



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

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

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USDA Announces \$1.6 Million in Investments for the 7th Congressional District

Today Congresswoman Terri Sewell welcomed U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to Alabama's 7th Congressional District where he announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$1.6 million in various projects within Alabama's 7th Congressional District.

Secretary Vilsack made the announcement during his tour through the 7th Congressional District with Congresswoman Sewell. They began their district tour with a groundbreaking ceremony in Whitehall to launch a waste water treatment plant that received a \$1.02 million grant and a \$112,000 USDA loan. Secretary Vilsack also joined Congresswoman Sewell for a tour of Kyser Catfish Farm in Greensboro and a roundtable discussion with local catfish farmers in Marengo County.

"I am so thrilled that USDA has made these significant investments in my district. Sustaining and supporting rural communities is critically important to the well-being of the constituents who will benefit from these projects," said Congresswoman Sewell.

Overall, USDA had invested 4.9 million in the State of Alabama. For a full list of projects, please visit <http://goo.gl/7hrvvp>

Rep. Sewell Expresses Disappointment with Alabama House's Vote to Cut Medicaid Funding

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) released the following statement after the Alabama State House passed a General Fund Budget that includes a \$156 million cut to the state Medicaid Agency:

"I am outraged that the Alabama State House of Representatives cut \$156 million from the Alabama Medicaid Agency. This is a fiscally and morally deplorable way to cover the state's budget shortfall. The impact on Children's Hospital, rural hospitals and nursing homes would be devastating, if not fatal.

If the state legislature wants to get serious about fixing Alabama's economic woes, lawmakers should urge the governor to expand Medicaid. The decision to not expand Medicaid will cost the state \$3.63 billion in federal funding, 15,100 jobs, and \$2.6 billion in increased economic activity through 2017.

I am hopeful that this budget proposal will not pass in the Senate and that both chambers will come to an agreement on a budget that isn't balanced on the backs of our most vulnerable citizens."

Rep. Sewell Pledges to Fight for Stronger Voter Protections

Congresswoman Terri Sewell issued the following statement commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965:

"Our constitutionally guaranteed right to vote was paid for by the life of Jimmie Lee Jackson, and the untold sacrifices of the brave Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights Movement. Their courage led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 – a landmark law that fulfilled promises made by the Constitution.

"We need not count marbles in a jar or memorize the name of every county judge, but new barriers have replaced overt efforts to suppress voter turnout. These new barriers – such as voter ID laws or changing polling locations without public notice – have been passed off as measures needed to protect the vote, but in reality they have only made it harder to vote.

"The Voting Rights Act abolished many barriers to the ballot box, and ensured that every vote would count. I stood beside my Democratic colleagues in the House and Senate last week to call for full restoration of the federal protections afforded by the Voting Rights Act.

"As a daughter of Selma and a beneficiary of the Voting Rights Movement, I pledge to be on the frontlines of the legislative fight for federal voter protections. Congress must begin by restoring the Voting Rights Act of 1965. I have introduced the Voting Rights Advancement Act with a modern day formula to determine voter suppression. We cannot return to the days when only some votes mattered. All votes matter. Our nation will cease to be a democracy if we impose arbitrary and unnecessary barriers that silence any voices within our electorate."

Rep. Sewell Reiterates Call for Congress to Restore the Voting Rights Act

Today, Congresswoman Terri Sewell again called on Congress to restore critical federal protections to protect the sacred right to vote for vulnerable communities.

"The courageous Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights Movement prayed for, marched for, and were willing to die for the right to vote. Our vote has been consecrated by their sacrifice, and the unwavering heroism they demonstrated by walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 was born out of the struggle for voting equality, and addressed the need to expand federal voting protections so that no citizen is denied his or her constitutionally-guaranteed right to vote.

"In 2013, the Supreme Court gutted a key provision of the Voting Rights Act that determined which jurisdictions need to seek permission from the U.S. Department of Justice before changing their electoral laws. Since then, we have witnessed a steady erosion of federal voter protections and a renewed assault on our sacred right to vote in the form of photo IDs and other tactics designed to suppress voter turnout.

"Congress cannot stand idly by as localities erect unnecessary barriers to the ballot box. The Supreme Court has issued us a challenge, and that challenge is to find a modern-day formula that applies to jurisdictions with a recent history of racial discrimination in voting.

"The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015 meets that challenge. I worked alongside Reps. Linda Sanchez and Judy Chu and Senators Leahy, Durbin and Coons to create a new legal framework that addresses the continued need for federal voting protections.

"The fate of our democracy rests in our hands. When we restrict the right to vote, we are silencing voices within our electorate. Our democracy works best whenever all eligible voters have unfettered, and unrestricted access to the ballot box."

USDA Announces \$349 Million in Funding for Rural Electric Infrastructure Projects including \$17 Million in Smart Grid Technology

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today [announced \\$349 million in funding](#) for 15 rural electric infrastructure projects to build or improve more than 1,844 miles of transmission and distribution lines for rural electric cooperatives and utilities in 13 states.

"Eighty years ago, USDA took on the challenge of bringing power to rural America and it helped make this the greatest, most productive country on Earth," said Vilsack. "Today we are continuing that commitment by investing in the next generation of power transmission – smart grid technology – to make our electric system more reliable, efficient and effective. Upgrading the electric grid will not only improve reliability and better manage costs, but it will also bring jobs and increased economic opportunities, helping to build a sustainable and dynamic future for rural residents and businesses."

The funding is being provided through USDA Rural Development's [Electric Program](#), which makes insured loans and loan guarantees to non-profit and cooperative associations, public bodies and other utilities. The loans primarily finance the construction of electric distribution facilities in rural areas.

For example, the Macon Electric Cooperative in Missouri has been selected to receive a \$15.2 million loan to build or improve 51 miles of line and make other system improvements. The loan includes \$2 million for smart grid projects.

The Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. in South Dakota is receiving \$1.3 million to build and improve 15 miles of line and make other system improvements. The loan amount includes \$270,000 for smart grid projects.

The Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative will receive a \$25.5 million loan to build or improve 171 miles of line and make other system improvements. The loan includes \$2 million for smart grid projects and \$222,000 for service to Native Americans.

The total of \$349 million in electric loans includes a \$44 million loan to Eastern Iowa Light & Power Cooperative announced by Vilsack on July 17.

Smart grid increases the reliability of electric power by helping utilities better manage the electric grid to improve operational efficiencies. It includes metering, substation automation, computer applications, two-way communications, geospatial information systems, and other system improvements.

USDA has been committed to improving production and transmission of electricity for rural America since the creation of the Rural Electrification Administration in 1935. In 2014 alone, USDA's Rural Utilities Service awarded \$2.7 billion in electric loans. These loans helped 4.6 million rural residents receive improved electric service.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Available Funding and Changes to USDA's Biorefinery and Biobased Product Program

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2015 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for funding under a program that supports the production of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased product manufacturing.

"This critical financing will enhance our efforts to build a robust, rural bioeconomy by helping to expand the availability of biobased products and to increase the number of commercial-scale biorefineries in the country," Vilsack said. "In addition to the available funding, I am proud to announce that USDA has significantly improved the biorefinery program to help create lasting job opportunities in rural America."

USDA is making the funding available through the [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#). It was formerly known as the Biorefinery Assistance Program.

The new program provides loan guarantees of up to \$250 million to construct and retrofit commercial-scale biorefineries and to develop renewable chemicals and biobased product manufacturing facilities. Vilsack and USDA [Rural Business-Cooperative Service](#) Administrator Lillian Salerno today hosted a seminar at USDA headquarters to discuss changes to the program and the opportunities available to produce more biobased products.

Two funding cycles are being held. **Applications for round one are due October 1**. Applications for the second round are due April 1, 2016. For information on how to apply, see page 38432 of the July 6, 2015 [Federal Register](#).

USDA has made significant improvements to the program. Biorefineries are now able to receive funding to produce more renewable chemicals and other biobased products in addition to advanced biofuels.

Also, biobased product manufacturing facilities are eligible to convert renewable chemicals and other biobased outputs into "end-user" products. Further, USDA has streamlined the application process.

Sapphire Energy's "Green Crude Farm" in Columbus, N.M., is an example of how USDA funding and partnerships with the private sector are helping to support the development of biorefineries. In 2011, USDA provided Sapphire Energy a \$54.5 million loan guarantee to build a refined algal oil commercial facility.

The plant opened in May 2012 and is producing renewable algal oil that can be further refined to replace petroleum-derived diesel and jet fuel. According to the company, more than 600 jobs were created throughout the first phase of construction at the facility, and 30 full-time employees currently operate the plant. After Sapphire received additional equity from private investors, it repaid the remaining balance on its USDA-backed loan in 2013.

USDA released a [new report](#) on June 17 that shows America's biobased industry is generating substantial economic activity and creating American jobs. According to the report, the U.S. biobased industry contributed four million jobs and nearly \$370 billion to the American economy in 2013 alone.

Today's funding announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life.

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

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Program: [Pool Safely Grant Program](#)

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

Website: <http://www.poolsafely.gov/grants/vgbfy16/>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: [The Economics of School Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\)](#)

Description: The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting proposals from eligible parties for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cooperative agreement to provide financial assistance to an eligible organization to research and analyze the economics of implementing integrated pest management (IPM) in K-12 public and Tribal schools in the United States. Deadline is September 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www2.epa.gov/managing-pests-schools/funding-opportunity-announcement-economics-school-integrated-pest-management>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Program: [National Conservation Assessment Program](#)

Description: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is releasing a special Notice of Funding Opportunity under the National Leadership Grants for Museums (NLG for Museums) program to fund a cooperative agreement to develop, test, and implement an affordable and accessible conservation assessment program for small and midsize museums to help them care for their collections. IMLS anticipates awarding a three-year cooperative agreement, although funding will be obligated annually with additional amounts subject to the availability of funds, IMLS discretion, and notification to the cooperator. Deadline is September 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=6>

National Archives and Records Administration

Program: [Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records](#)

Description: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that encourage citizen engagement with historical records, especially those available online, and/or projects that train people on how to enhance digital literacy skills for using historical records. Deadline is October 8, 2015.

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

Program: [State Government Electronic Records](#)

Description: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that will accession, describe, preserve, and provide access to state government electronic records of enduring value. Government information maintained by state archives is a national asset, serving as important resources for documenting rights and capturing the national experience. The NHPRC will support projects that actively engage in activities that preserve electronic record assets and make them available for public discovery. The Commission encourages collaborative projects that bring together multiple parties to plan for and carry out project goals and outcomes. Deadline is October 8, 2015.

