



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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Statement from Rep. Sewell in Observance of Memorial Day

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Terri Sewell released the following statement in honor of Memorial Day:

“This Memorial Day, our nation will join as one to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives defending our freedom. We should never take for granted the opportunities and liberties we enjoy as Americans due to their sacrifice. Our freedom was made possible by the heroism of those who served in our armed forces.

“As we honor those who lost their lives, we must also be thankful for the valor shown by those who currently serve in uniform. Supporting our veterans and their families is one of our nation’s most fundamental responsibilities. Not one of our heroes should return home only to struggle to find a job or receive quality healthcare. The sacrifice these men and women have made for us requires us to do no less.

“Let us never forget the men and women who so bravely fought for our freedom. Their legacy will live on in our hearts and memories.”

Rep. Sewell Votes for Two-Month Extension of Highway Trust Fund

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell voted for H.R. 2353, the Two-Month Highway Trust Fund Extension, but added that the short-term extension fails to address the urgent need to fix our nation’s crumbling infrastructure.

“The Highway Trust Fund Extension is nothing more than a Band-Aid. It’s disappointing that Congress is no closer to drafting a long-term solution to invest in our nation’s roads, bridges, and rails than we were this time last year. Our nation’s investment in infrastructure is woefully inadequate to the detriment of our constituents.

“In Alabama, deteriorating roads cost motorists approximately \$1.2 billion a year. Across our country, an estimated one in three fatal traffic accidents is caused by roads that are in poor or mediocre condition, and the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that one out of every nine bridges in the U.S. is structurally deficient.

“By building the infrastructure of tomorrow, we would also create thousands of good-paying jobs that help more hard-working Americans earn a living.

“We must do better. There’s no reason why Congress cannot pass a long-term plan that would fix our aging infrastructure and boost our nation’s economic development.”

Rep. Sewell Votes for Congressional Oversight of Iran Agreement

Washington, D.C. -- Congresswoman Terri Sewell issued the following statement after voting in support of H.R. 1191, the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015.

“The Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 struck the appropriate balance between giving the Obama Administration the flexibility it needs to negotiate for a nuclear-free Iran, and granting Congress the proper authority to review a final agreement that would waive or suspend sanctions against Iran.

“Resolving the nuclear standoff with Iran is of grave importance for our nation’s security and for Israel, our strongest ally in the Middle East. We must make every effort to ensure that Iran never acquires a nuclear weapon.

“The Senate has already passed this bipartisan bill, and it will now be sent to the President for his signature.”

Guide to Grants Seminar

A Free Resource for Grant Opportunities in Alabama's 7th District

**"Exploring the Path to Competitive Funding Proposals"
Featuring Representatives From:**

- U.S. Department of Commerce
- Economic Development Administration
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Alabama Dept. of Economic and Community Affairs
- National Endowment for Humanities
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Labor
- National Science Foundation
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- Black Belt Community Foundation
- Protective Life Foundation
- Alabama Nonprofit Association
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Any Many More!

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USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Help Socially-Disadvantaged Producers

WASHINGTON, May 26, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications to provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas.

"These grants will help socially-disadvantaged business owners develop the tools and skills they need to grow their enterprises and succeed at creating jobs and expanding economic opportunities in rural areas," Vilsack said. "American agriculture is becoming increasingly diverse in many ways, with more minorities and women seeking to enter the field, as well as greater diversity in the age of farmers, the size of operations, in production methods, and in the types of crops being grown. All of these forms of diversity help strengthen U.S. agriculture for the future."

Funding will be made available through USDA's [Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant Program](#) (formerly the Small, Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program), which assists organizations that provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Examples of technical assistance are conducting feasibility studies, developing business and strategic plans, and providing leadership training.

USDA plans to make up to \$3 million in grants available. The maximum award under this notice is \$175,000. More information on how to apply can be found on page 28937 of the May 20 [Federal Register](#). Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked by July 20, 2015. Electronic applications must be submitted at www.grants.gov no later than midnight Eastern Time July 14, 2015.

Eligible applicants include groups of cooperatives, cooperative development centers and individual cooperatives that serve socially-disadvantaged groups. The cooperatives or centers can be located in any area, but the groups assisted must be located in an [eligible rural area](#). Also, the majority of the governing body of the organization must be comprised of individuals who are members of socially-disadvantaged groups.

USDA Rural Development is encouraging applications for projects in census tracts with poverty rates of 20 percent or higher. All grants are awarded through a national competition.

The program is making a difference in many rural areas. For example, in 2013, the Southern California Focus on Cooperation (SCFC) received a \$200,000 Small, Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant to provide technical assistance to help 95 refugee immigrant and minority farmers improve their productive capacity, increase revenue, and strengthen their ability to govern and manage their cooperative businesses.

