO.pdf

Program: **[FY16 Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#)**

Description: The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories; and a tribal set aside of \$10 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for Native American Indian tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities. Applicants must submit applications via the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal: <https://portal.fema.gov>. Applicants may submit a maximum of 19 sub-applications, including 1 management cost sub-application for Applicant management costs. Of the 18 sub-applications for mitigation activities, a maximum of 8 projects may be included. Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Website: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279>

Program: **[FY16 Flood Mitigation Assistance](#)**

Description: The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA will fund planning up to \$100,000 per applicant with a maximum of \$50,000 for state plans and \$25,000 for local plans. FEMA will fund technical assistance up to \$50,000 for states who were awarded FMA Grant Program funds totaling at least \$1 million in FY 2015. The remaining FMA funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP with a focus on mitigation of severe repetitive loss and repetitive loss properties as well as projects that will reduce the risk profile in communities through mitigation of the largest number of NFIP-insured properties on a neighborhood level. Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Website: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **[Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration \(LHRD\) Grant Program](#)**

Description: The LHRD program helps units of local government create and implement programs to address lead-based paint hazards and make homes lead safe. Deadline is April 28, 2016.

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

Program: **NOFA for HUD's FY16-17 Housing Counseling Training Grant Program**
Description: This NOFA provides notice of a grant program that supports the provision of both basic housing counseling training and specialized topics of training to help meet these perceived needs. This financial support will assist housing counseling agencies to increase the use of partnerships with local and state-wide organizations to provide additional place based training on state and local issues. Deadline is April 4, 2016.
Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program: **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Department's Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program**
Description: This NOFA provides information and instructions for the FY 2016 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program. This NOFA is comprised of both the General Section to the Department & FY 2016 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs (General Section) published September 24, 2015, and this program section to the NOFA. In addition to the application requirements set forth in this document, Applicants must also comply with the requirements established in the General Section, and all Housing Counseling Program requirements. HUD reserves the right to award both FY 2016 and FY 2017 funds on the basis of this single NOFA competition. FY 2017 grant awards under this NOFA are contingent upon the availability of appropriations. Deadline is April 4, 2016.
Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program: **HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program**
Description: The HOPE VI Main Street Program provides grants to small communities to assist in the renovation of an historic or traditional central business district or Main Street area by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The obsolete building space property may be publicly or privately owned. Note, however, that the local government whose jurisdiction includes the Main Street area is the only entity that is eligible to receive an award. Applications from other entities, e.g., the private property owner, are not eligible for award. The objectives of the program are to: Redevelop central business districts (Main Street areas); Preserve Historic or traditional Main Street area properties by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units; Enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas; and provide affordable housing in Main Street areas. Main Street grant funds can be used to build new affordable housing or reconfigure obsolete or surplus commercial space (or extremely substandard, vacant housing) into affordable housing units. The grant funds cannot be used on general infrastructure or commercial development. Main Street housing units must be affordable to the initial residents that occupy the Main Street housing project, as described in the Use Restrictions section of this NOFA. The funds in the NOFA must be used to assist Units of Local Government that have existing Main Street area rejuvenation projects and meet the population and public housing unit limits stated in the Eligibility section of this NOFA. Deadline is April 12, 2016.
Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: **Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment Programs**

Description: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to issue an amendment to an existing cooperative agreement with The Corps Network to augment support of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps efforts and the Monarch Initiative. This opportunity is offered under the authority of the Powers and Duties of the Secretary of the Interior (16 USC 460 Sec.4601 1(d) and (f). Deadline is March 23, 2016.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=282084>

Program: **2017 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program**

Description: Funds are to support national urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or multi-state impact and application. All awards are based on the availability of funding, which may be subject to change. Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. non-Federal organization and Tribal agencies, operating within the United States or its territories, may apply for the Challenge Cost-Share grant. While collaboration with Federal agencies is encouraged, a Federal agency may not receive funding or be used as match to the Federal funds being requested. Individuals and private land are not eligible. Proposals are required to address National or multi-state, multi-tribal land urban forestry issues. The Forest Service will address any conflicts of interest. Not Eligible: If an entity has a local/State tree-planting projects, capital improvements to property of any ownership, and/or projects that have only a local impact and applicability are not eligible and they should contact their State Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator for assistance in identifying funding alternatives at the local level. Deadline is June 17, 2016.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac.shtml>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**

Description: The HRPDMP grant program provides support to state prescription drug monitoring programs, tribal organizations seeking to engage with prescription monitoring activities, and state/county agencies seeking to address drug abuse and diversion challenges. Deadline is April 26, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/PDMP16.pdf>

Program: **OJJDP FY 16 Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative**

Description: OJJDP will fund the successful applicant to work with as many as four states to implement and facilitate statewide policy and practice initiatives that will advance the ability of those states to:

- Ensure that all at-risk children and youth are screened and assessed at each point of contact across youth-serving systems, with a particular focus on the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
- Provide evidence-based, trauma-informed treatment services to children and youth exposed to violence.
- Identify mechanisms to blend and braid funding sources to support identification, screening, assessment, and treatment services.
- Improve outcomes for children and youth exposed to violence.

Deadline is May 10, 2016.

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

Program: **The Price of Justice: Rethinking the Consequences of Justice Fines and Fees**

Description: Those who commit crimes should be accountable to victims and their communities. The role of the justice system is to determine a fair and impartial resolution on behalf of society. However, legal financial obligations resulting from criminal justice

involvement including fines, fees, and costs may undermine these very goals. The current landscape of legal financial obligations has come under heightened scrutiny in recent months and years, particularly in light of the findings of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division investigation of the Ferguson Police Department. These findings and other sources report justice agencies focused on maximizing revenue, rather than public safety and rehabilitation; people being incarcerated for failing to pay despite inability to do so; and racial and ethnic disparity in the impacts of criminal justice debt. Currently, little is known about the extent to which government agencies rely on fines and fees, whether it is cost beneficial to fund efforts to collect fines and fees; and the extent and effects of fines and fees on justice-involved individuals. This program will make available site-based grants and technical assistance available for state and local government agencies to implement innovative approaches to addressing the common barriers to equitable systems of legal financial obligations. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/JRIpriceofjustice.pdf>

Program: [SMART FY 16 Sex Offender Management Fellowship Program](#)

Description: The purpose of the SMART FY 2016 Sex Offender Management Fellowship is to help the SMART Office enhance its capacity to provide assistance and support to public and private colleges and universities on their prevention and response to sexual violence and exploitation on college campuses. The goal of this fellowship is to build a foundation within the field of sex offender management for the integration of effective approaches to sexual violence prevention and educational programming on college campuses. Deadline is April 25, 2016.

Website: <http://http/www.smart.gov/pdfs/SMARTFY16Fellow.pdf>

Program: [Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program](#)

Description: The FY2016 Small Agency Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy Implementation Program will support the implementation including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Deadline is April 27, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCSmallAgency16.pdf>

Program: [Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking](#)

Description: The purpose of the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Program is to support the development and enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces that implement collaborative approaches to combat all forms of human trafficking and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens (of all sexes and ages) within the United States. OVC and BJA intend for funding through this program to be used to assist communities in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task forces that will implement victim-centered and coordinated approaches to identifying victims of all types of human trafficking, addressing the individualized needs of victims through quality services, and investigating and prosecuting human trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels. Through this solicitation, OVC and BJA will make awards to support law enforcement and victim service provider efforts within human trafficking task forces. Within each geographic region covered by a task force, two separate awards will be made one to a lead law enforcement entity and one to a lead victim service provider. Deadline is May 5, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/ECMHumanTrafficking16.pdf>

Program: **Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program**

Description: The FY2015 Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Deadline is April 27, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCPIP16.pdf>

Program: **Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism: Prevention and Intervention Demonstration Programs**

Description: The goal of this research program is to provide a more comprehensive and extensive understanding of domestic radicalization as it occurs in the United States, and to provide State, local and tribal criminal justice agencies evidence-based tools to address it. The primary objective of this solicitation is to produce research studies that improve this understanding by filling gaps in the existing research or expanding on existing work to provide insights for criminal justice agencies. The secondary objective of this solicitation is to provide the empirical basis upon which to formulate and implement policies and programs designed to address domestic radicalization in the United States. Deadline is May 9, 2016.

Website: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9103.pdf>

Program: **Violence Reduction Network: National Training and Technical Assistance Program**

Description: The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) is a comprehensive program created by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), to leverage existing DOJ resources to deliver strategic, intensive training and technical assistance (TTA) in an "all-hands" approach to reduce violence in some of the country's most violent cities. The program is site-specific and designed to complement existing local antiviolence efforts in participating sites by providing requested training and technical assistance resources in a systematic way. Deadline is May 5, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/VRN16.pdf>

Program: **Police-Prosecution Partnership Initiative**

Description: The FY2016 Police-Prosecutor Collaboration Initiative seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based law enforcement strategies by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to partner in an effort to create effective, economical, and innovative responses to precipitous increases in crime within their jurisdictions. Deadline is April 19, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/PPPI16.pdf>

Program: **National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)**

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding to test untested sexual assault kits, prevent sexual assaults, and improve the criminal justice system's response to sexual assaults. Deadline is April 26, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/SAKI16.pdf>

Program: **Smart Policing Initiative**

Description: This FY 2015 Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) grant program seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions. Deadline is April 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/SPI16.pdf>

Program: **Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors**

Description: The Community-Based Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors will provide \$1, 000, 000 awards for a three year grant period to private non-profits to provide comprehensive, community-based reentry services to formerly incarcerated individuals with moderate to high risk of recidivating. These reentry programs will include a mentoring component. Deadline is April 12, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/SCAmentoring16.pdf>

Program: **Community Corrections: Technology Research, Development and Evaluation to Improve Supervision and Outcomes**

Description: With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for funding for research, development, and/or evaluation projects to explore the ability of mobile device technologies to help enable adult correctional systems more effectively supervise increased numbers of persons under community supervision. Related to this, NIJ is also interested in exploring the potential of mobile device-based solutions to provide an improved means to locate and track offenders under community supervision in areas with cellular coverage. Deadline is May 19, 2016.