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

Program: [Digital Dissemination of Archival Collections](#)

Description: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission desires to make historical records of national significance to the United States broadly available by disseminating digital surrogates on the Internet. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American life or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The Commission will not consider proposals that charge for access. Deadline is October 8, 2015.

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

Program: [Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

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

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

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: [NEA Research: Art Works, FY2016](#)

Description: Period of Performance Our support of a project may start on May 1, 2016, or any time thereafter. Grants generally may cover a period of performance of up to two years, with an exception for projects that include primary data collection as part of the proposed activity. Projects that include primary data collection may request up to three years. RESEARCH: ART WORKS: Grant Program Description Background In September 2012, the NEA's Office of Research & Analysis published its five-year research agenda, supported by a system map and measurement model. Deadline is October 20, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/research-art-works>

Program: [NEA Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects, FY2017](#)

Description: Through fellowships to published translators, the Arts Endowment supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. We encourage translations of writers and of work that are not well represented in English translation. All proposed projects must be for creative translations of literary material into English. The work to be translated should be of interest for its literary excellence and value. Priority will be given to projects that involve work that has not previously been translated into English. Competition for fellowships is rigorous. Potential applicants should consider carefully whether their work will be competitive at the national level. Description is December 8, 2015.

Website: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation/index.html>

Program: [NEA Our Town, FY2016](#)

Description: The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. Deadline is September 21, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: [Dialogues on the Experience of War](#)

Description: As a part of NEH's special initiative, *Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War*, the [Dialogues on the Experience of War](#) grant program will support the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war, with the goal of helping U.S. military veterans and others explore the experience of war and military service. The humanities sources can be drawn from history, philosophy, literature, and film—and should be supplemented by testimonials from those who have served. The discussions are intended to promote serious exploration of important questions about the nature of duty, heroism, suffering, loyalty, and patriotism.

The program awards grants of up to \$100,000 that will support:

- the recruitment and training of discussion leaders,
- the convening of at least two discussion programs.

The discussion groups can take place on college and university campuses, in veterans' centers, at public libraries and museums, and at other community venues.

Most of the participants in the discussion groups should be military veterans; others, such as men and women in active service, military families, and interested members of the public, may participate as well. Deadline is September 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/dialogues-the-experience-war>

Program: [Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections](#)

Description: Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country face an enormous challenge: to preserve collections that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. Ensuring the preservation of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects requires institutions to implement measures that slow deterioration and prevent catastrophic loss. Deadline is December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections>

Program: [Collaborative Research Grants](#)

Description: Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of one to three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. All grantees are expected to communicate the results of their work to the appropriate scholarly and public audiences. Eligible projects include

- research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding of the humanities;
- conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit scholarly research;
- archaeological projects that include the interpretation and communication of results (projects may encompass excavation, materials analysis, laboratory work, field reports, and preparation of interpretive monographs); and
- research that uses the knowledge and perspectives of the humanities and historical or philosophical methods to enhance understanding of science, technology, medicine, and the social sciences.

Deadline is December 9, 2015.

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

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. Deadline is August 24, 2015.

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

Program: [Enduring Questions](#)

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

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

Program: [Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants](#)

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

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

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

- new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Deadline is September 16, 2015.

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

National Science Foundation

Program: [Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers](#)

Description: ITEST is a program that promotes PreK-12 student interests and capacities to participate in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and information and communications technology (ICT) workforce of the future. Deadline is November 13, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15599

Program: [Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation](#)

Description: Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program assists universities and colleges in their efforts to significantly increase the numbers of students matriculating into and successfully completing high quality degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines in order to diversify the STEM workforce. Particular emphasis is placed on transforming undergraduate STEM education through innovative, evidence-based recruitment and retention strategies, and relevant educational experiences in support of racial and ethnic groups historically underrepresented in STEM disciplines: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders. Deadline is November 20, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15594

Program: [Discovery Research PreK-12](#)

Description: The Discovery Research PreK-12 program (DRK-12) seeks to significantly enhance the learning and teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by PreK-12 students and teachers, through research and development of STEM education innovations and approaches. Projects in the DRK-12 program build on fundamental research in STEM education and prior research and development efforts that provide theoretical and empirical justification for proposed projects. Deadline is December 7, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15592

Program: [Collections in Support of Biological Research](#)

Description: The Collections in Support of Biological Research (CSBR) Program provides funds: 1) for improvements to secure and organize collections that are significant to the NSF BIO-funded research community; 2) to secure collections-related data for sustained, accurate, and efficient accessibility to the biological research community; and 3) to transfer ownership of collections. The CSBR program provides for enhancements that secure and improve existing collections, improves the accessibility of digitized specimen-related data, and develop better methods for specimen curation and collection management. Requests should demonstrate a clear and urgent need to secure the collection, and the proposed activities should address that need. Biological collections supported include established living stock/culture collections, vouchered non-living natural history collections, and

jointly-curated ancillary collections such as preserved tissues and DNA libraries. Deadline is September 10, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15577

Program: [Computer and Network Systems \(CNS\): Core Programs](#)

Description: CISE & Division of Computer and Network Systems (CNS) supports research and education projects that develop new knowledge in two core programs: Computer Systems Research (CSR) program; and Networking Technology and Systems (NeTS) program. Proposers are invited to submit proposals in three project classes, which are defined as follows: Small Projects - up to \$500,000 total budget with durations up to three years; Medium Projects - \$500,001 to \$1,200,000 total budget with durations up to four years; and Large Projects - \$1,200,001 to \$3,000,000 total budget with durations up to five years. A more complete description of the three project classes can be found in section II. Deadline is September 24, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15572

Program: [Environmental Sustainability](#)

Description: The Environmental Sustainability program supports research that would affect more than one chemical or manufacturing process or that takes a systems or holistic approach to green engineering for infrastructure or green buildings. Improvements in distribution and collection systems that will advance smart growth strategies and ameliorate effects of growth are research areas that are supported by Environmental Sustainability. Deadline is October 20, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501027

Program: [Information and Intelligent Systems \(IIS\): Core Programs](#)

Description: CISE & Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS) supports research and education projects that develop new knowledge in three core programs: The Cyber-Human Systems (CHS) program; The Information Integration and Informatics (III) program; and The Robust Intelligence (RI) program. Proposals in the area of computer graphics and visualization may be submitted to any of the three core programs described above. Proposers are invited to submit proposals in three project classes, which are defined as follows: Small Projects - up to \$500,000 total budget with durations up to three years; Medium Projects - \$500,001 to \$1,200,000 total budget with durations up to four years; and Large Projects - \$1,200,001 to \$3,000,000 total budget with durations up to five years. A more complete description of the three project classes can be found in section II. Deadline is September 24, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15574

Program: [Computer and Information Science and Engineering \(CISE\) Research Initiation Initiative](#)

Description: With the goal of encouraging research independence immediately upon obtaining one's first academic position after receipt of the PhD, the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) will award grants to initiate the course of one's independent research. Understanding the critical role of establishing that independence early in one's career, it is expected that funds will be used to support untenured faculty or research scientists (or equivalent) in their first two years in a primary academic position after the PhD, but not more than a total of five years after completion of their PhD. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15569

Program: [Historically Black Colleges and Universities - Undergraduate Program](#)
Description: To this end, HBCU-UP provides awards to develop, implement, and study evidence-based innovative models and approaches for improving the preparation and success of HBCU undergraduate students so that they may pursue STEM graduate programs and/or careers. Deadline is October 7, 2015.
Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15552

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: [USDA-FNS FY15 WIC BF](#)
Description: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: WIC Breastfeeding Curricula and Training (CFDA#: 10.557) The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will fund a new competitive Cooperative Agreement award of up to \$1 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 to a qualified applicant to update, develop and implement breastfeeding training curricula for use in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Deadline on September 28, 2015.
Website: <http://origin.drupal.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-breastfeeding-curricula-and-training-request-application>

Program: [Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees Program](#)
Description: During FY 2015, loans will be made available for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment to provide service at the broadband lending speed for eligible rural areas. Deadline September 5, 2015.
Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-30/pdf/2015-18623.pdf>

Program: [Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program \(MSP\)](#)
Description: The purpose of this competitive undergraduate scholarship grant program is to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities. Deadline is August 31, 2015.
Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/higher-education-multicultural-scholars-program-msp>

Program: [Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I](#)
Description: Proposed Phase I projects should prove the scientific or technical feasibility of the approach or concept. Projects dealing with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water. USDA SBIR Program has awarded over 2000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological potential, and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas. Deadline is October 8, 2015.
Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/small-business-innovation-research-program-phase-i>

Program: [Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship \(NNF\) Grants Program](#)
Description: This grant program supports: (1) training students for Master's and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences, and; (2) Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) for eligible

USDA NNF beneficiaries. Awards are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in USDA mission areas. Applicants provide clarity about the philosophy of their graduate training, and relevance to USDA mission sciences, NIFA priorities and national science education policies and statistics. Applications are being solicited from institutions that confer a graduate degree in at least one of the following Targeted Expertise Shortage Areas: 1) animal and plant production; 2) forest resources; 3) agricultural educators and communicators; 4) agricultural management and economics; 5) food science and human nutrition; 6) sciences for agricultural biosecurity; and 7) training in integrative biosciences for sustainable food and agricultural systems. Deadline is August 19, 2015.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/food-and-agricultural-sciences-national-needs-graduate-and-postgraduate>

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Commerce

Program: [FY2015 Regional Innovation Strategies Program](#)

Description: This Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement sets out the application submission and review procedures for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Regional Innovation Strategies (RIS) Program. Regional economic vitality is best accomplished through multi-stakeholder partnerships and collaborations that draw upon public, corporate, university, nonprofit, and philanthropic resources. Regional innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems—which have a culture of idea generation, leadership, trust, openness to foraging new partnerships with disparate parties, entrepreneurial development, investment capital, and a large pool of accomplished managers—often fuel these partnerships and collaborations. Deadline is October 4, 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Defense

Program: [Youth Conservation Services](#)