Many of the farmers benefiting from the project had little or no access to formal schooling and had been persecuted and oppressed for years in their native land. The International Rescue Committee (IRC), in concert with SCFC, developed marketing channels including various farmers markets and restaurants where the refugee farmers could sell their produce. Farmers have learned how to manage these marketing channels themselves, without assistance from IRC, and have gained new clients. They have also increased the level of cooperation among Hispanic, Korean and African farmer groups. These groups are working toward merging their efforts to form a single cooperative. The technical assistance provided by SCFC has enabled these farmers to build skills that have truly been life changing.

President Obama's historic investments in rural America have made our rural communities stronger. Under his 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.

USDA Announces Funding Opportunity for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Projects

WASHINGTON, May 22, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for its [Distance Learning and Telemedicine](#) (DLT) grant program, which provides increased access to education, training and health care resources in rural areas.

"This program provides people who live and work in rural areas with better access to a variety of educational and health care services," Vilsack said. "For example, because of the DLT program, students in rural areas can take advanced placement classes, residents can have access to specialized medical services not typically available, and many other benefits for rural communities."

USDA's Rural Utilities Service, a Rural Development agency is making \$19 million available for fiscal year 2015. The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program finances telecommunications equipment, computer networks and advanced technologies for use by students, teachers, medical professionals and rural residents. Minimum grant amounts are \$50,000; maximum amounts are \$500,000 for fiscal year 2015.

Since 2009, USDA has provided more than \$182 million to expand access to learning at nearly 4,700 rural educational facilities and to improve delivery of medical care at more than 2,500 rural health facilities.

Details of the DLT funding are on Page 29602 of the May 22 [Federal Register](#). The application deadline is July 6, 2015.

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.

USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Aspen Institute Announce Partnership to Strengthen Workforce Development Efforts Across the Nation

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker and Aspen Institute President and CEO Walter Isaacson today launched the *Communities that Work Partnership*, a brand new joint project aimed at accelerating industry-led workforce development and training efforts.

As part of the Department's "Skills for Business" initiative, the partnership will competitively select six teams around the country comprised of leaders in industry, government, education, workforce and economic development. These teams will receive technical assistance and participate in leadership development activities to strengthen regional skills development strategies that meet both businesses' and workers' needs. The results will inform and improve talent development efforts across the country. Aspen Institute Workforce Strategies Initiative (AspenWSI) will lead the initiative through a \$500,000 grant, which the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded for the very first time.

"The Obama Administration has taken unprecedented steps to bring together businesses, educational institutions, workforce and economic development organizations, local governments, as well as non-profits to prepare workers for in-demand jobs," said Secretary Pritzker. "As part of the Department of Commerce's 'Skills for Business' initiative, our partnership with Aspen will support worker training that meets businesses' and workers' needs and keeps America competitive."

"I'm honored that Secretary Pritzker selected the Aspen Institute to help establish the Communities that Work Partnership," said Walter Isaacson, President and CEO of the Aspen Institute. "The initiative's focus on promoting employer-led skills development is just the kind of innovative approach we need more of today to help address the inequality that has become all too pervasive in our economy."

Secretary Pritzker has made skills and workforce development a top priority for the Department of Commerce, and is working with the private sector and government leaders at all levels as part of the 'Skills for Business' initiative to prepare workers with the training needed to secure the 21st century jobs business leaders are seeking to fill.

At today's event, it was announced that AspenWSI has published a website with information about the initiative here. Their national selection committee will competitively select six teams from different regions. AspenWSI will document the strategies and lessons learned from these six original teams and provide new learning tools and case studies that can help communities and regions across the nation develop their talent pipelines to fill in-demand jobs.

AspenWSI was selected from among a dozen other applicants to partner with Commerce because of its proven track record and innovative work with workforce and leadership development.

About the U.S. Economic Development Administration (www.eda.gov)

The mission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation's regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. An agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA makes investments in economically distressed communities in order to create jobs for U.S. workers, promote American innovation, and accelerate long-term sustainable economic growth.

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. The Institute has campuses in Aspen, Colorado, and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also maintains offices in New York City and has an international network of partners. www.aspeninstitute.org

Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services releases final task force report, opens 2015 grant solicitations

Grants to focus on task force objectives

WASHINGTON, DC - The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services today announced the release of the final report from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. On Dec. 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed an executive order establishing the task force and charged it with identifying best practices and recommendations on how policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust. The task force sought expertise from stakeholders and input from the public to make recommendations, which are included in the final report.

“This report includes tenable solutions for every community across this nation, whether large or small,” said COPS Office Director Ronald Davis. “The remarkable 11 individuals that made up this task force were able to build consensus around some of the most challenging topics in policing.”

The COPS Office today also announced five separate Fiscal Year 2015 grant funding opportunities now open to the field for submission of applications. [Agencies applying for funding are strongly encouraged to incorporate the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing into the community policing strategies proposed in their applications.](#) Grants will provide a total of up to \$163 million to state, local, territory and tribal law enforcement agencies to meet a variety of resource needs, including sworn officer positions, training and technical assistance, and expansion of problem-focused task forces.