Website: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-8997.pdf>

Program: **National Initiatives: Officer Safety and Wellness**

Description: In 2010, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR Officer Safety Initiative was created in response to the startling increase in felonious assaults that have taken the lives of many law enforcement officers. VALOR provides all levels of law enforcement with tools to help prevent violence against law enforcement officers and enhance officer resilience, wellness, and survivability. VALOR is a comprehensive effort that includes classroom and Web-based training, research, and resources for sworn state, local and tribal law enforcement officers. VALOR Training provides critical nationwide, no-cost officer safety training to all levels of law enforcement. Training modules are developed using the latest expertise, analysis, tactics, interdiction techniques, and response methods to address alarming trends. The program also includes active shooter response training for first responders. Deadline is April 21, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/valor16.pdf>

Program: **Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**

Description: BJA is accepting applications to establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (42 U.S.C. 3797u et seq.) is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders. Deadline is April 19, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/adultdrugcourts16.pdf>

Program: [**Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles**](#)

Description: The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. Section 115 of the Second Chance Act authorizes federal awards to states, units of local government, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes to provide technology career training to persons confined in state prisons, local jails, and juvenile residential facilities. This program supports the education, training, mentoring, support services, and job placement for incarcerated/detained adults and juveniles in a technology field. Deadline April 12, 2016.

Website: [**https://www.bja.gov/funding/SCAtechcareers16.pdf**](https://www.bja.gov/funding/SCAtechcareers16.pdf)

Program: [**Forensic Technology Center of Excellence**](#)

Description: NIJ seeks proposals to operate NIJ's Forensic Technology Center of Excellence (FTCOE) to support its research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) process in all areas of forensic science. The FTCOE should focus on specific efforts to include, but not limited to: 1) providing scientific and technical support to NIJ's research and development efforts; 2) facilitating demonstration, transfer, and adoption of appropriate technology into practice by crime laboratories, forensic service providers, and law enforcement, and other criminal justice agencies; 3) providing technology assistance, information, and support to law enforcement and other appropriate criminal justice agencies; 4) developing and providing access to resources for research, education, and best practices in the forensic science and criminal justice community; and 5) working closely with NIJ's Social Science staff to develop, assess, and communicate the impact of forensic science on the criminal justice system. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

Website: [**http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9087.pdf**](http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9087.pdf)

Program: [**Smart Policing Training and Technical Assistance**](#)

Description: The purpose of this FY 2016 competitive grant announcement is to select one provider to deliver, nationwide, a wide range of training and technical assistance (TTA) services to agencies participating in the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI). These services include, but are not limited to, training sessions and educational sessions developed and conducted by relevant subject matter experts, onsite or remote guidance on problem analysis, solution development, data analysis, policing theory, evaluation methodology, and other matters relevant to the purposes of the SPI program. SPI agencies will leverage the TTA services solicited through this competitive grant announcement to implement solutions to pressing crime problems and law enforcement organizational challenges that hamper their effectiveness. The services provided should enhance the quality and outcomes of SPI projects. Deadline is April 12, 2016.

Website: [**https://www.bja.gov/funding/SPITTA16.pdf**](https://www.bja.gov/funding/SPITTA16.pdf)

Program: [**Elder Abuse Prevention Demonstration Project: Planning Phase**](#)

Description: NIJ, in collaboration with other Federal agencies, is interested in funding a cooperative agreement to conduct a rigorous, multi-year demonstration project to prevent abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation among community-residing elderly individuals identified to be at risk. Ultimately, the demonstration project will include development and implementation of the intervention, and, pending funding, a rigorous scientific evaluation of its effectiveness. Successful proposals will develop an intervention that: 1) specifies a theory of change; 2) builds upon evidence-based violence prevention interventions in related areas; 3) identifies a rationale and strategy for selecting

participants; and 4) is designed to be replicated, scaled up, and independently evaluated if the demonstration project indicates effectiveness in preventing elder abuse. Applicants may develop and test interventions to prevent either a single form or multiple forms of elder mistreatment. Initial funding under this solicitation will cover an 18-month planning phase. Upon successful completion of the planning phase, additional funding may become available to support the implementation of an 18-month pilot study. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

Website: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9018.pdf>

Program: [FY 2016 National Criminal History Improvement Program \(NCHIP\)](#)

Description: This program is intended to improve the nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information used for criminal justice and noncriminal justice background checks. Four objectives are targeted: (1) providing direct financial and technical assistance to states and tribes to improve their criminal records systems and other related systems in an effort to support background checks; (2) ensuring the infrastructure is developed to connect criminal history records systems to the state record repository or appropriate federal agency record system and ensuring records are accessible through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) records systems; (3) providing the training and technical assistance needed to ensure that records systems are developed and managed to conform to FBI standards of practice with respect to privacy and confidentiality; and (4) using systematic evaluation and standardized performance measurement and statistics to access progress made in improving in national records holdings and background check systems. Deadline is April 28, 2016.

Website: <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/nchip16sol.pdf>

Program: [OJJDP FY 16 Faith and Community-Based Youth Violence Prevention Training and Technical Assistance](#)

Description: OJJDP invites proposals to broker, coordinate, and provide relevant training and technical assistance to organizations representing all faith traditions and to community-based institutions that are engaged with or seeking to engage with the three youth violence prevention initiatives: Defending Childhood, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, and Community-Based Violence Prevention Program- OJJDP is funding in 39 sites nationwide. Deadline is April 12, 2016.

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

Program: [FY 2016 NICS Act Record Improvement Program \(NARIP\)](#)

Description: This program was authorized by the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (NIAA). The NIAA was enacted in the wake of the April 2007 shooting tragedy at Virginia Tech. The Virginia Tech shooter was able to purchase firearms from a Federal Firearms License (FFL) because information about his prohibiting mental health history was not available to the NICS, and the system was therefore unable to deny the transfer of the firearms used in the shootings. The NIAA seeks to address the gap in information available to NICS about such prohibiting mental health adjudications and commitments and other prohibiting factors. Filling these information gaps will better enable the system to operate as intended to keep guns out of the hands of persons prohibited by federal or state law from receiving or possessing firearms. The automation of records will also reduce delays for law-abiding gun purchasers. The NIAA authorized this grant program to assist states in providing certain information to the NICS. Deadline is May 10, 2016.

Website: <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/narip16sol.pdf>

Program: **NIJ FY16 Visiting Fellows Program**

Description: With this solicitation, subject to available funding, NIJ seeks proposals for important research work and scholarship as part of the 2016 NIJ Visiting Fellows Program. Awards made under the NIJ Visiting Fellows Program will bring leading researchers and others into residency at NIJ to make important scholarly contributions in their chosen fields of criminology or criminal justice research, and to work with the NIJ Director and staff to help shape the direction of NIJ's research programs. NIJ will recruit research fellows, who have backgrounds primarily in academic or research settings, and policy fellows, who have backgrounds working primarily in a criminal justice policy or practice setting. NIJ will also recruit partnership fellows, a research fellow and a policy fellow who will work together on a joint-research project. During their fellowship at NIJ, visiting fellows will work on a significant piece of scholarship that has the potential to advance significantly criminology or criminal justice research, such as a major capstone effort culminating a line of research or some work in a new area that has significant potential to transform our understanding of crime and justice in the United States. Deadline is May 11, 2016.

Website: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-8890.pdf>

Program: **Research on Bias Crimes**

Description: NIJ is seeking research and evaluation related to bias crime perpetration and victimization. For this solicitation, NIJ is interested in a broad range of research that will address gaps in our ability to identify, assess, and understand the behavior of bias crime offenders or experiences of bias crime victims. Deadline is May 10, 2016.

Website: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-8979.pdf>

Program: **Smart Prosecution Initiative**

Description: BJA's Smart Prosecution Initiative is designed to promote effective data-driven, research-based approaches to prosecution and prosecutor-led justice systems innovations and reforms. The Smart Prosecution model builds off of the lessons learned from BJA's Smart Suite of crime fighting programs. Smart Prosecution will seek to pair an operational, results focused researcher with a prosecutor's office to develop data-driven solutions which create effective, efficient, and just prosecution strategies which will ultimately improve public safety. It will provide other valuable resources to equip a prosecutor's office to access data across various criminal justice and non-criminal justice information systems to improve results for communities. BJA will use the lessons learned to develop a rich body of evidence for use by prosecutors nationally as they seek to work with communities to solve chronic problems and fight violent crime. Deadline is March 28, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/smartprosecution16.pdf>

Program: **Wrongful Conviction Review Program**

Description: One of BJA's guiding principles is to promote a fair criminal justice system. For the past two decades, the American justice system has been confronted with a steady stream of post-conviction exonerations, and the issue of wrongful conviction has emerged as a critical area for examination. BJA is committed to assisting the state and local law enforcement entities in adopting evidence-based practices and assessing the necessary technologies to reduce the likelihood of a wrongful conviction (to include wrongful arrests and prosecutions) occurring from the outset of each criminal investigation. BJA is also committed to ensuring that wrongful convictions are expeditiously detected and addressed when they occur. On support of the latter goal, BJA established the Wrongful Conviction Review Program, the funding for which is anticipated through the FY 2015 appropriation. The purpose of the Wrongful

Conviction Review Program is to provide high-quality and efficient representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence. Deadline is March 28, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/wrongfulconviction16.pdf>

Program: [Intellectual Property Enforcement Program](#)

Description: The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP), administered by BJA, is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address IP criminal enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. Deadline is March 28, 2016.