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE or Corps) intends to enter into a nationwide cooperative agreement with a nonprofit organization (Recipient) for training and education services relating to natural resources conservation and outdoor recreation management. Funds are intended to provide young adults and veterans with real life work experiences in stewardship of the environment in all fifty states by offering opportunities for education, leadership and personal development to the Recipient's participants, while providing a high quality public service in natural resources/recreation management and conservation. Deadline is September 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=W9126G-15-2-RFP-0004>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS); Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Rehabilitation Training; Vocational Rehabilitation Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center (WITAC) CFDA Number 84.264G**

Description: Purpose of Program: Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) makes grants to States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education (IHEs)) to support projects that provide training, traineeships, and technical assistance (TA) designed to increase the numbers of, and improve the skills of, qualified personnel, especially rehabilitation counselors, who are trained to: Provide vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; assist individuals with communication and related disorders; and provide other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.264G. Deadline is September 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-13/pdf/2015-20003.pdf>

Program: **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS); Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA): Rehabilitation Training; Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center: Targeted Communities (VRTAC) CFDA Number 84.264F**

Description: Purpose of Program: Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) makes grants to States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education (IHEs)) to support projects that provide training, traineeships, and technical assistance (TA) designed to increase the numbers of, and improve the skills of, qualified personnel, especially rehabilitation counselors, who are trained to provide vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; assist individuals with communication and related disorders; and provide other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.264F. Deadline is September 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-14/pdf/2015-20013.pdf>

Program: **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS); Rehabilitation Services Administration Technical Assistance Center for Vocational Rehabilitation Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance CFDA Number 84.263B**

Description: Purpose of Program: This program is designed to (a) develop new types of training programs for rehabilitation personnel and to demonstrate the effectiveness of these new types of training programs for rehabilitation personnel in providing rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; and (b) develop new and improved methods of training

rehabilitation personnel, so that there may be a more effective delivery of rehabilitation services by State and other rehabilitation agencies. Deadline is September 10, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-11/pdf/2015-19618.pdf>

Program: [Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Rehabilitation Services Administration \(RSA\): Demonstration and Training Program: Career Pathways for Individuals with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.235N](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Demonstration and Training Program is to provide competitive grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities to expand and improve rehabilitation and other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act), or to further the purposes and policies in sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Rehabilitation Act by supporting activities that increase the provision, extent, availability, and scope, as well as improve the quality of rehabilitation services under the Rehabilitation Act. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.235N.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-06/pdf/2015-19294.pdf>

Program: [Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Rehabilitation Services Administration \(RSA\): Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center: Youth with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.264H](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) makes grants to States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education (IHEs)) to support projects that provide training, traineeships, and technical assistance (TA) designed to increase the numbers of, and improve the skills of, qualified personnel, especially rehabilitation counselors, who are trained to: Provide vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; assist individuals with communication and related disorders; and provide other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. Deadline is August 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-30/pdf/2015-18712.pdf>

Program: [OSERS: RSA: Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind: Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Training and Technical Assistance Program CFDA Number 84.177Z](#)

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to provide training and technical assistance (TA) to designated State agencies (DSAs) (the State agencies that provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind that receive grant funding under the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind (OIB) program and to other service providers that receive OIB program funding from DSAs to provide services to consumers. Deadline is August 21, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-22/pdf/2015-17996.pdf>

Program: [Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Rehabilitation Services Administration \(RSA\): American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services: Training and Technical Assistance CFDA Number 84.250Z](#)

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide training and technical assistance (TA) to governing bodies of Indian tribes that have received an American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) grant under section 121(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act). Under section 121(c)(3) of the Act, the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) makes grants to, or enters into contracts or other cooperative agreements with, entities that have experience in the operation of AIVRS programs to provide such training and TA on developing, conducting, administering, and evaluating these programs. Deadline is August 21, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-22/pdf/2015-17995.pdf>

U.S. Department of Energy

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: [Substance Abuse Service Expansion](#)

Description: This announcement solicits applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Substance Abuse Service Expansion. The purpose of this Health Center Program supplemental funding opportunity is to improve and expand the delivery of substance abuse services at existing health centers, 1 with a focus on Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) in opioid use disorders. Deadline is September 28, 2015.

Contact: [Contact Shannon McDevitt at \(301\)594-4300 or email bphcsa@hrsa.gov](#)

Program: [Service Area Competition](#)

Description: The Health Center Program supports patient-directed public and private nonprofit organizations that provide primary and preventive health care services to the Nation's medically underserved. The purpose of the SAC funding opportunity is to ensure continued access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services for communities and vulnerable populations served by the Health Center Program. Deadline is September 28, 2015.

Contact: [Contact Beth Hartmayer at \(301\)594-4300 or email bphcsac@hrsa.gov](#)

Program: [PPHF 2015: Nutrition, Physical Activity](#)

Description: The PRC Program was established by Congress in 1984 (Public Law 98-551) to conduct research in health promotion, disease prevention, and methods of appraising health hazards and risk factors. Congress mandated that the centers be located at academic health centers capable of providing multidisciplinary faculties with expertise in public health, relationships with professionals in other relevant fields, graduate training and demonstrated curricula in disease prevention, and a capability for residency training in public health or preventive medicine. Deadline is August 27, 2015.

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

Program: [Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Centers \(T42\)](#)

Description: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for funding Education and Research Centers (ERCs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training, research training, education and outreach. 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 ERCs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate. Deadline is October 20, 2019.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-303.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: [HHS/ACL/NIDILRR: Rehabilitation Research Training Centers CFDA Number 84.133B-4](#)

Description: The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology. The Program's activities are designed to maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act). Applications for grants under the priority for a RRRTC on Self- Directed Care to Promote Recovery, Health, and Wellness for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, CFDA Number 84.133B-4, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at www.Grants.gov. Deadline is August 25, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-26/pdf/2015-15746.pdf>

Program: [Connecting Latino and African American Males to Sexual Health Services: An Adaptation of Project Connect](#)

Description: The goal of this new FOA is to complete the work of PS12-1212, which was to adapt the Project Connect health systems intervention to better target adolescent males, particularly African American and Latino males in urban areas. By

identifying providers who are meeting the sexual and reproductive health care needs of young men and creating a guide and a system for connecting young men to those providers, this FOA will result in increased access to and use of care by young men, increased identification and treatment of new STD cases, and increased identification and referral of new HIV cases. Deadline is August 25, 2015.

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

Program: [Evaluation of STD Programs Deploying Disease Intervention Specialist \(DIS\) to Improve Human Immunodeficiency Virus \(HIV\) Outcomes](#)

Description: This FOA will help advance the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, by evaluating STD program models that use DIS workforce to improve HIV outcomes, particularly those related to identification of new HIV cases, linkage and re-engagement in HIV care, and linkage and referral to HIV prevention services, including PrEP. This FOA helps address the need to advance National HIV/AIDS Strategy goals related to identifying people with HIV, linking and re-engaging them in care (US NHAS 2010), and to advance HIV prevention through use of Pre-Exposure and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP). The intervention to be evaluated under this proposal is the deployment of the skilled Disease Investigation Specialist (DIS) workforce to focus on these HIV outcomes in their routine interactions with people at high risk of HIV. Deadline is August 25, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.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: [Exploration of the Roles of Brown and Beige Adipose Tissue in Humans \(R01\)](#)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Research Project Grants (R01) to investigate the biological functions of brown and beige adipose tissue in humans, other than heat production and maintenance of body temperature, and to explore their impact on human health. Specifically, it seeks to

1) identify physiologic or pathophysiologic conditions other than prolonged cold exposure under which browning of human subcutaneous or other white adipose depots occurs, or where the brown adipose tissue depot found in the neck region is expanded through browning; 2) test potential non-biopsy biomarkers of human subcutaneous beige fat and 3) explore the biological functions of human brown and beige fat. Deadline is March 9, 2016.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-15-031.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: [PPHF 2015 - Immunization - Utilization of Immunization Information Systems \(IIS\) for Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange \(AFIX\) Assessments - financed Solely by 2015 Prevention and Public Health Funds](#)

Description: The purpose of AFIX is to assist and support health care personnel by identifying low immunization rates, opportunities for improving immunization delivery practices, and ensuring that providers are: 1. Aware of and knowledgeable about their immunization rates and missed opportunities to vaccinate 2. Motivated to incorporate changes to their current practices 3. Ready to try new immunization service strategies 4. Capable of sustaining these new behaviors. This FOA addresses the operational activities to prepare immunization programs to begin producing high quality, standardized AFIX assessments from their IIS for the purposes of provider feedback and for required reporting to CDC's AFIX Online Tool. Deadline is August 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=CDC-RFA-IP15-1505PPHF15>

Program: [Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging \(R01\) Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Description: This FOA invites applications proposing to study HIV infection, HIV-associated conditions, HIV treatment, and/or biobehavioral or social factors associated with HIV/AIDS in the context of aging and/or in older adults. Research approaches of interest include clinical translational, observational, and intervention studies in domestic and international settings. Deadline is September 7, 2018.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-280.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>

Program: [Exploratory/Developmental Grants Program for Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities \(R21\)](#)

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

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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Program: [FY15 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. Deadline is August 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program>

Program: **FY15 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 minimize or negate the risk of flood damage to residential or non-residential properties insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Deadline is August 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-program>

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program: **HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program**

Description: Community Compass is HUD's integrated technical assistance and capacity building initiative that helps communities navigate complex housing and community development challenges by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, tools, capacity, and systems to implement HUD programs and policies successfully. Community Compass funds technical assistance, capacity building, and data analysis activities for HUD's customers, including grantees, public housing authorities, and tribes. Deadline is September 25, 2015.

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

Program: **Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing (Section 4)**

Description: The FY15 Section 4 Capacity Building program NOFA contains minimal material changes from last year. The primary changes include the addition of a third policy priority on the promotion of economic development and the adoption of the Office of Management and Budget Super circular cited at 2 CFR Part 200. To increase your chance of success, please be sure to read this announcement fully and carefully. Through funding of national intermediaries, the Section 4 Capacity Building program enhances the capacity and ability of community development corporations (CDCs) and community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to carry out affordable housing and community development activities that benefit low-income families and persons and low- and moderate-income families and persons. Deadline is September 3, 2015.

Website:

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

Program: [Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program FULL Application](#)

Description: To fund technical studies to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling key housing-related health and safety hazards; to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards; and to improve our knowledge of key housing-related health and safety hazards. Deadline is September 8, 2015.