The 2015 COPS Hiring Program is a competitive grant program that funds the hiring or rehiring of law enforcement officers. CHP provides 75 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer, up to \$125,000 per officer position, over the three-year (36 month) grant period.

The 2015 Community Policing Development Program advances the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks and best practices that are national in scope. The CPD solicitation is designed to address critical topics in the law enforcement field by building on the principles of community policing.

The 2015 COPS Anti-Gang Initiative funds regional, multijurisdictional anti-gang task forces comprised of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to address gang activity, focusing on enforcement, prevention and education and intervention.

The 2015 Anti-Heroin Task Force Program assists state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita levels of primary treatment admissions for both heroin and other opioids. AHTF funds shall be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

The 2015 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program advances public safety by providing funds directly to state law enforcement agencies to investigate illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.

Applications for all programs are due by 7:59 p.m. EDT on June 19, 2015 and are available through the COPS Office website.

USDA Seeks Applications to Expand Economic Development in Rural Communities

Washington, District of Columbia, May 15, 2015 —

Agriculture Under Secretary Lisa Mensah today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to support rural community economic development.

“This funding from USDA will ensure that technical and financial assistance is available for those who wish to improve the quality of life in rural communities,” Mensah said. “Very often, great visions for better rural communities exist, but the next steps toward positive change are unclear. These grants will help rural communities build a path to community economic development so rural America can share in the nation’s economic recovery.”

Approximately \$10.4 million is being made available under the [Rural Community Development Initiative \(RCDI\) program](#). Eligible applicants include public, private, and non-profit intermediaries, and federally recognized tribes.

RCDI grants can be used to provide training or technical assistance. Training may be focus on homeownership education, minority business entrepreneurship, strategic community planning or accessing alternative funding sources. Intermediary organizations must provide matching funds at least equal to the RCDI grant. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

USDA has invested more than \$33 million through the RCDI program since 2009. In 2013, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma received a \$150,000 grant to provide home buying and home maintenance education to 50 Native American women in the community of Broken Bow.

For information on how to apply contact your Rural Development [state office](#) or see Page 27887 of the [5/15 Federal Register](#). Applications must be submitted by August 13, 2015.

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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

Agency for International Development

Program: **Regional Workforce Development Program**

Description: The purpose of LAC/RSD's new regional workforce development program is to strengthen the capacity of two- and three-year technical training institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to provide market-relevant quality training to youth from disadvantaged populations for employment. The ultimate goal of the project is that more young people, especially those from disadvantaged populations, obtain new or better employment. Deadline is June 11, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=RFA-OAA-15-000011>

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/>

Corporation for National and Community Service

Program: **justice AmeriCorps**
Description: The purpose of this program is to use the AmeriCorps service model to improve the efficient and effective adjudication of immigration court proceedings involving unaccompanied children. Grants awarded in response to this Notice will enable grantees to enroll lawyers and paralegals to serve as AmeriCorps members (“AmeriCorps members” or “members”) providing legal services to this vulnerable population. Deadline is June 2, 2015.
Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/2015-justice-ameri-corps-notice-funding>

Program: **2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Grants**
Description: The purpose of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service grant funding is to mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday as a day of service in communities, to encourage those who serve on this holiday to make a long-term commitment to community service, and to bring people together to focus on service to others. Deadline is June 2, 2015.
Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/2015-martin-luther-king-jr-day-service-grants>

Environmental Protection Agency

Program: **Funds Distribution Program (FDP) for Pesticide Safety Education Programs (PSEPs)**
Description: Under this program OPP will provide financial assistance on an annual basis to the recipient to distribute funds to PSEPs. In turn, PSEPs will use the funds to carry out the education and training of persons seeking to become certified pesticide applicators or to maintain existing pesticide applicator certification. Deadline is June 22, 2015.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>

Program: **Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2015**
Description: EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating at or servicing goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding may be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage local communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. Deadline is June 15, 2015.
Website: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html

Program: **National Farmworker Training**
Description: The grantee will conduct a national program to educate farmworkers about how to reduce risks from pesticides. As part of this program, the grantee will also train pesticide safety educators who will work with farmworker service organizations, growers and other members of the agricultural community in key rural, agricultural areas with high pesticide use and large numbers of farmworkers to conduct interactive pesticide safety programs for agricultural workers and their families. Deadline is June 8, 2015.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/grants/rfa-pest-safety.html>

Program: **Fiscal Year 2015 Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program**
Description: The grant program does not support projects that rely on reducing pollution by using recycling, clean-up, treatment, disposal or energy recovery activities. This solicitation announces that EPA's Regional Pollution Prevention (P2) Program Offices anticipate collectively having approximately \$1,200,000 in total grant funds in Fiscal Year 2015 to issue SRA grants. Deadline is May 28, 2015.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap/srap15.pdf>

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

National Archives and Records Administration

Program: **Access to Historical Records**
Description: The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities:• Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats• Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. Deadline is June 17, 2015.
Website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/access.html>