Website: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/IPEP16.pdf>

Program: [SMART FY 16 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program](#)

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

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

Program: [OJJDP FY 16 Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Program](#)

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

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

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

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

topics, but most do so in separate, discrete applications. Single applications proposing to address more than one topic will not be accepted. Deadline is April 16, 2016.

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

Program: **Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent**

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

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

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) and Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) (referred together throughout this funding opportunity announcement as HVRP)**

Description: Consistent with the Opening Doors national campaign directed by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), the purpose of these funds is to conduct programs to provide job training, counseling, placement, and related services to expedite the reintegration of homeless and incarcerated veterans (eligible veterans) into the labor force. As the applicant, you are encouraged to design programs that address the employment challenges faced by eligible veterans in consultation with industry, employers and employer associations to identify the skills needed for in-demand jobs and careers. Applications selected for funding will demonstrate the following: • Ability to develop and execute strategies with attainable goals for job-driven training based on Labor Market Information and evidence-based successful practices. • Ability to collaborate and coordinate with community-based organizations to ensure that local, state, and federal resources are used effectively and efficiently to expedite the reintegration of eligible veterans into the labor force. • Ability to deliver or connect participants to effective job training, counseling, and other related services, such as the provision of housing and needed health services as means for expediting the reintegration of eligible veterans into the labor force. • Ability to provide effective services to female homeless veterans and homeless veterans with families. • Ability to provide effective services to incarcerated or recently incarcerated veterans who are at risk of homelessness. Deadline is March 23, 2016.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=281708>

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

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

Department expects that most LWDB-administered programs will be WIOA-funded. Deadline is March 25, 2016.

Contact: Janice Sheelor Grants Management Specialist
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Program: **[Strengthening Working Families Initiative](#)**
Description: This FOA also encourages applicants to develop an approach that provides skills training leading to family-supporting jobs for low- to middle-skilled parents while simultaneously developing and implementing a plan for the applicant's community or region that helps families better navigate the existing complex systems of supportive services, including increased access to child care. Deadline is March 16, 2016.

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **[FastLane Grants](#)**
Description: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) established the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program to provide Federal financial assistance to projects of national or regional significance and authorized the program at \$4.5 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2016 through 2020, including \$800 million for FY 2016 to be awarded by the Secretary of Transportation. The Department will also refer to NSFHP grants as Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants. This purpose of this opportunity is to solicit applications for FY 2016 grants for the NSFHP program. Deadline is April 14, 2016.

Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/FASTLANEgrants>

Program: **[University Transportation Centers Open Competition 2016](#)**
Description: The FAST Act authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to eligible nonprofit institutions of higher education to establish and operate UTCs. Deadline is May 13, 2016 NOTE ALSO: Required Letter of Intent Due 04/01/2016.

Website: <http://utc.dot.gov/>

Program: **[Statewide Pedestrian and Bicyclist Focus Education and Enforcement Effort](#)**
Description: The successful organization must demonstrate that they have the infrastructure in place, as well as the necessary staff and support to carry out the responsibilities in developing, administering/coordinating and implementing this agreement. Only organizations capable of fulfilling the criteria listed below will be considered. The criteria require that: Applicant must have the existence of an organizational infra-structure that will allow staff time necessary to handle the day-to-day logistical needs for this project. Interested applicants are advised that no fee or profit will be allowed under this Cooperative Agreement. Applicants (focus states) shall have a pedestrian and bicycle safety action plan (PBSAP) that has been adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction. Deadline is March 21, 2016.

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Program: **[US Department of Transportation Tiger Grant](#)**
Description: Like the first seven rounds, FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a

metropolitan area, or a region. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, does not provide dedicated funding for the planning, preparation, or design of capital projects; however, these activities may be funded as part of an overall construction project. - See more at: <https://www.transportation.gov/TIGER#sthash.Kvp7EVJJ.dpuf>. Deadline is April 29, 2016.

Website:

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/2016%20TIGER%20NOFO%20-%20Signed%200.pdf>

Program:

Administration of the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) Local Competition for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, People with Disabilities, and Com

Description:

The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) Local Competition program aims to attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation; enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees; and to retain top talent in the transportation industry of the United States. The DDETFP for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), Community Colleges (CC), and institutions that are designated to serve People with Disabilities (PWD), provides funding for the pursuit of Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral Degrees in transportation related discipline. The purpose of the DDETFP Local Competition is to stimulate interest among students attending HBCUs, HSIs, TCUs, CCs and institutions serving PWDs to conduct transportation-related research, pursue transportation-related degrees, to enter the transportation workforce and bring innovation and enhance the breadth and scope of knowledge of the entire transportation community in the United States. Deadline is March 19, 2016

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Description:

National Summer Transportation Institute

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

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[FHWA-Headquarters Office of Civil Rights](#)

Program:

FY16 Safety Data Improvement Program

Description:

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

Website:

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

Program:

FY2016 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant Program

Description:

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

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Treasury

Program:

Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Magnet Fund Program

Description:

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

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program:

Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces

Description:

Purpose: To provide grants to eligible adaptive sports entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. Adaptive sports activities means: (1) instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports; (2) training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA employees, and other appropriate individuals; and (3) coordination, Paralympic classification of athletes, athlete assessment, sport-specific training techniques, program development (including programs at the local level), sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation, and other activities related to the implementation and operation of the program. Deadline is April 28, 2016.

Website:

http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/va_grant_program.asp

Program:

Veterans Cemetery Grants

Description:

Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

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

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

Program: **Farm Aid Seeks LOIs for Projects Supporting Family Farmers**

Description: Farm Aid works year-round to build a system of agriculture that values family farmers, good food, soil and water, and strong communities.

To that end, the organization is awarding grants of up to \$10,000 to organizations in the following categories: Helping Farmers Thrive, Taking Action to Change the System, and Growing the Good Food Movement.

Helping Farmers Thrive: Grants in this category fund organizations that provide farmers with the tools and resources they need to get started on the land, access new markets, transition to more sustainable farming practices, produce renewable fuels, and stay on the land in the face of financial crisis and natural disasters.

Taking Action to Change the System: Grants in this category fund organizations that promote fair farm policies and grassroots organizing campaigns aimed at defending and bolstering family farm agriculture, lifting the voices of family farmers, and promoting their interests on a local, regional, or national level.

Growing the Good Food Movement: Grants in this category fund organizations that are creating innovative programs that build local and regional food systems, connect farmers directly to consumers, and/or create new value-added markets for family farmers.

To be eligible, applicants must be a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit (family farm and rural service) organization in the United States that supports family farm agriculture.

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

Website: <https://www.farmaid.org/our-work/grants/grant-guidelines/>

Program: **GAWL Foundation Accepting Applications for Legal Services for Women and Girls**

Description: The GAWL Foundation, the charitable arm of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations that provide legal services for disadvantaged women and girls in Georgia.

Grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to organizations that provide free legal services to disadvantaged women and girls; free services to disadvantaged women and girls in the legal system; and/or free services to disadvantaged women and girls.

To be eligible, applicants must be considered tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For complete eligibility criteria and a list of past grant recipients, see the GAWL Foundation website. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.gawl.org/cpages/grants>

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

Description:

The [Home Depot Foundation's](#) Veteran Housing Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations for the development and repair of veterans housing. To date, the foundation has awarded over \$80 million in grants and has helped impact more than 17,000 units of housing for veterans.

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

Eligible projects include new construction, rehab or repair, single family or multifamily, permanent supportive housing or transitional housing. Grants are awarded solely for the physical construction or repair of housing for veterans (hard costs).

Proposals for the third round of 2016 grants are due June 23, with final determinations to be announced in December.

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

To be eligible, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service for at least the last five years; have a current operating budget of at least \$300,000 and audited financial statements from the past three years; have previous experience developing veteran specific housing; and either currently manage or own such housing. For rental projects, nonprofit applicants must have a 15+ year ownership stake in the development.

Complete program guidelines, eligibility requirements, project criteria, grant terms and reporting requirements, and the online application are available at the Home Depot Foundation. **Deadline is June 23, 2016.**

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

Program: [Knight Foundation Invites Submissions to Knight News Challenge: Libraries](#)

Description: The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has announced the opening of its \$3 million Knight News Challenge, a competition designed to surface ideas that address the evolving role of libraries in the digital age.

The challenge seeks to uncover new ways to extend and strengthen the role of libraries as essential spaces for people to learn, acquire information, and exchange ideas and perspectives. Anyone anywhere in the United States can participate by providing a brief answer to the question: How might libraries serve twenty-first century information needs?

The newschallenge.org platform enables conversations across projects and allows applicants to refine their ideas based on user comments and suggestions. In April, with the input of expert reviewers, Knight will select a group of semifinalists, to move to the next stage of the challenge, where they will be asked to provide more information about their ideas.

Winning projects have the chance to receive funding of approximately \$35,000 to \$500,000 over a period of six months to two years.