Website:

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

Program: [Jobs Plus Pilot Initiative](#)

Description: Eligible Applicants are Public Housing Authorities. PHAs that operate one or more public housing developments (as designated for asset management purposes) that meet the criteria outlined in this NOFA. A list of developments that meet the criteria is provided in Appendix B however, the mere appearance of a development on this list does not necessarily mean that the development is appropriate for a Jobs Plus program. Deadline is September 28, 2015.

Website:

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

Program: [Fair Housing Initiative Programs](#)

Description: Eligible Applicants. Depending on the component, eligible applicants may be Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (QFHOs) and Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (FHOs), public or private not-for-profit organizations or institutions, and other public or private entities that are formulating or carrying out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices; agencies of State or local governments; and agencies that participate in the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP). Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. Deadline is August 26, 2015.

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: [FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-State Historic Preservation Offices](#)

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

individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities. Deadline is August 31, 2015.

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

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: [Comprehensive Program of Support for American Apprenticeship Initiative Grantees](#)

Description: The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration intends to provide funding for a cooperative agreement with the National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) to provide a comprehensive program of support to American Apprenticeship grantees. This comprehensive program of support will conduct state policy academies, learning institutes and offer grantees the opportunity to share lessons learned, learn from subject matter experts and peers, and access implementation support on specific topics. Together these efforts will further the development of a uniquely American Apprenticeship system.

Website: <http://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/>

Program: [Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program \(HVRP\) to the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program \(IVTP\)](#)

Description: IVTP grants are designed to assist currently incarcerated veterans and veterans recently released from incarceration in overcoming barriers to employment and gaining meaningful employment and avoiding homelessness. Grants awarded under this FOA will allow VETS to evaluate the benefits of linking the HVRP and IVTP programs as part of a demonstration (pilot) project. Deadline is September 2, 2015

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=278232>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: [Center For Environmental Excellence \(CEE\)](#)

Description: The purpose of the Center for Environmental Excellence (CEE) will be to provide a wide range of products and services to assist agencies in achieving environmental excellence in delivering their transportation programs and projects. Through its information-sharing, technical assistance, partnership-building and training resources, the purpose of the CEE is to directly engage Federal Highway Administration stakeholders such as State Department of Transportations (State DOTs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), local planning organizations, other Federal and state surface transportation agencies to incorporate environmental compliance, and stewardship into transportation planning, project development, construction, maintenance, and operations. Deadline is October 15, 2015.

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

Program: [Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#)

Description: Eligible proposers and eventual grant applicants under this initiative must be designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds which include public entities engaged in providing a public transportation passenger ferry service. The Passenger Ferry Grant Program is available to urbanized areas under the authority provided through 49 U.S.C. 5307 (Section 5307). FTA is limiting this

discretionary opportunity to capital projects. Capital projects include, but are not limited to, the purchase, replacement, or rehabilitation of ferries and terminals and related equipment. Funds may not be used to fund operating expenses, planning, or preventive maintenance. Deadline is October 2, 2015.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16505.html

Program: [FY 2016 High Priority Notice of Funding Availability](#)

Description: Support commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety programs that: -Carry out high priority activities and projects that improve CMV safety; -Increase compliance with CMV safety regulations; -Increase public awareness about CMV safety; - Provide education on CMV safety and related issues; -Demonstrate new safety related technologies; and -Reduce the number and rate of crashes involving CMVs. Deadline is August 31, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=54279>

Program: [FY 2016 New Entrant Notice Of Funding Availability](#)

Description: The New Entrant grant program is a Federal discretionary grant program that provides financial assistance to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles by reviewing new interstate motor carriers to ensure that they have effective safety management programs. Deadline is August 24, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=54257>

Program: [FY 2016 New Entrant Notice Of Funding Availability](#)

Description: The New Entrant grant program is a Federal discretionary grant program that provides financial assistance to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles by reviewing new interstate motor carriers to ensure that they have effective safety management programs. Deadline is August 24, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=54257>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: [Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

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

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

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: [AAUW Invites Applications for Career Development Grants](#)

Description: The American Association of University Women strives to promote equity and education for women and girls. Since the organization's founding in

1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental educational, social, economic, and political issues of the day--.

AAUW is accepting applications for its Career Development Grants program, which provides funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce.

Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded to provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, certification program, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Deadline is

Website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/>

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: [CEC Artslink Invites Applications for 2016 Artist Residencies](#)

Description: The program provides a five-week residency at an established nonprofit arts organization in the United States to artists and arts managers from eligible overseas

countries. The program is designed to create opportunities for artists and communities across the U.S. to share artistic practices with artists and arts managers from abroad and engage in dialogue that advances understanding across cultures. Deadline is October 15, 2015.

Website: http://www.cecartslink.org/grants/artslink_residencies/guidelines.html

Program: [Japan Foundation Accepting Proposals for Performing Arts Projects](#)

Description: The foundation is accepting proposals for touring and collaborative projects through its annual Performing Arts Japan program, which aims to increase access to Japanese performing arts in the United States and Canada, especially outside major metropolitan areas; foster an understanding of the these arts by providing educational programs for audiences in each touring location apart from public performances; and support collaborative projects between Japanese and U.S./Canadian performing artists.

Grants are awarded only to U.S.- or Canada-based nonprofit organizations. To be eligible, projects must present Japanese performing arts and/or conduct performing arts collaboration between Japanese and American/Canadian artists. In addition, the project must explicitly include educational and/or community outreach activities. All projects must take place between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Deadline is October 20, 2015.

Website: http://www.jfny.org/arts_and_culture/paj.html

Program: [Fitch Charitable Foundation Invites Applications From Mid-Career Professionals in Preservation/Architecture](#)

Description: The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for the James Marston Fitch Mid-Career Fellowship, the Samuel H. Kress Mid-Career Fellowship, and the biennial Richard L. Blinder Award.

1) The James Marston Fitch Mid-Career Fellowship: Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to one or two mid-career professionals who have an academic background, professional experience, and an established identity in one or more of the following: historic preservation, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, architectural history, and/or the decorative arts. The foundation will consider proposals for the research and/or execution of preservation-related projects in any of these fields.

2) The Samuel H. Kress Mid-Career Fellow: Research grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to one mid-career professional whose research project, in the context of historic preservation in the United States, relates to the appreciation, interpretation, preservation, study, and teaching of European art, architecture, and related disciplines, from antiquity to the early 19th century. Potential Kress Fellow

projects could include the exploration of shared European and American influences in style, design, materials, construction techniques, building types, conservation, and interpretation methodologies; philosophical and theoretical attitudes; and other factors applicable to architectural preservation in both Europe and America.

3) The Richard L. Blinder Award: An award of up to \$15,000 will be presented to an architect holding a professional degree or a valid license to practice architecture for a proposal exploring the preservation of an existing structure, complex of buildings, or genre of building type through addition, renovation, or other means. The proposal may focus on a real project, or it may be a polemical exercise; in either case, originality is highly valued. The proposal must advance architectural preservation in the United States.

Projects will be evaluated based on a range of criteria, including the potential for the project to make a meaningful contribution to the academic and/or professional field of historic preservation in the United States and the innovativeness and creativity of the planned project.

Grants are awarded only to individuals. The foundation does not fund university-sponsored research projects or dissertation research. Applicants must be mid-career professionals with at least ten years' experience in historic preservation or related fields, including architecture, landscape architecture, architectural conservation, urban design, environmental planning, archaeology, architectural history, and the decorative arts. In addition, applicants must be legal residents or citizens of the United States. Deadline is October 15, 2015.

Website: <http://fitchfoundation.org/>

Program: [ACLS Accepting Applications for Luce Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in American Art](#)

Description: With support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies offers the Luce Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in American Art for graduate students at any stage of Ph.D. dissertation research or writing.

The fellowships provide a stipend of \$25,000, plus up to \$2,000 as a travel allowance, for a non-renewable, one-year term beginning between June and September 2016 for the 2016-17 academic year. The fellowships may be carried out in residence at the fellow's home institution, abroad, or at another appropriate site for the research. The fellowships may not be used to defray tuition costs or be held concurrently with any other major fellowship or grant. Ten fellowships will be awarded through the program. Deadline is October 21, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acls.org/programs/american-art/>

Program: [J.M. Kaplan Fund Offers Grants to Nonprofit Publishers](#)

Description: Through its Furthermore program, the J.M. Kaplan Fund supports nonfiction book publishing about the urban experience; natural and historic resources; art, architecture, and design; cultural history; and civil liberties and other public issues.

The program seeks work that appeals to an informed general audience; demonstrates evidence of high standards in editing, design, and production; promises a reasonable shelf life; might not otherwise achieve top quality or even come into being; and "represents a contribution without which we would be the poorer."

Individual grants range from \$1,500 to approximately \$15,000 and may be used to support writing, research, editing, design, indexing, photography, illustration, and/or printing and binding.

Deadline is September 1, 2015.

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

Program: [Northrop Grumman Grants](#)

Description: The Northrop Grumman Corporation supports communities, projects and organizations, particularly where its employees live and work, with financial, in-kind and volunteer resources. Grants are awarded to accredited schools and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for projects focused on education and the environment, among others.

Consideration for support for charter schools will be given to those with open enrollment and that are held to the same standards as other public schools.

Applications due August 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/CorporateCitizenship/Philanthropy/Pages/ContributionGuidelines.aspx>

Program: [Clif Bar Family Foundation Grants](#)

Description: Clif Bar Family Foundation Small Grants are awarded for general organizational support or to fund specific projects. The grants, averaging approximately \$8,000 each, are awarded four times per year.

Priority is given to applicants who:

1) Holistically address the foundation's funding priorities to:

- Protect Earth's beauty and bounty
- Create a robust, healthy food system
- Increase opportunities for outdoor activity
- Reduce environmental health hazards
- Build stronger communities

- 2) Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them
- 3) Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level
- 4) Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process

Early submissions are encouraged. Grants awarded during a particular quarter will be announced at the beginning of the following quarter.

Applications are due February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 1.

Website: <http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs>

Program: [TD Charitable Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Housing for Everyone Grants](#)

Description: The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank N.A., is accepting applications for its tenth annual Housing for Everyone grant competition.

The focus of this year's competition is Housing for the Future, with the goal of supporting programs that encourage the creation or preservation of rental housing units for families with children. Through the program, twenty-five organizations in TD Bank's corporate footprint, from Maine to Florida, will be awarded a \$100,000 grant.