Program: **Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions**
Description: The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. Deadline is October 8, 2015.
Website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/editions.html>

National Endowment for the Arts

Program: **NEA 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>

Program: **NEA Our Town Technical Assistance Program**

Description: The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization (Cooperator) to implement the Our Town Technical Assistance Pilot Program activities as described below. In brief, the Cooperator will: • Plan, coordinate, and implement a technical assistance program serving select Our Town grantees that will both assist these organizations in effectively executing their creative placemaking activities and educate the Arts Endowment in its understanding of the creative placemaking field. Projects must include these components: 1. Short-term, targeted technical assistance consultancies with selected organizations. 2. A barriers analysis across the selected organizations to identify impediments to successful creative placemaking. 3. Development and dissemination of project resource materials for participating organizations as well as other practitioners and general audiences. • Present recommendations on the desirability and viability of a future technical assistance program for all Our Town grantees, including a cost analysis that ramps up from 50 to 200 grantees throughout the country. Deadline is July 21, 2015.

Website: <http://arts.gov/program-solicitation-our-town-technical-assistance-program>

Program: **Creative 2016**

Description: The National Endowment for the Arts is now requesting proposals from eligible organizations interested in becoming the cooperator for Creative 2016, a mapping of the creative ecosystem in the United States. This project will result in a systems map documenting the current conditions underpinning creative activity. Deadline is May 31, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=NEAPS1502>

Program: **NEA GAP FY2016 Art Works II Applications**

Description: An organization may submit only one application through one of the following FY 2016 categories: Art Works or Challenge America. The Arts Endowment's support of the project may start on or after June 1, 2016. Generally, a period of performance of up to two years is allowed. Grant Program Description The guiding principle of "Art Works" is at the center of everything we do at the NEA. "Art Works" refers to three things: the works of art themselves, the ways art works on audiences, and the fact that art is work for the artists and arts professionals who make up the field. Art works by enhancing the value of individuals and communities, by connecting us to each other and to something greater than ourselves, and by empowering creativity and innovation in our society and economy. Deadline is July 23, 2015.

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

Program: **Art Works**

Description: To support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. Matching grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

Deadline: July 23, 2015

Notification: April 2016

Earliest Start Date: June 1, 2016

Website: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/grant-program-description>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program: **Humanities Collections and Reference Resources**

Description: The Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (HCRR) program supports projects that provide an essential underpinning for scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects. Deadline is July 21, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/humanities-collections-and-reference-resources>

Program: **Humanities in the Public Square**

Description: The Common Good initiative envisions humanities scholars and organizations turning their attention and expertise to topics that have widespread resonance with the American people and that lend themselves to humanistic methods and concerns. Organizations are encouraged to think creatively about what discussion topics would be meaningful to their community. Deadline is June 24, 2015.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/humanities-in-the-public-square>

Program: **Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations: *Planning Grants***

Description: Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Deadline is August 12, 2015.

Planning grants support the following formats:

- **exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues;**
- **interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; and**
- **book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; and other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues.**

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/museums-libraries-and-cultural-organizations-planning-grants>

Program: **Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations: *Implementation Grants***

Description: Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Deadline is August 12, 2015.

Implementation grants support the following formats:

- **exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues;**
- **interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions;**
- **book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and**
- **interpretive websites, mobile applications, games, and other digital formats.**

Implementation grants support final scholarly research and consultation, design development, production, and installation of a project for presentation to the public.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/museums-libraries-and-cultural-organizations-implementation-grants>

Program: **Bridging Cultures through Film: International Topics**

Description: The Division of Public Programs encourages innovative nonfiction storytelling that presents multiple points of view in creative formats. At the center of every NEH-funded film is a core set of humanities ideas developed with the input of scholars, matched to imaginative formats that bring the humanities alive for people of all ages and all walks of life. The proposed film must be analytical and deeply grounded in humanities scholarship. It may be as short as thirty minutes or as long as a feature-length film. Deadline is June 10, 2015.

We invite a wide range of approaches to international topics and themes, such as

- an examination of a critical issue in ethics, religion, literature, or history, viewed through an international lens;
- an exploration of a topic that transcends a single nation-state;
- a biography of a foreign leader, writer, artist, or historical figure; or an exploration of the history and culture(s) of a specific region, country, or community outside of the United States.

Website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/bridging-cultures-through-film-international-topics>

Program: **Common Heritage**

Description: The Common Heritage program aims to capture this vitally important part of our country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Common Heritage will support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of

public programming at community events that explore these materials as a window on a community's history and culture. Deadline is June 25, 2015.

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

Program: **Digital Projects for the Public**

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

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

Program: **Humanities Initiatives**

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

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

Program: **Humanities Open Book Program**

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

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

Program: **Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

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

Deadline is June 25, 2015.

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

Program: **Enduring Questions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline is September 16, 2015.