The challenge is open to anyone, from public libraries to universities to businesses, nonprofits, and even individuals who have never innovated in the library space. Applicants must be based in the United States. Deadline is March 21, 2016.

Website: <http://www.knightfoundation.org/press-room/press-release/knight-news-challenge-seeks-ideas-for-libraries/>

Program: [Fast Forward Seeks Applications for Technology Accelerator Program](#)

Description: Fast Forward unlocks the power of the tech community to address social issues. From poverty, to education access, to improving health, to environmental degradation — Fast Forward believes that technology can impact lives at scale. However, there's a gap in support for early stage tech nonprofits that are building for impact instead of profit.

Through its Accelerator for Tech Nonprofits program, Fast Forward looks for product-driven nonprofits that are looking to leverage open source software, always connected mobile devices, open APIs, and inexpensive variable cost web infrastructure to solve education, environmental, health, and human rights challenges. Fast Forward then provides financial and human capital to help scale these solutions and maximize their impact. Participating organizations receive a \$25,000 grant, thirteen weeks of summer training in San Francisco, and connections to mentors.

To be eligible, all applicant organizations must be a nonprofit working to leverage technology to address problems in arts/culture, education, environment, food/agriculture, health/healthcare, human rights, poverty alleviation/economic development, or public service/civic engagement. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ffwd.org/programs/accelerator/>

Program: [National Weather Association Invites Applications for K-12 Meteorological Projects](#)

Description: The National Weather Association is accepting applications for its 2015-16 Sol Hirsch Education Fund grants, which support projects aimed at improving K-12 education in meteorology and related sciences.

The program will award grants of up to \$750 to help teachers purchase scientific materials for the classroom, school, or community; launch new school or community science outreach and education programs; enhance or expand existing meteorology/science education programs; and/or attend accredited courses, workshops, or conferences related to meteorology that will significantly enhance their teaching activities. Priority will be given to projects that show the most creativity and have the potential for greatest impact.

The program is open to teachers, program directors, school district supervisors, and other individuals or groups proposing to improve the education of K-12 students in meteorology. Deadline is June 3, 2016.

Website: <http://www.nwas.org/grants/solhirsch.php>

Program: [National Storytelling Network Seeks Applications for Brimstone Award](#)

Description: The National Storytelling Network is accepting applications for the 2016 Brimstone Award for Applied Storytelling, an annual award that recognizes the transformational properties of storytelling and the ways storytelling can promote change in individuals and communities.

Grants of \$5,000 will be awarded in support of model storytelling projects that are service-oriented, based in a community or organization, and are replicable (to some extent) in other places and situations. Projects should have impact beyond their own communities, organizations, or clients; inspire excellence in applied storytelling work; and communicate to new audiences the humanitarian possibilities of storytelling. Deadline is May 28, 2016.

Website: <http://www.storynet.org/grants/brimstone.html>

Program: [Brookdale Foundation Announces RFP for Respite and Early Memory Programs](#)

Description: The Brookdale Foundation is accepting applications to its Group Respite and Early Loss programs.

Since 1989, the Brookdale National Group Respite Program has awarded seed grants to organizations for the development and implementation of social model group respite programs — programs that have served thousands of elders with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia and their family caregivers. In addition to group respite, the development of programs for people with early memory loss is also supported through this initiative. Deadline is July 7, 2016.

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

Program: [NEEF Accepting Applications for Greening STEM Integration Grants](#)

Description: The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), with major funding support from the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas, is offering funding for teachers, afterschool programs, and nature organizations for projects that support the integration of Greening STEM into current or new programming or curriculum.

NEEF believes that the natural world offers a compelling and universal context for investigations and applications of many STEM lessons, an approach it calls Greening STEM. By learning about STEM concepts in reference to real-life environmental examples or issues, the subject matter is more tangible and extends beyond the textbook or classroom, influencing the way students think about the world and the way they view their connection to it.

Website: <https://www.neefusa.org/greening-stem-integration-grant-educators>

Program: **NEA Foundation Invites Applications for Learning and Leadership Grants**

Description: The NEA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Education Association, is a public charity supported by contributions from educators' dues, corporate sponsors, and others. The foundation supports student success by helping public school educators work with key partners to build strong systems of shared responsibility.

As part of its efforts to achieve this goal, the foundation is inviting applications for its Learning and Leadership Grants program. The program provides support to public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education through grants to individuals to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences such as summer institutes or action research; or to groups for collegial study (including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for new faculty or staff).

The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study. All group grant applicants must include partner information.

To be eligible, applicants must be a public school educator in grades Pre-K–12; a public school education support professional; or faculty and staff members at a public institution of higher education. The foundation encourages applications from education support professionals. Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

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

Program: **Horses and Humans Research Foundation Invites Proposals for Research Projects**

Description: Through investment in rigorous research, the Horses and Humans Research Foundation serves as a catalyst to advance knowledge of horses and their potential to impact the health and wellness of people.

To advance this mission, the foundation invites proposals from nonprofit organizations for its 2016 research grants program. Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded for research that investigates the therapeutic effects of horses on humans. The foundation's broad research agenda includes basic research as well as clinical studies with the potential to impact the physical and mental health and quality of life for people with disabilities who are involved with equine-assisted activities/therapies. Equine-assisted activities studies are needed that validate horse-rider combinations; therapeutic riding lesson progression; professional qualifications; lesson duration; lesson frequency; lesson effectiveness; frequency of treatment; outcomes of treatment; efficacy for different diagnosis; efficacy within age ranges; duration of treatment; protocols during treatment; horse selection for treatment; equine movement during treatment; and professional competency recommendation. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.horsesandhumans.org/Research.html#Applications>

Program: [Carey Institute for Public Good Invites Applications for Fall Nonfiction Residencies](#)

Description: The [Carey Institute for Global Good](#) is dedicated to making a better world by contributing to a strong, educated, and just society. The institute is located in the historic hamlet of Rensselaerville, New York -- a community of farmers, writers, artists, and civic advocates -- just a two-hour drive from New York City. Nestled on a one-hundred-acre campus in the heart of a pristine nature reserve, it offers an inspiring place to convene and advance the work of journalists, policy makers, artists, agricultural innovators, entrepreneurs, and other changemakers seeking sustainable solutions to local and global challenges.

The institute is accepting applications for its fall nonfiction residency program. Applications for residency are judged on the quality of the applicant's work and professional promise. Residencies vary in length. The minimum stay is two weeks; the maximum stay is three months.

Documentarians, journalists, and nonfiction writers working at the professional level in their fields are eligible to apply once each calendar year. Particular areas of emphasis relate to the most pressing issues of our day, including but not limited to war and conflict; social justice and human rights; science, health, agriculture, environment and technology; biographies, histories and government; education; journalism and the media; and economics and business.

Pre-applications are due by July, 2016, with applications due no later than August 1, 2016.

Website: <http://carevinstitute.org/nonfiction-residency-application-guidelines/>

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

Description: The [Fisher House Foundation](#), a private-public partnership that supports America's military in times of need, is accepting proposals from nonprofit organizations for the

2015 Newman's Own Awards for creative ideas aimed at improving the quality of life of 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 of veterans and active duty, Reserve, and National Guard service members and their families facing the stress of long deployments and separation and/or the long-term effects associated with service. Award funds cannot be used to pay salaries or wages.

To be eligible, an organization must be comprised primarily of volunteers and/or be a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, any organization proposing a program that affects or takes place on a Department of Defense installation will be asked to present documentation that their program is approved for operation by the installation commander. Deadline is April 28, 2016.

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

Program: [Rockefeller Archive Center Accepting Applications for Grant-in-Aid Program](#)

Description: The [Rockefeller Archive Center](#) in Sleepy Hollow, New York, annually offers a competitive grant-in-aid program to foster, promote, and support research by serious scholars in the collections located at the center, which includes the records of the Rockefeller family, [Rockefeller University](#), [the Rockefeller Foundation](#), and other Rockefeller-associated philanthropies and individuals.

An independent committee reviews each application based on research topic and the availability of relevant material in the RAC collections. Awards are made to individuals only; institutions are not eligible to apply. Awards do not support research at other institutions and cannot be used for general tuition support. Application to the grant-in-aid program is open to citizens of the United States and foreign countries.

Awards will provide for reimbursement of up to \$4,000 in expenses after the award recipient has finished his or her research visit and submitted expense receipts.

Applicant must contact the center via email or by fax with a description of the project no later than October 15, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a complete application by November 1, 2016.

Website: <http://www.rockarch.org/grants/generalgia.php>

Program: [ESA Foundation Seeks Proposals From Women for Computer, Video Game Scholarships](#)

Description: The [Entertainment Software Association Foundation](#), the philanthropic arm of the Entertainment Software Association, is seeking applications for scholarships for women and minority students who are pursuing degrees leading to careers in computer and video game arts.

The scholarships support full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States. Up to thirty scholarships of \$3,000 each will be awarded annually, fifteen to graduating high school seniors and fifteen to current college students.

Applicants must be a woman or minority student pursuing a degree leading to a career in computer and video game arts (high school seniors must already be accepted into a program). In addition, applicants must be enrolling or enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States; maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent); and be a citizen of the U.S. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Website: <http://esafoundation.org/scholarship.asp>

Program: [Amphion Foundation Accepting Applications From Performing Musical Ensembles](#)

Description: The [Amphion Foundation](#) was established in 1987 to encourage the performance of contemporary concert music, particularly by American composers, through support to performing and presenting organizations that have demonstrated sustained artistic excellence.