To be eligible, organizations must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and be located within a TD Bank market area. In addition, applicants must have a mission/focus that promotes affordable housing for low- to moderate-income individuals. Deadline is September 4, 2015.

Website: http://www.tdbank.com/community/housing_grant_competition.html

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 serving residents 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 s under sections 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are 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. Deadline is December 31, 2015.

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

Program: [Steinger, Iscoe & Greene Invites Applications for Child Advocates Law Scholarship](#)

Description: The law firm of [Steinger, Iscoe & Greene](#) dedicates a large part of its practice to helping families who have faced child abuse in any form. The firm believes that attorneys are in a unique position to be able to help families and individual victims of child abuse. While the damage that abuse causes can be life-long, a dedicated lawyer can help end the abuse, establish legal protections for victims, win custody battles, and even secure compensation to provide medical treatment and therapy. These are the essential tools for protecting child victims of abuse and helping them manage and move past trauma as they grow older.

To that end, the firm is accepting applications from a child advocate or abuse survivor seeking a law degree. Through the semi-annual Steinger, Iscoe & Greene Law Scholarship for Child Advocates, the firm will award a single scholarship of \$1,000 toward law school tuition

Applications for a fall semester scholarship must be received by July 31, 2015. Spring semester applications must be received by November 30, 2015

Website: <http://www.injurylawyers.com/child-advocate-scholarship/>

Program: [NCTM Accepting Proposals for Pre-K-6 Classroom Research Grants](#)

Description: To that end, NCTM is accepting proposals for its Pre-K-6 Classroom Research Grants program, which supports classroom-based research in precollege mathematics education in collaboration with college or university mathematics educators.

Grants of up to \$6,000 will be awarded to mathematics educators or classroom teachers currently teaching mathematics at the grades pre-K–6 level. The research must be a significant collaborative effort involving a college or university mathematics educator (a mathematics education researcher or a teacher of mathematics learning, teaching, or curriculum) and one or more pre-K–6 classroom teachers. The proposal may include but is not restricted to research related to curriculum development and implementation; involvement of at-risk or minority students; the connection of mathematics to other disciplines; students’ thinking about a particular mathematics concept or set of concepts; focused learning and teaching of mathematics with embedded use of technology (any acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the primary focus of the grant); and/or innovative assessment or evaluation strategies.

To be eligible, applicants must be a current NCTM member (on or before October 15, 2015) or teach at a school that has a current NCTM PreK-8 school membership. The college or university mathematics educator also must be a member of NCTM. Deadline is November 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Pre-K-6-Classroom-Research-Grants/>

Program: [Project Learning Tree Seeks Applications for Environmental Education Projects](#)

Description: [Project Learning Tree](#) advances environmental literacy and promotes stewardship through excellence in environmental education, professional development, and curriculum resources that use trees and forests as windows on the world.

To that end, PLT is accepting applications from schools and nonprofit organizations for environmental service-learning projects through its GreenWorks! grants program. The program is designed to help students make their schools more green and healthy, for example by implementing recycling programs, conserving water and energy, improving air quality, or establishing school gardens and outdoor classrooms and integrating these projects into the curriculum.

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to support environmental service-learning projects that demonstrate service-learning, exemplify the collective voice of the student body, and involve at least one community partner. To be eligible, projects must secure at least 50 percent in matching funds (in-kind is acceptable).

The GreenWorks! program is open to any PLT-trained educator from any of the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

Program: [Conservation Alliance Invites Nominations for Conservation Projects](#)

Description: The [Conservation Alliance](#) is a group of outdoor businesses that seeks to protect threatened wild places in North America for their habitat and recreational values. As a group of outdoor industry companies, the alliance recognizes its responsibility to help protect the wild lands and waterways on which our customers recreate and wildlife thrives.

To that end, grants are awarded to projects that seek to secure permanent and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway. Priority will be given to landscape-scale projects that have a clear benefit for habitat. In addition, campaigns should engage grassroots citizen action in support of the conservation effort and have a clear recreational benefit. Deadline is November 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.conservationalliance.com/funding-criteria/>

Program: [Shubert Foundation Accepting Applications for Performing Arts Grants](#)

Description: The foundation awards unrestricted grants for general operating support rather than for specific project funding. Grants are awarded exclusively to U.S. nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. The foundation does not make grants to individuals.

Nonprofit, professional resident theater companies are the primary recipients of Schubert Foundation funding, with an emphasis on producing, rather than presenting, organizations. A smaller amount of funding is provided for dance companies. The foundation also makes a limited number of grants to arts-related nonprofit organizations that support the development of theater and dance, and to graduate drama departments at private universities

Deadline is October 18, 2015 or December 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.shubertfoundation.org/grantprograms/default.asp>

Program: [Kress Foundation Accepting Proposals for Art Conservation Grants](#)

Description: As part of that mission, the foundation's Conservation Grants Program provides support for the professional practice of art conservation. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, exhibitions and publications focused on art conservation, scholarly publications, and technical and scientific studies. Grants also are awarded for activities that permit conservators and conservation scientists to share their expertise with both professional colleagues and a broader audience through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentation of research, exhibitions that include a prominent focus on materials and techniques, and other professional events. Deadline is October 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.kressfoundation.org/grants/conservation/>

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: [AMA Foundation Accepting Applications for Prescription Drug Safety Projects](#)

Description: The [AMA Foundation](#), the charitable arm of the [American Medical Association](#), is accepting applications for projects designed to educate young people about prescription medication safety.

Through its annual Healthy Living Grant Program, the foundation will award grants in support of health focused on prescription drug safety and cancer

prevention education. Grant amounts will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

To be eligible, applicants must be considered tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadline is September 11, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/healthy-living-grants.page>

Program: [Pardee Foundation Invites Proposals for Cancer Research Projects](#)

Description: To that end, the Pardee Foundation provides support to investigators at nonprofit institutions in the U.S. for research aimed at identifying new treatments or cures for cancer.

The foundation particularly encourages grant applications for projects of at least a year in duration and that lead to the creation of capabilities in new cancer researchers, or new cancer approaches by established cancer researchers. It is also anticipated that this early stage funding may lead to future funding from a government source.

Applications requesting more than 15 percent overhead are usually not considered. Papers verifying nonprofit status and relevant human subject and experimental animal treatment approvals from the recipient institution will be requested prior to project initiation. A final report summarizing financial expenditures and research achievement is required

Deadline is October 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.pardeefoundation.org/grants.aspx>

Program: [Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Accepting LOIs for Young Investigator Program](#)

Description: The [Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation](#) is accepting Letters of Intent for its 2016 Beckman Young Investigator grant program.

The annual program is intended to provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic career in the chemical and life sciences, with the purpose of fostering their ability to invent methods, instruments, and materials that open up new avenues of research in science.

Projects proposed for this program should be truly innovative, high-risk, and show promise for contributing to significant advances in chemistry and the life sciences and should represent a departure from current research directions rather than an extension or expansion of existing programs. Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged. Proposals that open up new avenues of research in chemistry and the life sciences by fostering the invention of methods, instruments, and materials will be given additional consideration.

Projects are normally funded for a period of four years. Grants will range up to \$750,000 over the term of the project, contingent on demonstrated progress after the second year of the award. LOI's must be received by September 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.beckman-foundation.org/beckman-young-investigators>

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

Description: RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing grants of up to \$6,000 will be awarded to up to eight emergency shelter organizations to support the creation of on-site space that can be used to temporarily house the pets of victims of domestic violence. The one-time grants are intended as start-up funding for the initiation of 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 October 15, 2015.

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

Program: [Spencer Foundation Invites Proposals for Education Research Projects](#)

Description: Through its New Civics Small Grants Program, the foundation is accepting research proposals that ask critical questions about how education can more effectively contribute to the civic development of young people. Of special interest are projects designed to improve understandings of the avenues for and impediments to civic learning and civic action among young people who do not attend college, who reside in marginalized communities, who are recent immigrants or immigrants of a different legal status, or who are less economically advantaged.

The program awards grants of up to \$50,000, typically extending over periods of one to four years. Deadline is August 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/how-to-apply-to-the-new-civics-under-50k>

Program: [Chamber Music America Issues RFP for New Jazz Presenters Grant Program](#)

Description: Chamber Music America has announced a Request for Proposals for its Presenter Consortium for Jazz program, which provides financial support to consortia of presenting organizations in the United States that collectively engage up to three professional U.S. jazz ensembles to perform at each presenter's venue. Deadline is October 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.chamber-music.org/programs/jazz/grants#135373>

Program: [Applications Invited for National Dance Project Touring Awards](#)

Description: A program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, the National Dance Project Touring Awards support the national tours of new dance works, with

up to \$35,000 in funding for each artist and company. Awards are distributed as NDP Presentation Grants to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. presenting the works and are designed to support artist fees and travel. Deadline is October 30, 2015.

Website:

http://www.nefa.org/grants_programs/grants/national_dance_project_touring_award

Program: [Kurt Weill Foundation Accepting Applications for Grant Program](#)

Description: 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: [National Art Education Foundation Seeks Applications for Art Educator Grants](#)

Description: Through its 2015 grants cycle, the [National Art Education Foundation](#), the philanthropic arm of the [National Art Education Association](#), is accepting applications from NAEF members from programs that support classroom-based art education. Deadline is October 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.arteducators.org/grants/national-art-education-foundation>

Program: [Finish Line Youth Foundation Invites Applications for Youth Athletic Programs and Camps](#)

Description: The [Finish Line Youth Foundation](#), the charitable arm of athletic products retailer [Finish Line](#), provides funding to youth athletic programs and sports-based camps, especially those serving disadvantaged children and those with special needs.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for community-based athletic programs and to established camps that teach active lifestyle and team-building skills. Preference will be given to organizations that provide direct service to individuals, participation opportunities for children and youth age 18 and under, and demonstrate tangible results. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>

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: [NCTM Accepting Applications for Emerging Teacher-Leaders Grants](#)

Description: The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#) supports the development of teachers to ensure equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students.

To that end, NCTM is accepting applications for its Emerging Teacher-Leaders in Elementary School Mathematics Grants program, which aims to increase the breadth and depth of the mathematics content knowledge of –pre-K-5 school teachers who have a demonstrated commitment to mathematics teaching and learning. Deadline is November 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Emerging-Teacher-Leaders-in-Elementary-School-Mathematics-Grants/>

Program: [NCTM Accepting Applications for Projects Connecting Mathematics to Other 9-12 Grade Subject Areas](#)

Description: The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#) supports teachers with the goal of ensuring equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students.