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

National Science Foundation

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

Small Business Administration

Program: **Portable Assistance Program**

Description: The purpose of this Program Announcement is to invite proposals for funding from entities currently funded by SBA as a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Lead Center. Each proposal must describe recent, serious economic conditions resulting from diminished business or government operations within a discrete area served by an SBDC network. Proposals must include detailed plans to deliver technical assistance to the affected area with corresponding objectives and milestones to be accomplished. Deadline is June 5, 2015.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/700/resources/13279>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant**

Description: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service announces the availability of \$3,000,000 in competitive grant funds for the FY 2015 Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant (SDGG) program, formerly known as the Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant program, as authorized by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113–235). We are requesting proposals from applicants who will provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas. The Agency is encouraging applications that direct grants to projects based in or serving census tracts with poverty rates greater than or equal to 20 percent. This emphasis will support Rural Development's (RD) mission of improving the quality of life for rural Americans and commitment to directing resources to those who most need them. Eligible applicants include Cooperatives, Groups of Cooperatives, and Cooperative Development Centers. Deadline is July 14, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-20/pdf/2015-12225.pdf>

Program: **Rural Housing Preservation Grants**

Description: The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, which may include but not be limited to Faith-Based and Community Organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their

homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. Deadline is July 6, 2015.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants>

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

Description: NLGCA Institutions may use the funds: (a) to successfully compete for funds from Federal grants and other sources to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, State, and local interest; (b) to disseminate information relating to priority concerns to interested members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities, the public, and any other interested entity; (c) to encourage members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities to participate in priority education, research, and outreach activities by providing matching funding to leverage grant funds; and (d) through: (1) the purchase or other acquisition of equipment and other infrastructure (not including alteration, repair, renovation, or construction of buildings); (2) the professional growth and development of the faculty of the NLGCA Institution; and (3) the development of graduate assistantships. Deadline is July 20, 2015.

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

Program: **National Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance Competitive Grants Program: Regional Center Grants to Enhance Food Safety**

Description: This program is designed to develop and implement a comprehensive food safety training, education and technical assistance program for those affected by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The intention of this program is to begin building an infrastructure that will support a national food safety training, education, extension, outreach, and technical assistance system and provide significant opportunities for funding through subcontracts and for partnerships with eligible stakeholder groups, including community-based and non-governmental organizations. Deadline is June 29, 2015.

Website: <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/national-training-education-extension-outreach-and-technical-assistance>

Program: **Value Added Producer Grant**

Description: This Notice announces that the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is accepting fiscal year (FY) 2015 applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program. Approximately \$30 million in funding is available to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities for FY 2015. Deadline is July 2, 2015.

Website: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/05/08/2015-10440/inviting-applications-for-value-added-producer-grants#h-4>

Program: **Farmers' Market SNAP Support Grants**

Description: These funds are intended to support “the participation of farmers’ markets in SNAP by providing equipment and support grants to new markets and those currently participating in the program.” The goals of the FMSSG program are to increase SNAP accessibility and participation at farmers’ markets, and support the

establishment, expansion, and promotion of SNAP/Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) services at farmers' markets. Deadline is June 18, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=FNS-SNAP-FMSSG-15>

Program: **Process and Technology Improvement Grants**

Description: Section 11(t), Grants for Simple Application and Eligibility Determination Systems and Improved Access to Benefits, of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, authorizes the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to award up to \$5 million annually in grants to State agencies*; public health or educational entities; or private nonprofit entities, such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks, or other emergency feeding organizations, for projects aimed at simplifying the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application and eligibility determination systems or improving access to SNAP benefits by eligible households. Deadline is June 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/government/program-improvement.htm>

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

Description: This program supports research and extension projects that have robust collaborations to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are relevant to USDA priorities identified by the Secretary: (i) Promotion of a safe, sufficient, and nutritious food supply for all Americans and for people around the world; (ii) Sustainable agricultural policies that foster economic viability for small and mid-sized farms and rural businesses, protect natural resources, and promote value-added agriculture; (iii) national leadership in climate change mitigation and adaptation; (iv) Building a modern workplace with a modern workforce; and (v) Support for 21st century rural communities. Deadline is June 15, 2015.

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

Program: **Farm Business Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grant Program**

Description: The Farm Business Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grants Program provides funds to (1) improve the farm management knowledge and skills of agricultural producers; and (2) establish and maintain a national, publicly available farm financial management database to support improved farm management. Deadline is May 27, 2015.