To that end, the foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit performing ensembles, presenters, and music service organizations for general operating or special project support.

Typically, the program awards grants of up to \$7,500, although larger grants may be awarded to larger performing organizations with an extraordinary commitment to contemporary concert music or a particularly significant project.

To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit performing ensemble, presenter, and/or music service organization with a history of substantial commitment to contemporary concert music and demonstrated level of excellence. Organizations must have been in existence for at least two years. Performing ensembles, presenters, or organizations that are applying for support for performances must have presented two full seasons prior to the season for which support is requested, except for special projects of extraordinary significance. In general, the grant program does not support jazz music. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Website: <https://amphionfoundation.org/amphion-grant-application>

Program: [Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program](#)

Description: The [Walmart Foundation](#) is accepting applications through its Community Grant Program.

Through the annual program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organization within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be

awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities.

To be eligible, an organization must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity (i.e., state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, requesting funds exclusively for public purposes); a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until December 31, 2016.

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

Program: [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Invites Applications to Young Scholars Program](#)

Description: The [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation](#) is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. The foundation offers the largest scholarships in the U.S., comprehensive counseling, and other support services to students in 8th through 12th grade and, since 2000, has awarded about \$147 million in scholarships to more than two thousand students and over \$88 million in grants to organizations that serve high-achieving, low-income students.

As part of this mission, the foundation is accepting applications from outstanding 7th grade students with financial need for its annual Young Scholars Program. From 8th grade through their senior year of high school, Cooke Young Scholars receive a personal academic and college counselor, funding for academic and enrichment programs in the summer and during the school year, internship and study abroad opportunities, and educational resources including books and technology. In addition, Young Scholars often go on to receive [Cooke College Scholarships](#) worth up to \$40,000 a year, and many have received [Cooke Continuing Graduate Scholarships](#) worth up to \$50,000 a year for four years. Deadline is April 16, 2016.

Website: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/>

Program: [IDEA Invites Proposals for Teaching/Learning and Campus Climate Grants](#)

Description: [IDEA](#) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve learning in higher education through research, assessment, and professional development.

To advance these goals, the organization is accepting proposals for its 2016-17 Impact Grants Program, which includes Teaching/Learning grants and Campus Climate grants.

1) IDEA Impact Teaching/Learning Grants are designed to promote effective student learning through the careful exploration and systematic documentation of the efficacy of various teaching practices, learning environments, and institutional policies. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to classroom interventions designed to improve student learning; investigations of student and course

characteristics that are related to learning; evaluation of innovative teaching methods; methods for engaging students in online courses; innovative approaches to faculty development; comprehensive approaches to teaching evaluation; and the use of student ratings to improve teaching effectiveness.

2) IDEA Impact Campus Climate Grants are intended to support increased knowledge and understanding of campus climate issues that impact student learning and the ability of institutions to successfully carry out their mission. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to innovative approaches to leadership development; interventions designed to improve institutional, college, or departmental climate; investigations of methods to improve faculty recruitment, development, and retention; and strategies and approaches that improve student well-being.

Grants of up to \$10,000 will directly support individual faculty members, professional staff, departments, colleges, or programs. Grant recipients will be required to work with IDEA to disseminate their findings through the IDEA website, workshops or presentations in partnership with IDEA, or by writing an original IDEA paper.

The required application form and an expense budget must be completed and emailed (as an attachment) by 3:00 p.m. CDT, March 31, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Website: <http://ideaedu.org/giving/idea-impact-grants/>

Program: **RWJF Seeks Proposals for Health Equity Award Programs**

Description: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced a Request for Proposals for its Awards for Health Equity program.

The annual program advances RWJF's vision of working with others to build a Culture of Health by recognizing and celebrating individuals who have successfully implemented systems changes related to the multiple determinants of health. Recognition of these efforts increases the visibility and awareness of the urgent need and solutions for systems changes to achieve health equity in American society.

Four grants of up to \$52,000 will be awarded to nonprofit membership organizations and/or associations to establish an annual awards program that honors individuals who implement systems changes aimed at solving health disparities. Each grant is intended to support an annual awards program for a period of six years. Deadline is March 30, 2016.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2016/rwjf-awards-for-achieving-health-equity.html>

Program: **Hillman Foundation Accepting Proposals for Innovations in Care Program**

Description: The mission of the Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation is to improve the lives of patients and their families through nursing-driven innovation. To that end, the foundation cultivates nurse leaders, supports nursing research, and disseminates new models of

care that are critical to making the United States healthcare system more patient-centered, accessible, equitable, and affordable.

The foundation is accepting proposals for creative, patient- and family-centered approaches that challenge conventional strategies, improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations, lower costs, and enhance the patient and family caregiver experience. The foundation is particularly interested in the areas of maternal and child health, care of older adults, and chronic illness management. Two grants of up to \$600,000 will be awarded in 2016.

Eligible applicants include institutions and care settings from across the spectrum of care, as well as practitioners representing a diverse range of backgrounds.

The foundation will hold informational webinars on February 24 and March 21. Deadline is March 21, 2016.

Website: <http://www.rahf.org/grant-programs/hillman-innovations-in-care-program/>

Program: [IEEE Foundation Issues 2016 Request for Proposals](#)

Description: The [IEEE Foundation](#), the charitable arm of technology innovation organization [IEEE](#), has issued a Request for Proposals for projects that raise awareness and understanding of technology and its impact on society.

Twelve-month grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded in support of projects that provide technical information at a level that can be understood by the general public; reaches a broad cross-section of society; presents, in a neutral and balanced manner, an analysis of the social benefits and costs of deploying the subject technology; and avoids advocating a particular action but encourages and enables participants to make an informed decision. In addition, projects should directly involve IEEE members, including, as appropriate, student members.

To be eligible, applicants must be a part of an IEEE organizational unit, including sections, regions, societies, affinity groups, student branches, and/or major boards. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ieeefoundation.org/Grants#Focus>

Program: [Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund](#)

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

- **Affordable housing and shelter:** Supports programs that construct and maintain affordable, efficient and healthy housing, including programs that provide affordable homes for working families and programs that help homeless families find permanent housing.

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

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

Website:

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

Program:

Alabama Family Planning Services Grants

Description:

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

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

Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Website:

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

Program:

BBVA Compass Foundation Grants

Description:

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

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

- Diversity and inclusion

Deadline is September 30, 2016.

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

Program: [Plum Creek Foundation Grants](#)

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

Grants are offered for the following types of projects:

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

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Awards will be given to programs in three categories:

- 1) Arts Integration: This award will recognize a middle or high school program that uses an innovative approach to cross-curricular study, drawing connections between arts-based learning and the themes, content, and ideas of other subjects, including English language arts, science, social studies, math, and/or other areas of the 6–12 curriculum. Model programs/projects may integrate arts-based methods of investigation into non-arts classrooms, incorporate non-arts content and ideas into arts curricula, or employ a method of collaborative or parallel study between two or more content areas.
- 2) Equity Through Arts: This award will be given to a successful middle or high school arts program that uses the arts as a tool for increasing academic engagement among underserved students. Model arts programs may have a track record of raising student attendance and graduation rates, use arts opportunities and course work to increase college access and attendance among students, or successfully build student awareness of and preparation for professional opportunities in the arts.
- 3) Civic Engagement/Professional Partnerships: This award will recognize a middle or high school arts program that uses arts experiences as vehicles for community engagement. Programs eligible for the civic engagement award may foster collaborations between students and local arts professionals or nonprofit organizations, engage students in developing original arts-focused projects or fundraisers in partnership with local or national nonprofits, or employ other methods of using the arts to increase community involvement among young people.

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

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

Deadline is April 18, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline is March 31, 2016.

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

Program: [Mary Kay Foundation Accepting Applications for Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Program](#)

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

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

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

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

Deadline is May 31, 2016.

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

Program: [Donaghue Foundation Invites LOIs for Improvements to Senior Care](#)
Program: [William T. Grant Foundation Seeks Applications for Research to Understand Inequality](#)

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

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

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

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

Program: [Good Sports Accepting Applications for Sports Equipment Program](#)

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

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

To be eligible, applicants must directly serve youth between the ages of 3 and 18; serve youth in an economically disadvantaged area; be located in North America (the U.S.

and Canada); and operate an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunity for play to large groups of children. Schools must apply as a whole; applications for individual programs within a school will not be considered. Donation requests for short-term events such as sports camps and tournaments or to individual athletes will not be considered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline is April 6, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BTF awards grants to nonprofit organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities.

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

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

Website:

[http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball tomorrow fund.jsp?content=overview](http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball_tomorrow_fund.jsp?content=overview)

Program:

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

Description:

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

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

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

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

Website:

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

Program:

Gerber Foundation Seeks Proposals for Pediatric Research Projects

Description:

The mission of the Gerber Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children in nutrition, care, and development. The foundation is accepting concept papers for health and/or nutrition-related research projects with the potential to make a significant impact on issues affecting infants and young children from birth to age three.