To that end, NCTM is accepting applications for its Connecting Mathematics to Other Subject Areas Grants for Grades 9-12 Teachers program, which supports senior high classroom materials or lessons that connect mathematics to other fields.

For 2015-16, grants of up to \$4,000 will be awarded to individuals currently teaching mathematics in grades 9-12. Materials may be in the form of books, visual displays, computer programs or displays, slide shows, videotapes, or another appropriate medium. Deadline is November 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1328>

Program: [Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Seeks Applications for Environmental Studies Grants](#)

Description: To that end, the foundation's grant program is designed to empower and encourage students to become involved in solving environmental and social problems; promote thoughtful and appropriate analysis and understanding of the natural world; and to train students as informed decision makers through the emphasis and application of basic ecological principles.

Grants of up to \$1,500 will be awarded to support environmental curricula that show a holistic approach; strive to synthesize multiple levels of learning (facts, concepts, principles); include experiential integrated learning and problem solving; and are founded on basic scientific principles, including hypothesis testing and experimental design. Deadline is September 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm>

Program: [Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health Seeks Applications for Group Therapy Research Projects](#)

Description: The [Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health](#) is dedicated to changing lives through therapeutic group work by advancing the most effective and innovative approaches to group therapy education, training, research, and community outreach. To that end, the foundation is seeking research-focused applications for group psychotherapy research focused on one of five clinical populations: children, the elderly, the chronic mentally ill, substance abusers, and/or significantly ill patients with marked functional impairment.

Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded based on the importance of the research to the field, the seniority of the investigators, and the number of research applications received. Deadline is November 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.agpa.org/Foundation/research-grants>

Program: [Women's Sports Foundation Issues RFP for Women in the Winner's Circle Project Podium Grants](#)

Description: The overarching goal of the program is to provide direct financial assistance in the form of matching grants to women in racing to help further their professional careers in all forms of racing, including go kart, quarter midget, drag racing, sports car racing, and oval track racing. To that end, grants are awarded to young women in racing who have achieved success in competition, have the potential to achieve even higher levels of performance, and have the ability to generate sponsorship dollars. The 2016 application window is from August 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015. Applicants will be notified by November 30, 2015, and grants will be awarded in the first quarter of 2016.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/sitecore/content/home/programs/grants/project-podium-grant.aspx>

Program: [Social Science Research Council Accepting Applications for Abe Fellowship for Journalists](#)

Description: The Social Science Research Council and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership have announced that applications are now open for the Abe Fellowship for Journalists, which is designed to encourage in-depth coverage of topics of pressing concern to the United States and Japan through individual short-term policy-related projects. Deadline is September 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/abe-fellowship-for-journalists/>

Program: [2016 Young Artists Prize](#)

Description: The National YoungArts Foundation provides emerging artists (ages 15-18 or grades 10-12) with opportunities to work with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue a career in the arts. Deadline is October 16, 2015.

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

Program: [U.S. Soccer Foundation Invites Letters of Interest for Safe Places to Play Grants](#)

Description: Since 1995, the U.S. Soccer Foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. Urban areas often lack available space for children to play outside. In order to provide an opportunity for all children to play soccer, the foundation has taken on the task of providing children across the nation with places to play.

The foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for its Safe Places to Play program, which provides grants to organizations to help them build or enhance a field space in their communities. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded for the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation for field space in urban settings. All work must be done by one of the foundation's four corporate partners — Hellas Construction, Musco Lighting, Hunter Industries, or Sport Court. Applicants must request a quote from the appropriate corporate partner no later than September 4, 2015. To be eligible, an applicant must apply on behalf of a program or project operating in the U.S., and must be a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation. LOIs must be received no later than September 25, 2015. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications by October 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/our-grants/>

Program: [P. Buckley Moss Foundation Accepting Applications for Arts-Integrated Education Programs](#)

Description: The mission of the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education is to promote the integration of the arts into all educational programs, with a special focus on children who learn in different ways. The Moss Foundation was created and initially funded in 1995 by the P. Buckley Moss Society, an organization of more than fifteen thousand members worldwide. The society's local chapters use creative fundraisers to support charitable projects within their communities.

The foundation is accepting grant applications from educators who need financial assistance to maintain or implement arts education programs in their schools. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in support of new or evolving programs that integrate the arts into educational programming. The purpose of the grant program is to assist teachers who wish to establish an effective learning tool using the arts in teaching children who learn differently. Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website: <http://mossfoundation.org/teacher-art-grants>

Program: [YoungArts Foundation Invites Applications for 2016 Young Artists Prize](#)

Description: The [National YoungArts Foundation](#) provides emerging artists (ages 15-18 or grades 10-12) with opportunities to work with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue a career in the arts.

To that end, YoungArts is accepting applications for its 2016 cycle. Support is offered in ten artistic disciplines: cinematic arts, dance, design, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice, and writing. Deadline is October 16, 2015.

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

Program: [Grammy Foundation Accepting LOIs for Music Research and Preservation Projects](#)

Description: Funded by the [Recording Academy](#), the [Grammy Foundation's](#) grant program provides support for music archiving and preservation efforts and for scientific research projects related to the impact of music on the human condition.

The scientific research projects grant program provides awards of up to \$20,000 to organizations and individuals working to research the impact of music on the human condition. Examples include the study of the effects of music on mood, cognition, and healing; the medical and occupational well-being of music professionals; and the creative process underlying music. Priority will be given to projects with strong methodological design as well those designed to address an important research question.

Deadline is October 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grammy.org/grammy-foundation/grants>

Program: [William H. Johnson Foundation Invites Applications From African-American Artists for 2015 Johnson Prize](#)

Description: The [William H. Johnson Foundation for the Arts](#) was established in 2001 in honor of William H. Johnson, an American artist known primarily for his Scandinavian landscapes and his witty and poignant depictions of African-American daily life.

Recognizing that minority artists often need economic assistance, the foundation seeks to encourage artists early in their careers by offering financial grants. To that end, the foundation is accepting applications for the 2015 William H. Johnson Prize. **Deadline is September 18, 2015.**

Website: <http://www.whjohnsongrant.org/grants.html>

Program: [American Electric Power Invites Applications for Classroom STEM Projects](#)

Description: American Electric Power is accepting applications from pre-K-12 teachers for mini-grants in support of classroom projects during the 2016-17 school year.

Through the Teacher Vision grant program, AEP will award grants of up to \$500 for projects designed to improve student achievement. Priority will be given to projects that promote science, mathematics, technology, electrical safety, the balanced study of energy and the environment, and energy efficiency. Deadline is February 26, 2016.

Website:

<http://www.aep.com/community/TeachersAndStudents/TeacherVisionGrants.aspx>

Program: [Kelly Brush Foundation Invites Applications From People With Spinal Cord Injuries for Adaptive Sports](#)

Description: The Kelly Brush Foundation strives to empower those with paralysis to lead engaged and fulfilling lives through sport and recreation and to prevent ski racing injuries through a shared commitment to proper safety practices.

The foundation's Individual Grant Program awards funds to individuals with paralysis due to a spinal cord injury to increase their participation in adaptive sports and recreational activities and improve their quality of life. The program is designed to allow economically disadvantaged individuals with SCI to purchase adaptive sporting equipment such as a mono ski or a hand cycle.

To be eligible, applicants must live in the United States and supply the foundation with information about their spinal cord injury, details on their sources of income, and a description of the type of equipment they are seeking.

Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website:

<http://kellybrushfoundation.org/grants-programs-2/individual-grant-program/>

Program: [Target Accepting Applications for K-12 Field Trips](#)

Description: Target is accepting applications from schools for grants in support of learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Through its Field Trip Grants program, Target awards grants of up to \$700 to K-12 schools nationwide to defray the cost of field trips. Grants are restricted to K-12 educational institutions with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Deadline is September 30, 2015.

Website:

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

Program: [Herb Garden Grants](#)

Description:

The Herb Society of America (HSA) is accepting applications for its Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant. Public or private school teachers in grades 3-6 with a minimum class size of 15 students are eligible to apply.

HSA will award indoor windowsill herb gardens to four schools each year. The classrooms selected will receive three windowsill herb garden kits including pots, soil, seeds and educational materials to use in the classroom.

Five schools/classrooms will receive \$200 in "seed money" to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc. HSA will provide the educational materials and herb seeds.

Apply by October 1, 2015.

Website:

<http://herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

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:

Center for Craft, Creativity & Design Seeks Proposals for Craft Research Fund

Description:

The Center for Craft, Creativity & Design administers the Craft Research Fund program, which works to advance, expand, and support research about craft in the United States.

The program supports innovative research on critical issues in craft theory and history, explores the inter-relationship among craft, art, design and contemporary culture, fosters new cross-disciplinary approaches to scholarship in the U.S. craft field, and advances investigation of neglected questions on craft history and criticism.

1) Graduate Research Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to support research for a master's thesis or dissertation relating to craft in the United States.

2) Exhibition Research and Project Grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to support research projects related to the goals of the Craft Research Fund.

Proposals are welcome from academic researchers, independent scholars, and graduate students. The grant program is not about the creation of artwork

Deadline is October 9, 2015.

Website: <http://www.craftcreativitydesign.org/grants/craft-research-fund/>

Program: [Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for National Youth Technology Program](#)

Description: The [Best Buy Foundation](#) provides underserved teens with access to technology to build twenty-first century skills and bridge the digital divide.

To accomplish this goal, the foundation is seeking applications from nonprofit organizations for programs that provide youth with access to new technologies and help them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills to help prepare them for future education and career success. Grants of up to \$200,000 will be awarded to programs that help teens build skills by utilizing cutting-edge technology such as computers, digital cameras, video cameras, and professional software in a wide range of areas, including audio production, mixing and recording; coding/3D printing; computer maintenance and repair; digital photography/graphic design filmmaking and videography; maker fairs and hack-a-thons; mobile and game app development; programming; robotics; and/or website design.

Deadline is November 1, 2015.

Website: <https://corporate.bestbuy.com/best-buy-foundation-national-partnership-request-for-proposals/>

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: [Lalor Foundation Accepting Applications for Reproductive Health Programs](#)

Description: 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 leading to inadequate reproductive health. Areas of interest include programs that include a comprehensive approach 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. Deadline is November 1, 2015.