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

Program: **Specialty Crop Research Initiative**

Description: The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program (CDRE) is authorized in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (H.R. 2642) to award grants to eligible entities to conduct research and extension activities, technical assistance and development activities to: (a) combat citrus diseases and pests, both domestic and invasive and including huanglongbing and the Asian citrus psyllid, which pose imminent harm to United States citrus production and threaten the future viability of the citrus industry; and (b) provide support for the dissemination and commercialization of relevant information,

techniques, and technologies discovered pursuant to research and extension activities funded through SCRI/CDRE and other research and extension projects targeting problems caused by citrus production diseases and invasive pests. **Deadlines:** Complete, pre-applications must be received by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on June 1, 2015. Complete, invited full applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 14, 2015

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Commerce

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Defense

Program: **Community Partners in Suicide Prevention**

Description: The intent of the Community Partners in Suicide Prevention Outreach and Education (CPSPOE) is to address Section 706 by supporting outreach and education to such members, their families and caregivers, and the public about suicide prevention, mental health and substance use disorders and traumatic brain injury that relate to research on the causes, development, and innovative treatment of mental health, substance use disorders, TBI, and suicide prevention in members of the National Guard and Reserves, their family members, and their caregivers. Deadline is July 17, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=276646>

U.S. Department of Education

Program: **Predominantly Black Institutions Competitive Grant Program CFDA Number 382A**

Description: The purpose of the PBI Program is to strengthen Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) to carry out programs in the following areas: science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM); health education; internationalization or globalization; teacher preparation; or improving educational outcomes of African-American males. Deadline is July 2, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-18/pdf/2015-11986.pdf>

Program: **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): First in The World (FITW) Program: DEVELOPMENT Grants CFDA Number 84.116F**

Description: Purpose of Program: The FITW program is designed to support the development, replication, and dissemination of innovative solutions and evidence for what works in addressing persistent and widespread challenges in postsecondary education for students who are at risk for not persisting in and completing postsecondary programs, including, but not limited to, adult learners, working students, part-time students, students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, students with disabilities, and first-generation students. Deadline is June 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-11/pdf/2015-11336.pdf>

Program: **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): First in The World (FITW) Program: VALIDATION Grants CFDA Number 84.116X**

Description: Purpose of Program: The FITW program is designed to support the development, replication, and dissemination of innovative solutions and evidence for what works in addressing persistent and widespread challenges in postsecondary education for students who are at risk for not persisting in and completing postsecondary programs, including, but not limited to, adult learners, working students, part-time students, students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, students with disabilities, and first-generation students. Deadline is June 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-11/pdf/2015-11337.pdf>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Enhanced Assessment Instruments Grants Program: Enhanced Assessment Instruments CFDA Number 84.368A;**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Enhanced Assessment Instruments Grant program, also called the Enhanced Assessment Grants (EAG) program, is to enhance the quality of assessment instruments and systems used by States for measuring the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students. Deadline is Jun 29, 2015 Applications Available: April 28, 2015. Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: May 28, 2015

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-28/pdf/2015-09898.pdf>

Program: **HHS/ACL/NIDILRR: Employer Practices Leading to Successful Employment Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.133B-1**

Description: Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration

projects, training, and related activities, including international activities to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology. Deadline is June 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-20/pdf/2015-09032.pdf>

Program: **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OES): Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program CFDA Number 84.041C**

Description: Purpose of Program: The Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant program provides grants for emergency repairs and modernization of school facilities to certain local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive Impact Aid formula funds. Jun 30, 2015 Applications Available: April 13, 2015. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-13/pdf/2015-08376.pdf>

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: **Planning Grants for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (Short Title: CCBHCs Planning Grants)**

Description: The purpose of this program is to support states to certify clinics as certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs), establish prospective payment systems for Medicaid reimbursable services, and prepare an application to participate in a two year demonstration program. Deadline is August 5, 2015.

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

Program: **National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness**

Description: The NCECHW will disseminate high-quality, research-informed resources and will provide training and technical assistance (T/TA) to Head Start and Early Head Start agencies, state child care agencies, and other early care and education settings across regions, states, tribes and territories. The resources and T/TA will address services to pregnant women and the health, safety and school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool children (from birth to age five). The NCECHW will provide resources and T/TA that promote the health and developmental potential of children and families in the United States in order to get them school ready and live healthy, productive, and happy lives. Deadline is July 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-HC-0998>

Program: **National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning**

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) in partnership with the Office of Child Care (OCC) announces the availability of an estimated \$14,000,000 to be competitively awarded for a National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning (the Center). The Center will disseminate high quality research informed resources and provide training and technical assistance associated with healthy development and school readiness for infants, toddlers and preschool children (birth to five) across all settings and program options. Deadline is July 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-HC-0996>

Program: **National Center for Early Childhood Quality Assurance**

Description: The National Center will disseminate high-quality, research-informed/evidence-based resources and provide training and technical assistance to states, territories and tribes to support the implementation of rigorous health, safety and licensing standards. The National Center's work will include, but not be limited to, providing training and technical assistance (T/TA) to promote best practices that support the infrastructure of an Early Care and Education (ECE) quality improvement framework, including Quality Rating Improvement Systems (QRIS), that are built on the foundation of strong licensing and health and safety standards; and supporting partnerships that align quality improvement efforts across all ECE settings (child care, Head Start, and Pre-K) to move programs to a level of quality that ensures safety, healthy development and school success for all children birth to school age (through age 12). Deadline is July 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OCC-TA-1001>