The foundation will award grants to research projects focused on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition, and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. Projects may address etiologic

mechanisms of disease; new, improved, or less invasive diagnostic procedures; reduction or elimination of side effects; alleviation of symptoms; new, improved, or less invasive therapies or treatments; dosage or dosing requirements or mechanisms for drugs, nutrient supplementation, or other therapeutic measures (under or overdosing); and preventative measures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A limited number of RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing grants of up to \$6,000 each will be awarded to shelter organizations to support the creation of space on site to temporarily house the pets of victims of domestic violence. The one-time grants are intended as start-up funding to initiate projects. It is expected that the funds will enable

the housing of at least one pet within a year of the project's completion. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

Website:

http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/?gclid=CjwKEAiAhPCyBRCTwMDS5tzT03gSJADZ8VjRw5RxJw1br5NTowrY1NFzylowGtdvOagXa3LHyYK_PRoCB4Hw_wcB

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

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

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

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

organizations that have received grants from the program in consecutive fiscal years from 2014 to 2016. Deadline is April 14, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program: **Russell Sage Foundation Issues RFP for Research on Effects of Affordable Care Act**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Website: http://lalorfound.org/?page_id=9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial assistance ranges from \$500 to \$8,000. Other services include referrals to craft suppliers who have agreed to offer discounts on materials and equipment to craftspeople eligible for CERF funds and booth fee waivers from specific craft show producers.

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

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

Website: http://craftemergency.org/artists_services/emergency_relief/

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Description: The [Home Depot Foundation](#)'s Veteran Housing Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations for the development and repair of veterans housing. To date, the foundation has awarded more than \$80 million and has helped impact more than 17,000 units of housing for veterans.

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

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

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

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

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| 6/23/16 | December 2016 |

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

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

Description: The [Laura and John Arnold Foundation](#) works to address the nation's most pressing and persistent challenges using evidence-based, multidisciplinary approaches. Its

strategic investments are currently focused in criminal justice, education, evidence-based policy and innovation, research integrity, and science and technology.

To advance this mission, the foundation has issued a request for criminal justice research proposals as part of its effort to build an evidence base about the approaches, innovations, and strategies that work best to improve public safety as well as increase the fairness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. LJAF has committed up to \$14 million in funding to support the research: \$12 million to fund at least four randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and \$2 million to fund innovative, early-stage research projects that, if successful, could advance to the RCT stage.

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

Program: [Pollock-Krasner Foundation Accepting Applications From Artists With Financial Need](#)

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

The foundation welcomes, throughout the year, applications from visual artists (painters, sculptors, and artists who work on paper, including printmakers) with genuine financial needs. Grants are intended for a one-year period of time, with the size of the grant to be determined by the artist's individual circumstances and professional exhibition history. Artists applying for a grant must be actively exhibiting their current work in a professional artistic venue such as a gallery or museum space.

The foundation does not accept applications from commercial artists, video artists, performance artists, filmmakers, crafts-makers, computer artists, or any artist whose work primarily falls into these categories. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.pkf.org/grant.html>

Program: [Pollination Project Invites Applications From Social Entrepreneurs for Seed Grants](#)

Description: The [Pollination Project](#) is accepting applications from social entrepreneurs looking to make their communities and world a better place.

Seed grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to projects in the early stages of development, including those that promote compassion toward all life (people, planet, animals), environmental sustainability, justice in all its forms, community health and wellness, and social change-oriented arts and culture. Only applications for seed funding, as opposed to ongoing operational or program costs of a nonprofit organization, will be accepted.

To be eligible, applicants must be a passionate, committed individual with a social change vision that fits within one or more of the categories above. Established nonprofit organizations with paid staff will not be considered. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://thepollinationproject.org/applicantinformatio/funding-guidelines/>

Program: [Hope for The Warriors Accepting Applications for Critical Care Support for Wounded Veterans](#)

Description: Hope For The Warriors believes those touched by military service can succeed at home by restoring their sense of self, family, and hope. Nationally, the organization provides service members, veterans, and military families with comprehensive support programs focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and community resources.

Originally designed to meet short-term needs in the days following an injury, the Hope for The Warriors' Critical Care Coordination program has expanded to assist post-9/11 combat-wounded veterans and their families as they navigate through long-term recovery.

Program case coordinators work daily with post-9/11 combat-wounded service members and veterans, their families, and families of the fallen to meet immediate financial needs related to daily living including utilities, groceries, rent, mortgage, and rental deposits. The program provides casework assistance and resource referrals that will help clients immediately and in the future. Payment is always made to a third party.

To be eligible, applicants must be seeking support for needs that are a direct result of a service member's post-9/11 combat-related injury. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/story/18721712/critical-care-coordination>

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

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

Community organizations participating in the Big Read develop and produce reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse local audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Previous grantees must select a different reading choice from their previous programming.

The program is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop reading programs between September 2016 and June 2017. Organizations selected to participate receive a grant, educational and promotional materials, and access to online training resources and opportunities. Approximately seventy-five organizations will be selected from communities of varying size in the United States.

Eligible organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis with non-federal funds. Grant funds may be used for a variety of expenses, including book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental. Deadline is January 26, 2017.

Website: <http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

Program: **NCTM School Invites Applications for In-Service Training Grants for Pre-K-5 Math Teachers**

Description: The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is accepting applications for its 2016 School In-Service Training grants to support the professional development of teachers in the areas of mathematical knowledge for teaching, pedagogical content knowledge, and knowledge of students as learners of mathematics.

Grants of up to \$4,000 each will be awarded to elementary schools. Costs may include honoraria and expenses for consultants, materials, substitute teacher time, and conference or workshop registrations. No funds may be used for staff travel or equipment. While the program does not fund the purchase of technology, proposals including professional development in the use of technology to enhance student learning are encouraged.

Only schools with a current NCTM Pre-K–8 school membership are eligible to apply. Funded activities must be completed between September 1, 2016, and August 31, 2017. Deadline is May 6, 2016.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/Grants/School-In-Service-Training-Grants/>

Program: **NCTM Invites Proposals for PreK-8 Pre-service Teacher Action Research Grant**

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

Primary emphasis will be placed on collaboration among a team of researchers consisting of university, elementary/middle school teachers, and pre-service teachers from the undergraduate ranks. The action research should be designed, implemented, and completed with a focus on enhancing the teaching and/or learning of mathematics in Grades Pre-K–8.

One grant of up to \$3,000 will be awarded. Grant funds should be used to support project expenses to plan and carry out the action research.

The applicant must be a current full individual or e-member of NCTM or must teach at a school with a current NCTM Pre-K–8 school membership. The participating pre-service teacher(s) must be in an initial licensure/certification program at the undergraduate level and, at some point during the term of the grant, must be engaged in some form of practicum experience or student teaching. Deadline is May 6, 2016.

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

Program: [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Invites Applications for Mini-Grants](#)

Description: Established by children's book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#) is accepting applications from public schools and public libraries anywhere in the United States and its territories to its mini-grants program.

The program is intended to support projects that foster creative expression, collaboration, and interaction with a diverse community. The funding program will award grants of up to \$500 to educators to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students. Projects funded in the past include murals, pen pal groups, quilts, theater productions, newspapers and other publications, intergenerational activities, and programs that bring disparate communities together. Starting in 2015, mini-grants from the foundation will also fund programs that support the Common Core Standards.

Public schools and public libraries are eligible to apply. Preschool Head Start programs also are eligible. Only public organizations are eligible to receive a mini-grant; private and parochial schools should not apply. Charter schools also are ineligible. Applicants must be located in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories, including Puerto Rico and Guam. Only one application from each library or school will be considered. Deadline is March 31, 2016.

Website: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/>

Program: [RGK Foundation Accepting LOIs for Education, Community Programs](#)

Description: The [RGK Foundation](#) in Austin, Texas, is inviting grant proposals in the areas of education, community, and health and medicine.

The foundation's primary education interests include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science, and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. Within the community area, the foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. In the area of health and medicine, the foundation's current interests include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, access to health service, and programs initiated by the foundation focused on ALS. Deadline is Rolling.

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

Program: **Singing for Change Accepting LOIs for Projects to Address Social and Environmental Problems**

Description: Created by Jimmy Buffett in 1995, Singing for Change initially was funded with contributions from the singer's summer concert tour. Since then, SFC has offered competitive grants to progressive nonprofit organizations working to address the root causes of social or environmental problems.

Priority will be given to organizations that keep their overhead low, include community members in planning, and collaborate with other groups to find innovative ways of solving common problems. SFC aims to advance the common good by empowering people to thrive and strengthen and sustain vibrant, diverse communities.

Grants will range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to organizations that have a sponsoring agency with exempt status. Deadline is Ongoing.

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

Program: **A Little Hope Announces Youth Bereavement Support Services Grants**

Description: A Little HOPE supports organizations that provide bereavement support services and grief counseling to children and teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or loved one.

To be considered, applicants must e-mail (no telephone calls) the name of their program, website address, names of the executive director and program director, and the location of the program. No other information is needed or will be processed. Strong preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to the use of community trained volunteers.

Grant award amounts are based on the scope and budget of the project. Deadline is OPEN.

Website: <http://www.alittlehope.org/granting>

Program: **Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Accepting Applications for USArtists International Grant Program**

Description: Administered by the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the USArtists International program is committed to ensuring that the impressive range of performing arts in the United States is represented abroad, and that

American artists can enhance their creative and professional development through participation at international festivals.

To that end, grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at international festivals and/or for performance engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities anywhere in the world outside the United States.

There is a September 4, 2015, deadline for projects taking place between December 15, 2015, and December 14, 2016; a December 4, 2015, deadline for projects taking place between **March 15, 2015, and March 14, 2016; and an April 15, 2016, for projects taking place between July 15, 2016, and July 14, 2017.**

Website:

http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/us_artists/index.html

Program:

Kurt Weill Foundation Accepting Applications for Grant Program

Description:

Since 1984, the foundation has awarded more than five hundred grants totaling \$3 million to organizations and scholars worldwide in support of excellence in the presentation and study of Kurt Weill's compositions. In 2013, the Blitzstein catalogue joined the list of works eligible for support.