Website: http://lalorfound.org/?page_id=221

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

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

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

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

Deadline is September 1, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline is:

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

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

Contact: **Alabama Power Foundation**, Peggy Burnett (205) 257-2375, peburnet@southernco.com

Program: [Tufts Health Plan Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Healthy Aging Advocacy Projects](#)

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

The foundation will consider policy/advocacy projects in the areas of built environment, transportation, housing, social and civic participation and inclusion, employment, communication and information, and community support and health services. Projects should be collaborative and involve participants from all community arenas. Specifically, the foundation will fund policy and advocacy activities that help communities achieve age-friendly status. Key aspects of the work should include community/civic engagement of diverse stakeholders to mobilize and create change; participation among key stakeholders, including the voice of older adults, to support planning, policy, and advocacy initiatives; and expanded access to programs and services as well as system change/improvement. Letters of Inquiry must be received no later than July 20, 2015. Upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by September 20, 2015.

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

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

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

Applicants: units of local government.

Website: **Alabama Power Foundation**, Peggy Burnett (205) 257-2375,
peburnet@southernco.com

Program: **Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations Accepting Proposals for Fund for a Just Society Grants**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Through the Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund, grants of up to \$500 will be awarded for projects that emphasize the involvement of students and volunteers in

all phases. In addition, local nurseries identified by Wild Ones will supply seeds, plants, and advice to grant recipients. Deadline is October 15, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

Program: [The Office Depot Foundation Grants](#)

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

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

Program: [Environmental Competitive Grant](#)

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

Website: www.legacyenvd.org

Program: [Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant](#)

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

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

Program: [The RGK Foundation awards grants](#)

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

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

March 6, 2015

June 12, 2015

September 16, 2015

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

Program: [Public Welfare Foundation Accepting Letters of Intent for Juvenile Justice Programs](#)

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

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

Program: [Ben & Jerry's Foundation Seeks Proposals for Social and Environmental Justice Projects](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program: [Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation](#)

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

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

SECTION IV STATE OF ALABAMA GRANTS

Program: [State Energy Program](#)

Description: The Energy Division is soliciting proposals from farmers in Alabama to invest in energy-efficient measures to agricultural equipment and/or facilities, such as replacing inefficient diesel irrigation engines with energy-efficient electric irrigation motors, installing energy-efficient lighting upgrades to facilities, or installing energy-efficient heating systems for livestock. All proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., August 21, 2015.

Website:

http://adeca.alabama.gov/about/FundingOps/SEPFY16_RFP_Agriculture%20Facilities.pdf

Program: [Energy-Efficient Retrofits of Non-Profit Organizations](#)

Description: The SEP is a formula grant used to promote the conservation of energy, to reduce the rate of growth of energy demand, and to reduce dependence on imported oil through the development and implementation of a comprehensive State Energy Program and the provision of Federal financial and technical assistance to States in support of such program. Accordingly, special consideration will be given to projects that promote and enhance the objectives of the SEP.

The Energy Division is soliciting proposals from non-profit organizations in Alabama for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient improvements. Energy efficiency improvements eligible for funding are listed in Addendum A: Non-Profit Energy Improvement Application. Deadline is August 21, 2015.

Website: http://adeca.alabama.gov/about/FundingOps/SEPFY16_RFP_Non-Profits.pdf

Program: [Energy-Efficient Retrofits of K-12 School](#)

Description: The Energy Division is soliciting proposals from public school systems in Alabama for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient improvements in K-12 schools located within their jurisdiction. Energy efficiency improvements eligible for funding are listed in Addendum A: School Energy Improvement Application. Deadline is August 21, 2015.

Website: http://adeca.alabama.gov/about/FundingOps/SEPFY16_RFP_Schools.pdf

Program: [Tombigbee Resource and Conservation- General Fund Grant](#)

Description: Applicants: Units of local government, school boards, Private educational institutions and Nonprofits with 501 (c)(3) status. Activities: Wide range of community and economic development enhancements. Projects may include construction, programs, and services. Ineligible activities include: capital assets, operational phases of established programs, endowment campaigns, religious organizations for religious purposes, individuals working independently, post-event or after the fact situations, and land purchases. Requirements: Project must benefit the public and improve the general quality of life in the district. Awards are intended to be seed grants and/or have multiple funding partners.

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

Match Requirement: N/A

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

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

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

Program: [Tombigbee Resource and Conservation- Education Grant](#)

Description: Applicants: Units of local government, school boards, Private educational institutions and Nonprofits with 501 (c)(3) status. Activities: Educational programs and improvements. Projects may include programs, services and

construction related to an educational component. Ineligible activities include: capital assets, operational phases of established programs, endowment campaigns, religious organizations for religious purposes, individuals working independently, post-event or after the fact situations, and land purchases.

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

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

Match Requirement: N/A

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

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

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

Program: **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: **Tombigbee Resource and Conservation District: General Fund Grant**

Description:

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

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

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

FY 2016 applications are due September 1, 2015.

Contact:

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

Program: **Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants**

Description:

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

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:

Family Travel Forum Seeks Submissions for Teen Travel Writing Scholarships

Description:

The Family Travel Forum and the Society of American Travel Writers invite applications for a scholarship program designed to encourage teens to share their travel experiences in words and images.

The 9th annual Teen Travel Writing Scholarship is available to junior high and high school students between the ages of 13 and 18. To be considered, applicants must submit a travel blog of no more than six hundred words. All entries must also contain at least one photo, a piece of digital artwork, or a video. Deadline is September 14, 2015.

Website: http://myfamilytravels.com/teen_travel_writing

Program: [ACLS Invites Applications for Collaborative Scholarly Research Fellowships](#)

Description: The American Council of Learned Societies is inviting applications for the eighth annual competition for the ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowships for collaborative research in the humanities and related social sciences.

Funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the aim of the program is to offer small teams of two or more scholars the opportunity to collaborate intensively on a single, substantive project. The fellowship supports projects that produce a tangible research product (such as a joint print or WQeb publication) for which two or more collaborators will take credit. Deadline is September 23, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acls.org/programs/collaborative/>

Program: [Radcliffe Institute Accepting Applications for Fellowship Program](#)

Description: The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is accepting applications for its 2016-17 Fellowship Program

One-year fellowship grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to individuals working in the creative arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, or mathematics to pursue projects within their respective field. In addition, some support for relocation expenses will be provided where relevant. If so directed, Radcliffe will pay the stipend to the fellow's home institution. The deadline for individual applications in the creative arts, humanities, and social sciences is September 24, 2015. For applications in the natural sciences and mathematics, the deadline is October 15, 2015

Website: <https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/fellowship-program/how-apply>

Program: [ACLS Accepting Applications for Luce Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in American Art](#)

Description: With support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies offers the Luce Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in American Art for graduate students at any stage of Ph.D. dissertation research or writing.

The fellowships provide a stipend of \$25,000, plus up to \$2,000 as a travel allowance, for a non-renewable, one-year term beginning between June and September 2016 for the 2016-17 academic year. The fellowships may be

carried out in residence at the fellow's home institution, abroad, or at another appropriate site for the research. The fellowships may not be used to defray tuition costs or be held concurrently with any other major fellowship or grant. Ten fellowships will be awarded through the program. Deadline is October 21, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acls.org/programs/american-art/>

Program: [Applications Invited for Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards](#)

Description: The [Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation](#) is inviting applications for the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards. The awards program is designed to acknowledge the critical role of child care teachers in providing high-quality child care.

Fifty award recipients will receive \$1,000 each — \$500 to acknowledge each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund a classroom enhancement project designed as part of the application process. The top ten qualifiers become finalists for the Helene Marks Award for the National Childcare Teacher of the Year. The teacher chosen as the Helene Marks Award recipient will receive an additional \$1,000 award.

The program is open to child care teachers in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and on all United States military bases and installations. Applicants must be teachers of infants, toddlers, or preschool-age children, and must work full time in a home, group, or center-based program that is fully compliant with local and state regulations for operating child care programs. Applicants must be working as paid full-time childcare teachers in their current regulated program for a minimum of thirty-six consecutive months by December 2015, and programs must be open a minimum of ten hours a day, five days a week, twelve months a year. Only one application per center may be submitted. Deadline is January 4, 2016.

Website: http://www.tlccf.org/pr_nccta.php

Program: [Bank of America Grants](#)

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: [Hot Planet/Cool Athletes Powder Grant](#)

Description: The mission of Hot Planet / Cool Athletes is to ensure the next generation is educated and energized to lead the fight against climate change. Students can apply for the chance to win up to \$5,000 to create green programs at their schools.

In addition to the winning grants, at the end of the year a representative from the top two winning proposals will be chosen to share the projects with their Congress members and other elected officials in Washington, D.C.

Guidelines

- Grants can be submitted by individuals or groups of students.
- Proposals must clearly state the idea and the impact it will make, and it must be endorsed by a school faculty advisor or teacher.
- Proposals must fall within a \$5,000 budget.
- Schools may submit one proposal per grant cycle.

Apply by August 31, 2015.

Website: <http://hotplanetcoolathletes.com/>

Program: [Northrop Grumman Grants](#)

Description: The Northrop Grumman Corporation supports communities, projects and organizations, particularly where its employees live and work, with financial, in-kind and volunteer resources. Grants are awarded to accredited schools and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for projects focused on education and the environment, among others.

Consideration for support for charter schools will be given to those with open enrollment and that are held to the same standards as other public schools.

Applications due August 31, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/CorporateCitizenship/Philanthropy/Pages/ContributionGuidelines.aspx>

Program: [Home Depot Community Impact Grants](#)

Description: Home Depot Community Impact Grants up to \$5,000 are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community.

Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications, and weatherization work.

Apply by September 1, 2015.

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

Program: [Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grant](#)

Description: The mission of the Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving.

Organizations, including schools, non-profits and government agencies, are invited to apply for grants up to \$1,500 to develop or implement environmental curricula that integrate hands-on ecology exercises into the classroom. To be awarded a grant, environmental curricula must:

- Show a holistic approach

- Strive to synthesize multiple levels of learning (facts, concepts, principles)
- Include experiential integrated learning and problem solving
- Be founded on basic scientific principles, including hypothesis testing and experimental design
- Incorporate basic ecological principles and field environmental activities within a primary or secondary school setting
- Present controversial issues objectively, stressing the development of individual student opinions

A one-page pre-proposal is due September 13, 2015. If you are invited to submit a full proposal, it will be due September 28, 2015.