Program: **National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement**

Description: The Center will disseminate high-quality, research-informed resources and provide training and technical assistance associated with family well-being, effective family and community engagement, and children & school readiness. The Center will help programs support pregnant women and families with children ages birth to 5 years old. Deadline is July 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-HC-0999>

Program: **National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations**

Description: The goals of the PMFO are to provide a vehicle for the dissemination of a clear, consistent message from OHS about its priorities for the development and implementation of sound management systems and strong internal controls. PMFO's work will include, but not be limited to, topics such as risk management, internal controls, governance, data collection and analysis, budgeting, and management of multiple funding sources. Deadline is July 20, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OHS-HC-0995>

Program: **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Program: Learning Communities Resource Center**

Description: The LCRC will continue to build the long-term capacity of training and technical assistance (T/TA) for CSBG by promoting and convening learning communities to improve access to validated T/TA information and resources (i.e., innovative,

evidence-based, evidence-informed, field tested, exemplary, and/or promising practices). The LCRC will help State CSBG Lead Agencies, CSBG-eligible entities, the Regional Performance Innovation Consortium (RPIC), and other national partners by supporting activities and services that improve program outcomes within the CSBG Network. Deadline is July 13, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OCS-ET-1006>

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: **Responsible Fatherhood Opportunities for Reentry and Mobility**

Description: Programs should be designed to address key outcomes related to healthy relationships and marriage, parenting, economic stability and recidivism. These include, but are not limited to, improved family functioning through healthy couple relationship skill building, improved co-parenting, improved child well-being, strengthening positive father-child engagement, increased economic self-sufficiency and stability through employment opportunities and improving economic mobility. Deadline is July 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OFA-FO-0992>

Program: **New Pathways for Fathers and Families**

Description: The Responsible Fatherhood initiative is designed to help fathers establish or strengthen positive parental interaction by providing activities that develop and improve relationship, communication and parenting skills, and contribute to the financial well-being of their children by providing job training and other employment services. Responsible Fatherhood activities also help fathers improve relationships with their spouses, significant others, and/or the mothers of their children. ACF is particularly interested in organizations that have the capacity and proven record of accomplishment in helping low-income fathers, and comprehensive fatherhood programs that integrate robust economic stability services, healthy marriage and relationship activities, and activities designed to foster responsible parenting. Deadline is July 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OFA-FK-0993>

Program: **Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Grants**

Description: Grants awarded under this Funding Opportunity Announcement will support programs that have the capacity and proven record of accomplishment in providing a broad range of marriage and relationship skills training. To address the multiple barriers faced by individuals, couples, partners, and families, programs will provide healthy marriage and relationship skills designed to change behaviors of individuals and move families towards economic self-sufficiency. Deadline is July 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OFA-FM-0985>

Program: **National Center for Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education**

Description: The cooperative agreement awarded under this Funding Opportunity Announcement will support the development, implementation, and management of a national resource center for Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (Resource Center). The Resource Center will gather, develop and disseminate information and research related to promoting healthy marriage through a range of activities. Deadline is July 7, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OFA-FH-0990>

Program: **Rural Child Poverty Telehealth Network Grant Program**

Description: For the purpose of this funding, human/social services are defined as early childhood development, food and nutrition support and education, economic support programs related to the family of the children served including awareness and counseling and or referral related to available job training and economic support, housing and other social service supports. Deadline is June 22, 2015.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-145>

Program: **Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP): Creating and Sustaining Dementia-Capable Service Systems for People with Dementia and their Family Caregivers**

Description: The objective of the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) is to expand the availability of dementia capable support services for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD), their families and their caregivers. The grantees receive targeted technical assistance provided by the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center. This goal will be achieved by: 1) enhancing the ability of state systems and programs to embed dementia-capability in their service networks; and 2) by delivering supportive services using proven evidence-based or innovative, evidence-informed models developed in the Aging Network. Deadline is July 6, 2015.

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

Program: **Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)/Rural Community Development Program (RCD) Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems Training and Technical Assistance Project**

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services will be accepting application to award a Rural Community Development Program (RCD), Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) grants to multi-state, regional, private, non-profit organizations to provide training and technical assistance to small, rural communities. These grants will provide a Regional/Tribal resource for assistance in ensuring that small communities have access to safe water and wastewater systems by either helping them develop their own systems, connecting to systems in neighboring communities, or improving their existing systems. RCD funds will be used to provide training and technical assistance to: Increase access for low-income families to water supply and waste disposal services; Preserve affordable water and waste disposal services in low-income rural communities; Increase local capacity and expertise to establish and maintain needed community facilities; Increase economic opportunities for low-income rural communities by ensuring they have basic water and sanitation; Utilize technical assistance to leverage additional public and private resources; and Promote improved coordination of Federal, state, and local agencies and financing programs to benefit low-income communities. Deadline is June 30, 2015.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2015-ACF-OCS-EF-0981>

Program: **Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement**

Description: The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to improve quality and health outcomes in rural communities through technical assistance to beneficiaries of FORHP quality initiatives such as grantees, Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), and other rural providers. Deadline is June 22, 2015

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=HRSA-15-150>

Program: **Family Strengthening Scholars**

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

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

Program: **Lifespan Respite Care Program Technical Assistance**

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

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

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

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

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

Program: **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: **Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP)**

Description: The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) makes available federal funds to supplement and expand the work of local social service agencies, both nonprofit and governmental, in an effort to assist people experiencing severe economic crisis that is not the immediate result of a natural or man-made disaster situation. Deadline is May 29, 2015.