The foundation awards grants to individuals and nonprofit organizations for performances of musical works by Weill and Blitzstein; for scholarly research pertaining to Weill, Lenya, and Marc Blitzstein; and for relevant educational initiatives. The foundation is accepting applications for projects and performances taking place on or after January 1, 2016, and before **June 30, 2017.**

Website:

<http://www.kwf.org/current-news/press-releases/698-the-kurt-weill-foundation-for-music-announces-2015-grant-program>

Program:

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Description:

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Website:

<http://www.kwf.org/current-news/press-releases/698-the-kurt-weill-foundation-for-music-announces-2015-grant-program>

Program:

Partnership for Clean Competition Accepting Applications for Doping Research Projects

Description:

PCC is accepting applications for its grants program, which supports original projects focused on improving existing methods for detecting particular drugs,

developing new analytical methods to test for substances not currently detectable, and discovering cost-effective approaches for testing widely abused substances across all levels of sport. The programs areas of interest include developing methods of cost-effective testing to detect and deter the use of banned and illegal substances; developing testing protocols to detect designer substances used for doping purposes; improving existing analytical methods to detect particular drugs (e.g. GH, IGF-1, EPO, hCG); developing analytical methods to detect performance enhancing drugs not currently detectable; critical reviews that support interpretation of laboratory data; and alternative specimens, (e.g., oral fluid, dried blood/plasma spots) for testing. Deadline is rolling. PCC reviews pre-applications three times a year, with applications due March 1, July 1, and November 1. Full applications are due on April 1, August 1, and December 1.

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

Program: **Annenberg Foundation Grants**

Description: The Annenberg Foundation exists to advance the public well-being through improved communication. As the principal means of achieving its goal, the Foundation encourages the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge throughout the U.S. and globally.

The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the following program areas:

Education and youth development
Arts, culture, and humanities
Civic and community
Animal services and the environment
Health and human services

The Foundation only considers organizations defined as a public charity and tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Letters of inquiry that address the Foundation's interests are accepted throughout the year. Deadline OPEN.

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

Program: **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Invites Letters of Intent**

Description: The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood supports innovative, creative projects, and programs designed to significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, and/or quality of life of children from infancy through five years of age.

The foundation provides funding in the areas of early childhood welfare, early childhood education and play, and parenting education.

1) Early Childhood Welfare: Children can only reach their full potential when all aspects of their development, intellectual, emotional and physical are optimally supported. Providing a safe and nurturing environment for infants and preschoolers is essential, as is imparting to them the skills of social living in a culturally diverse world. To that end, the foundation supports programs that research best child rearing practices and identify models that can provide creative, caring environments to ensure all children thrive.

2) Early Childhood Education and Play: Research shows that children need to be stimulated as well as nurtured, early in life, if they are to succeed in school, work, and life. That preparation relates to every aspect of a child's development, from birth to age 5, and everywhere a child learns -- at home, in childcare settings, and in preschool. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of both early childhood teaching and learning through the development of innovative curricula and research-based pedagogical standards, as well as the design of imaginative play materials and learning environments.

3) Parenting Education: To help parents create nurturing environments for their children, the foundation supports programs that teach parents about developmental psychology, cultural child-rearing differences, pedagogy, issues of health, prenatal care and diet, as well programs that provide both cognitive and emotional support to parents.

Letters of Intent are accepted on a rolling basis. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications.

Website: <http://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/>

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

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

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

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

Deadline is:

January 31 (typically for fall and winter projects)
September 30 (typically for spring and summer projects)

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

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: [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: [The Office Depot Foundation Grants](#)

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

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

Program: [Environmental Competitive Grant](#)

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

Website: www.legacyenvd.org

Program: [Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant](#)

Description: The Cornell Douglas Foundation provides grants to organizations that advocate for environmental health and justice, encourage stewardship of the environment, and

further respect for sustainability of resources. The average grant amount is \$10,000. Deadline is accepted all year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Description: The International Paper (IP) Foundation supports non-profit organizations in communities where its employees live and work. Environmental education is one of the

primary areas the Foundation supports. The Foundation seeks programs that help generations understand a sustainable approach to business that balances environmental, social and economic needs.

Website:

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

SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Agency:

West Alabama Commission

Description:

2016 Grant and Loan Guide for Local Governments in West Alabama

Website:

<http://warc.info/component/rsfiles/download-file?path=Regional%20Information%20Documents/2016%20Grant%20and%20Loan%20Guide-Web.pdf&Itemid=483>

Program:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Description:

A. Competitive Fund, Single purpose or multi-purpose activities

GRANT CYCLE

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Non-entitlement cities (excludes members of the Jefferson or Mobile consortium), counties (excludes Jefferson and Mobile). Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Water, Sewer, Streets, Drainage, Housing Rehabilitation, Neighborhood and Downtown Revitalization, Professional Services e.g., engineering, administration within fee scale limits.

Requirements:

Benefit at least 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries, or eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need resulting from an immediate health threat. See current program year thresholds. No open Competitive or Enhancement grant. Annual close-out deadline is March 31.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: County \$350,000; Large City (2010 Census population 3,000 +) \$450,000; Small City \$350,000.

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

Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Equipment, Materials

Disbursement Method: Grant

Note: Waiver of match available for applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less.

B. Community Enhancement Fund

GRANT CYCLE

Application workshop held in April; application due date between June/July. Award announcements are typically in the fall with mandatory compliance workshop to follow.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Non-entitlement Local Governments. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Water, Sewer, Streets, Drainage, Housing Rehab, Senior or Community Center, Demolition, Recreation, Boys & Girls Clubs, Fire Protection, Misc. Requirements: Benefit 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries, or eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need resulting from an immediate health threat. See current program year thresholds. No open Competitive or Enhancement grant. Annual closeout deadline is March 31.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: \$250,000. Minimum Request: \$50,000

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

Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Equipment, Materials

Disbursement Method: Grant

Note: Waiver of match available for applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less.

C. Economic Development Fund

GRANT CYCLE

Applications accepted on a continuous basis. Award upon approval and as funding is available. Application workshop held in April and compliance workshop held in the fall.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Non-entitlement local governments. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Land, facilities and infrastructure to benefit industry that will create jobs.

Requirements: Create minimum of 15 permanent jobs to benefit 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries. See current program year thresholds. May have open Competitive, Enhancement or Planning grant.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: \$200,000. Minimum Request: \$50,000

Match Requirement: 20% Source: Cash/In-kind

Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Equipment, Materials

Disbursement Method: Grant

Note: Waiver of match available for Applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less.

State may also waive the grant ceiling for projects that demonstrate significant long-term economic benefit to the State.

D. Economic Development Incubator projects

GRANT CYCLE

Continuous - 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Units of local government. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Facility, infrastructure or program support.

Requirements: Program must benefit at least 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries. Project must commit to create jobs. See current program year thresholds.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: \$250,000

Match Requirement: 20% Source: Cash/In-kind

Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Equipment, Materials

Disbursement Method: Grant

Note: Waiver of match available for Applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less. State may also waive the grant ceiling for projects that demonstrate significant long-term economic benefit to the State.

E. Planning Fund

GRANT CYCLE

Application workshop held in April; application due date between June/July. Award announcements are typically in the fall with mandatory compliance workshop to follow.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Non-entitlement local governments. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Comprehensive plans, Downtown Revitalization plans etc.

Requirements: Benefit 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries, or eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need resulting from an immediate health threat. See current program year thresholds. May have open Competitive or Enhancement grant.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: \$40,000.

Match Requirement: 20% Source: Cash/In-kind
Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Materials
Disbursement Method: Grant
Note: Waiver of match available for applicants with 2010 Census population of 1,000 or less.

Contact: Shabbir Olia, CED Programs Manager (334) 242-5468,
shabbir.olia@adeca.alabama.gov

Program: **RECREATION PROGRAMS**

Description: **A. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

GRANT CYCLE

FY15 pre-applications due February 1, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Units of local government, State agencies and State Authorities (except State or local educational institutions). Entities with an open LWCF or Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant are ineligible to apply; entities may not apply for both programs. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Outdoor recreation only, land acquisition, playgrounds, ball fields, trails, picnic and camping areas, support facilities, access roads, parking areas, utilities.

Requirements: Existing LWCF funded facilities owned by applicant must be well maintained and be in compliance with program regulations. Applicants developing new facilities must agree to comply with program operation and management conditions. LWCF developed sites must be deeded as such, in perpetuity. It is recommended that applicants consult with Recreation Program staff for technical assistance prior to submitting an application.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: \$150,000 Minimum Request \$50,000

Match Requirement: 50% Source: Cash/In-kind

Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Equipment, Materials

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

B. Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

GRANT CYCLE

FY16 program to be announced.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Units of local government, State Agencies, Federal Agencies, Non-Profit 501(c) (3) Organizations. Entities with an open Recreational Trails Program (RTP) or Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant are ineligible to apply; entities may not apply for both programs. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Urban trail linkages, maintenance of existing recreational trails, trail-head facilities (see program criteria), acquisition of property and easements, construction of new trails, purchase of trail maintenance equipment (certain restrictions apply).