Website: <http://www.mgaef.org/application.htm>

Program: [Herb Garden Grants](#)

Description: The Herb Society of America (HSA) is accepting applications for its Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant. Public or private school teachers in grades 3-6 with a minimum class size of 15 students are eligible to apply.

HSA will award indoor windowsill herb gardens to four schools each year. The classrooms selected will receive three windowsill herb garden kits including pots, soil, seeds and educational materials to use in the classroom.

Five schools/classrooms will receive \$200 in "seed money" to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc. HSA will provide the educational materials and herb seeds.

Apply by October 1, 2015.

Website: <http://herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

Program: [American Association on Health and Disability Accepting 2014-15 Scholarship Applications](#)

Description: The mission of the American Association on Health and Disability is to contribute to national, state, and local efforts to promote health and wellness in people with disabilities and to identify effective intervention strategies that reduce health disparities between people with disabilities and the general population. AAHD accomplishes its mission through research, education, and advocacy at the national, state, and community level.

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled full time as an undergraduate (freshman or older), or be enrolled part time or full time in graduate school, and have a

documented disability and provide documentation of their disability. (Applicants who have not yet graduated from high school will not be considered.) In addition, applicants must be a citizen of the United States or legal resident living in the U.S. and enrolled in an accredited U.S. university. Preference will be given to students majoring in public health, disability studies, disability research, health promotion, or a field related to disability and health. Deadline is November 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

Program: [Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Invites Entries for 2016 Human Rights Award](#)

Description: The annual award program seeks to stimulate the production of scholarly work in international human rights law. Participants have the flexibility to choose any subject related to the assigned topic, but the essay must be a legal article. The topic for the 2016 competition is Extractive Industries and Human Rights.

The academy will grant two awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. The award in each case will comprise a scholarship to the Program of Advanced Studies in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law for either the diploma or certificate of attendance options; travel expenses to Washington, D.C.; housing at a university dorm; and a per diem for living expenses. In addition, the best articles may be published in the *American University International Law Review*

Deadline is February 1, 2016.

Website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hreward.cfm#eligibility>

Program: [Council on Foreign Relations Seeks Applications for International Affairs Fellowships](#)

Description: The Council on Foreign Relations is accepting applications for its CFR Fellowship Program, which offers unique opportunities for mid-career professionals focused on international relations.

The annual program provides fellows with the opportunity to broaden their perspective of foreign affairs and to pursue proposed research, with a placement at either CFR or another institution in New York City or Washington, D.C. The duration of each fellowship is generally twelve months. The program awards a stipend, which varies with each fellowship.

Currently, the program is offering two fellowship tracks, including International Affairs Fellowships and the International Affairs Fellowship in Japan.

1) International Affairs Fellowships: Launched in 1967, this fellowship assists assist mid-career scholars and professionals who want to improve their analytic

capabilities and broaden their foreign policy experience. The program aims to strengthen career development by helping outstanding individuals acquire and apply foreign policy skills beyond the scope of their professional and scholarly achievements. CFR awards approximately ten fellowships annually to highly accomplished individuals who have a capacity for independent work and who are eager to undertake serious foreign policy analysis. The IAF Program is only open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents between the ages of 27 and 35 who are eligible to work in the United States.

2) International Affairs Fellowship in Japan: Founded in 1997, the IAF-J fellowship seeks to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between the rising generations of leaders in the United States and Japan. The program provides a selected group of mid-career U.S. citizens the opportunity to expand their professional horizons by spending a period of research or other professional activity in Japan. The fellowship is only open to U.S. citizens between the ages of 27 and 45 and is intended primarily for those without substantial prior experience in Japan (although the selection committee has made exceptions in cases where the fellowship would allow an individual to add a significant new dimension to his or her career). Knowledge of the Japanese language is not a requirement.

Deadline is July 1, 2015 and October 31, 2015 on an annual basis.

Website: <http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/iaf.html>

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: [Lilly Endowment Accepting Applications for Teacher Creativity Fellowships](#)

Description: The Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment is inviting applications for an annual program that enables K-12 educators in Indiana to pursue an "imaginative project" that infuses their busy lives with personal renewal and intellectual revitalization. Deadline is September 1, 2015.

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

Program: [National Science Teachers Association Invites Nominations for Shell Science Teaching Award](#)

Description: The award includes a cash prize of \$10,000 e and an all-expense-paid trip to NSTA’s national conference; two finalists will also receive all-expense-paid trips to the conference.

Nominees must be classroom teachers whose responsibilities include teaching science. In addition, nominees must have a minimum of eight years of experience (not including the current school year) as a teacher of science, and must teach in a private or public school in the United States, a U.S. territory, Department of Defense school, or in Canada. Deadline is November 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx#shell>

Program: [SFARI Issues RFP for Bridge to Independence Award](#)

Description: Grants awarded through the program are intended to invest in the next generation of top autism investigators by identifying talented early-career scientists interested in autism research and facilitating their transition to an independent research career. The program is aimed at senior postdoctoral fellows who intend to seek tenure-track faculty positions during the 2015-16 academic year.

One grant of up to \$150,000 per year for three years will be awarded in support of a meritorious autism-relevant research project.

To be eligible, applicants must hold a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree; have fewer than eight years of postdoctoral or otherwise mentored training since receiving their Ph.D. or M.D.; and be actively seeking a tenure-track position at a U.S. institution of higher education during the 2015-16 academic year.

Deadline: Letters of Recommendation must be received no later than August 21, 2015, and first-state proposals are due on August 28. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by December 1, 2015. A deferred deadline of November 23, 2016, is available for finalists who need more time to secure a tenure-track position

Website: <http://sfari.org/funding/grants/bridge-to-independence-rfa/bridge-to-independence-award-request-for-applications>

Program: [ING Foundation Grants](#)

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

- Financial Literacy
- Children’s Education
- Diversity
- Environmental Sustainability

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

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

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

Areas of focus for the Foundation include:

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

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

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

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

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

Program: [John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Accepting Fellowship Applications From Artists and Scholars in the United States and Canada](#)

Description: The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields -- including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts -- except the performing arts. Deadline is November 16, 2015.

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

[HBCU Scholarship Directory](#)

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

[Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs](#)

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

[Alabama Scholarships](#)

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

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

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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

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

FELLOWSHIP SEARCH

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

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

Minority Fellowship Program

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

Section VI RESOURCES

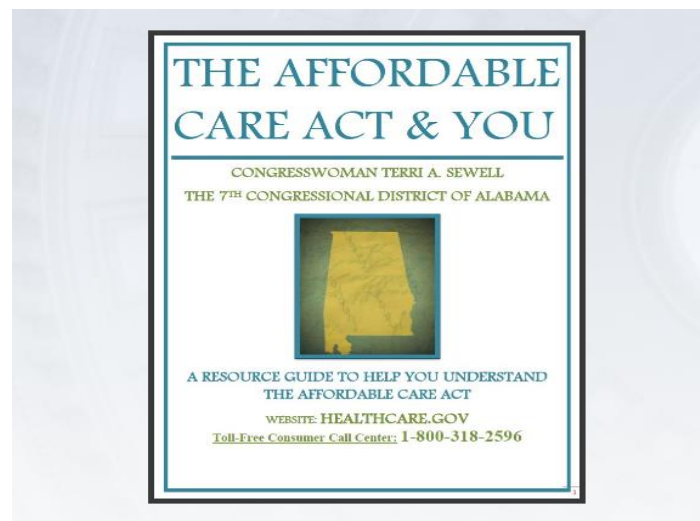
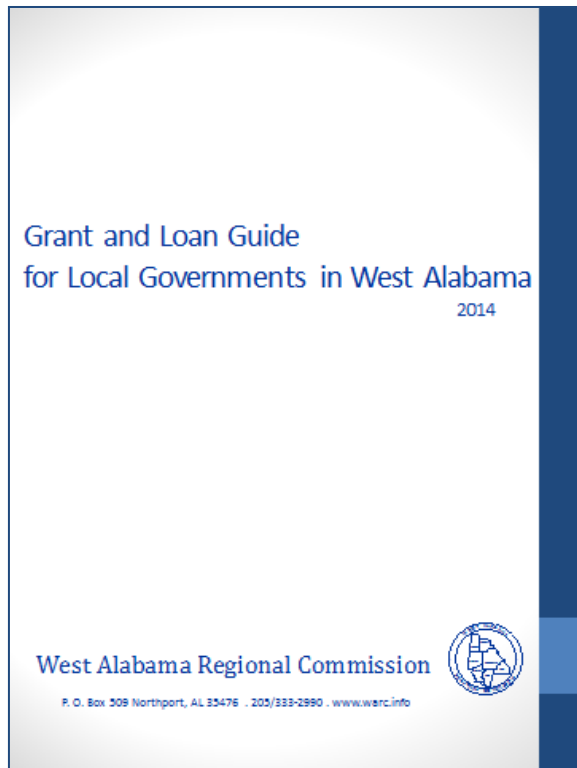
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Alabama

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION VETERANS:

FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center

The online Veterans Employment Center is the single federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service Members transitioning to the civilian workforce, military and Veteran spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, GI Bill beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. It is the first interagency tool that brings together public and private job opportunities with resume building and other career tools currently offered on a variety of websites together in one place. Through the online Veterans Employment Center, Veterans, transitioning Service Members and spouses are connected to high quality career choices by matching their identified skills with available public and private job opportunities. The site is built using an open application programming interface (API) to attract private sector innovation.

Veteran Applicant Resources:

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

Employer Resources:

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

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden's Joining Forces initiative, the Department of Veterans Affairs worked with the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Education, and the Office of Personnel Management to design and develop the site and incorporate features of existing online employment tools at each agency. The result is an upgrade to the existing Veterans Job Bank and an integrated solution connecting Veterans, transitioning Service Members and employers.

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

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

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

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

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA

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Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
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Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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P.O. Box 2186
Anniston, Alabama 36202
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Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
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Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
107 Broad Street
Camden, Alabama 36726
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P.O. Box 1406
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COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

The Greater Brewton Foundation
P.O. Box 87
Brewton, AL 36427
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Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
P. O. Box 36202
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Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

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

Elmore County Community Foundation
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The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700

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

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

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

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

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

Shelby County Community Health Foundation
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1000 First Street N.
Alabaster, AL 35007
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Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
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Website: www.sacinfo.org

Community Foundation of West Alabama
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Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

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