Requirements: It is recommended that applicants consult with Recreation Program staff for technical assistance prior to submitting an application.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: 80% of total eligible project cost, up to \$35,000 non-motorized, single-use trails; \$100,000 Non-motorized diverse-use. Contact ADECA for projects involving motorized, diverse-use trails or education. Amount available may vary with announcement.

Match Requirement: 20% Source: Cash/In-kind

Eligible In-Kind Contribution: Labor, Equipment, Materials

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

Website:

Crystal Davis, Programs Manager (334) 353-2630

crystal.davis@aedeca.alabama.gov

Program: **Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation**

Description:

GRANT CYCLE

Applications must be filed with ALDOT at least 45 days prior to a meeting of the board of directors. Board meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of October, March and June of each year.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants: Units of local government. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM and STAARS.

Activities: Public access roads to new or expanding distribution, manufacturing and industrial firms.

Requirements: Industry must be committed to new investment and creation of new jobs. Notification Acknowledgement letter from the Secretary of Commerce must be included with application. See

<http://www.dot.state.al.us/adweb/Industrial%20Access.htm> for application form and program guidance.

FUNDING LEVELS

Maximum Request: N/A

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

Contact:

Ed Austin, Innovative Programs Bureau Chief (334) 242-6751,

austine@dot.state.al.us

Program: **Alabama Power Foundation Grant**

Description:

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

- Health

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applications accepted on ongoing basis.

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

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: **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: **Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants**

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

Application submission deadlines:

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

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

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

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

Program: **NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program**

Description: The program seeks: 1) to increase the number of low-income academically talented students with demonstrated financial need obtaining degrees in STEM and entering the workforce or graduate programs in STEM; 2) to improve the education of future scientists, engineers, and technicians, with a focus on academically talented low-income students; and 3) to generate knowledge to advance understanding of how factors or evidence-based curricular and co-curricular activities affect the success, retention, transfer, academic/career pathways, and graduation in STEM of low-income students. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf16540

Program: **FY 2016 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**

Description: The U.S. Study Abroad Branch within the office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition to administer the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in International Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(C)(3) may submit proposals for the purpose of

administering a scholarship program for credit-bearing academic study or internships outside the United States by U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need (Pell Grant recipients). The intent of the authoring legislation for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is to broaden the U.S. student population that participates in study abroad by focusing on those students who would not otherwise study outside the U.S. due to financial constraints. The Gilman Program provides scholarships to enable U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue credit-bearing academic studies or internships abroad. Deadline is March 14, 2016.

Website:

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

Program:

World of Children Accepting Nominations for 2016 Awards Program

Description:

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

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

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

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

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

4) Health Award: Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine, or the sciences. Nominees must have created, managed, or otherwise supported a sustainable program that has significantly contributed to the improved health of children; do this work over and above their normal employment or work for little or no pay; have been doing this work for a

minimum of ten years; and have an existing nonprofit organization in good standing that can receive grant funds. The minimum grant award is \$50,000.

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

Deadline is April 1, 2016.

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

Program: **Frank B. Sessa Scholarship for Continuing Professional Education of a Beta Phi Mu Member**

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

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

Program: **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Invites Entries From Creative Teens**

Description: The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing the most talented teen artists and writers in the United States and Canada, has issued a call for entries for the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Creative teens in grades 7-12 are invited to submit work in twenty-eight categories of art and writing, including film and animation, video game design, sculpture, photography, fashion design, poetry, journalism, humor, dramatic script, and science fiction.

Student submissions are judged on the regional level by the alliance's affiliates, with the top winning works then presented to national panels of creative leaders to determine which will receive the highest honors. Fifteen graduating high school seniors will be awarded with Portfolio Gold Medals, which include a \$10,000 scholarship. Additional scholarships are made available to Portfolio Silver Medalists and through sponsored awards and stipends for summer arts programs.

New to this year's competition are a special editorial cartoon category sponsored by the Herb Block Foundation to promote awareness of the editorial cartoon medium and

provide three young artists with \$1,000 scholarships for their outstanding work; the Neiman Marcus Fashion Award and the Neiman Marcus Jewelry Award to provide one artist in each category with \$1,000 scholarships; and the RBC Flaunt It Award to provide two \$1,000 scholarships to students whose work showcases and celebrates individual differences.

To be eligible, students must be in grades 7-12 in a public, private, parochial, home-schooled, or out of school program in the U.S. or Canada, or in an American school abroad.

Deadlines for submission vary by region throughout the winter months, with National Medalists announced in March 2016.

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

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

Program: [American Psychological Foundation Invites Applications for Violet and Cyril Franks Scholarship](#)

Description: The [American Psychological Foundation](#) is accepting applications for the 2016 Violet and Cyril Franks Scholarship.

The annual program supports graduate-level scholarly projects that use a psychological perspective to help understand and reduce stigma associated with mental illness. The \$5,000 scholarship helps address research which shows that stigma is a significant barrier to treatment and recovery for many of the fifty million Americans living with mental illness.

To be eligible, applicants must be a full-time graduate student, in good standing at an accredited university, and have a demonstrated commitment to stigma issues surrounding mental illness. APF encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, and sexual orientation. Deadline is May 15, 2016.

Website: <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/franks.aspx>

Description: The Bank of America (BoA) offers grants that support high-impact initiatives, organizations and the development of visionary leaders. Schools with farm-to-school type programs may be eligible under the funding areas:

- Developing Career Leadership and Skills: Opportunities that increase civic and community engagement, career exploration and youth employment, financial knowledge and life-skill and soft-skill development
- Assisting with Food Access: Food deserts, green/fresh food access, etc

BoA's Charitable Foundation provides philanthropic support to address needs vital to the health of communities through a focus on preserving neighborhoods, educating the workforce for 21st century jobs and addressing critical needs, such as hunger.

Requests for proposals are issued three times per year.

Website: <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/find-grants-sponsorships.html#fbid=pYn5RLQL62N>

Program: **Costco Wholesale Grants**

Description: Costco Wholesale grants support programs focusing on children, education and health and human services. They look to achieve the greatest impact where Costco's employees and members live and work. Only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, which meet their giving guidelines and focus areas, are considered.

Applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis.

Website: <http://shop.costco.com/About/Charitable-Giving/Frequently-Asked--Questions.aspx>

Program: **James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Accepting Applications for Fellowship**

Description: The program provides fellowship grants of \$24,000 to individuals who are looking to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary-school level. The foundation plans to offer one fellowship per state per year. Deadline March 16, 2016.

Website: <https://jamesmadison.scholarsapply.org/>

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.williammcmgowanfund.org/pdf/Homelessness%20RFP.pdf>

HBCU Scholarship Directory

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

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

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

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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

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

FELLOWSHIP SEARCH

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

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

Minority Fellowship Program

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

Section VI RESOURCES

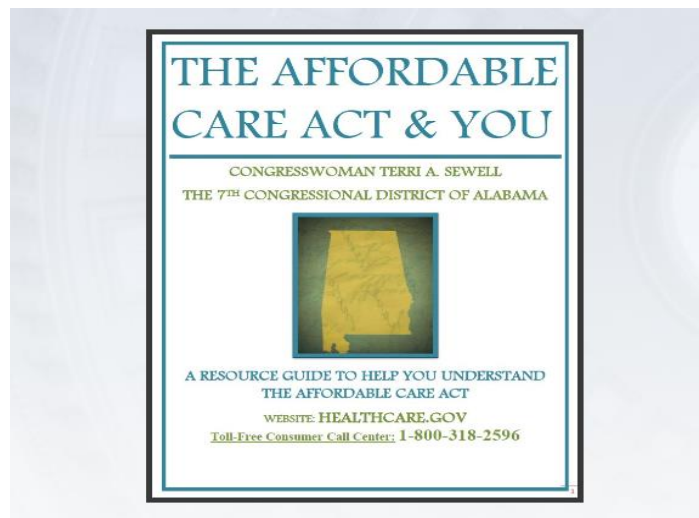
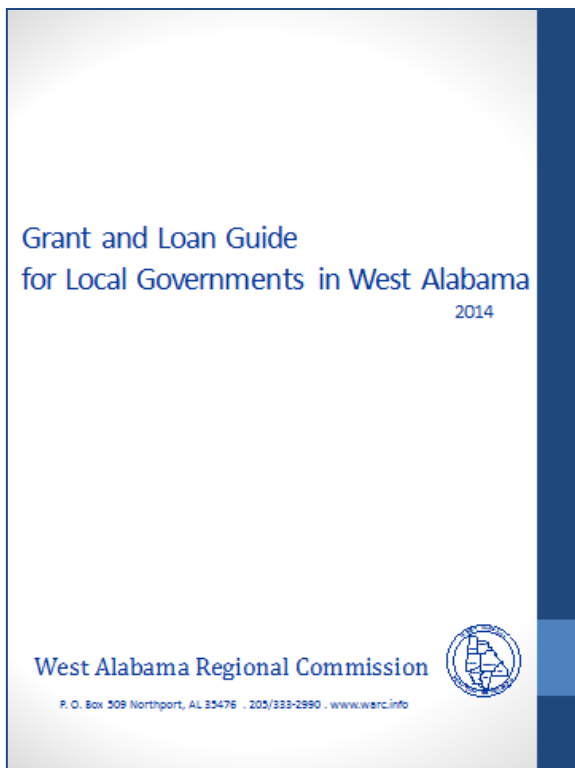
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Alabama

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

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

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

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

ALABAMA ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION VETERANS:

FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center

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

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

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

Veteran Applicant Resources:

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

Employer Resources:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-264-6223

Website: www.aacinfo.org

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Mobile, AL 36601

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