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

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: **Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant Program**
Description: This program is administered under HUD & Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) which is aligned with HUD & 2012-2015 Environmental Justice Strategy. The Environmental Justice Strategy addresses environmental and human health issues that disproportionately affect high-risk communities, such as minorities, low-income populations, children, and persons with disabilities. Deadline is June 23, 2015
Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

U.S. Department of Interior

Program: **Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities**
Description: Grant projects must support the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks, as determined by the National Park Service and the applicant. Deadline is June 15, 2015.
Website: <http://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html>

Program: **FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-State Historic Preservation Offices**
Description: To provide matching grants to States for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as survey, planning technical assistance, acquisition, development, and certain Federal tax incentives available for historic properties; to provide matching grants to States to expand the National Register of Historic Places, (the Nation's listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture at the National, State and local levels) to assist Federal, State, and Local Government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities. Deadline is August 31, 2015.
Website: <http://www.nps.gov/shpo/grants.html>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: **COPS-AHTF-APPLICATION-2015**
Description: The goals for this program are to increase efforts to investigate illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids, or unlawful heroin and prescription opioid traffickers through statewide collaboration. Deadline is June 19, 2015
Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2776>

Program: **COPS-CAGI-APPLICATION-2015**
Description: This solicitation is being announced as an open competition targeted at multijurisdictional task forces composed of federal, state, and local partnerships to address gang activity. CAGI provides funds directly to the lead law enforcement agency on a multijurisdictional task force to address gang activity. Funds awarded

through CAGI shall be used to support regional anti-gang task forces focusing on enforcement, prevention/education, and intervention of gang activity. Deadline is June 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2716>

Program: **COPS-COMMUNITY-POLICING-DEVELOPMENT-2015**

Description: Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, demonstration project, the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices. The COPS Office, a federal provider of innovative, customer-focused resources that address the continuing and emerging needs of those engaged in enhancing public safety through community policing, has designed the CPD solicitation to address critical topics in the law enforcement field by building on the principles of community policing. Deadline is June 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2450>

Program: **COPS-HIRING-PROGRAM-APPLICATION-2015**

Description: CHP provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. 2015 CHP grants will cover up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three-year (36 months) grant period, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position. Deadline is June 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2367>

Program: **COPS-CAMP-APPLICATION-2015**

Description: This solicitation is being announced as an open competition targeted at state law enforcement agencies authorized by law or by a state agency to engage in or to supervise anti-methamphetamine investigative activities. Funding is limited and this solicitation is expected to be very competitive. Strong applications should demonstrate a multijurisdictional reach and participation in interdisciplinary team structures (i.e., task forces). Deadline is June 19, 2015.

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2716>

Program: **NIJ FY 15 Evaluation of the Office for Victims of Crime Supporting Male Survivors of Violence Demonstration**

Description: NIJ is seeking applications for an evaluation of the Office for Victims of Crime Supporting Male Survivors of Violence Demonstration Initiative. The demonstration, undertaken with Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, seeks to improve the responses to male survivors of violence, particularly boys and young men of color, and their families and to dedicate technical assistance to support these efforts. Deadline is July 2, 2015.

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001164.pdf>

Program: **OVC FY 15 Services for Family Members of Victims of Kidnapping and Hostage Taking and Returned Hostages**

Description: Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations with the financial, administrative, and programmatic experience and expertise to manage a federal award to serve family members of victims of overseas kidnapping and hostage taking and returned hostages who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

Applicants must demonstrate a unique capability and strong desire to reach and serve these Federal Crime victims through a national scope project. A private nonprofit organization is not required to have 501(c)(3) status to apply for grant funding under this solicitation. Deadline is July 2, 2015.

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

Program: **BJA FY 15 Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS)**

Description: The goals of the funding program include: 1. Promoting information sharing and collaboration within and among criminal justice agencies that have a role in preventing and investigating crime. 2. Developing and enhancing policies and practices that leverage technology to promote public safety and reduce crime. 3. Supporting implementation of information-sharing solutions at the local, regional, state, tribal, and national levels that have a measureable positive impact on the crime trends identified by the applying jurisdiction. 4. Improving the quantity and quality of evidence-based justice information-sharing programs. Deadline is July 2, 2015.

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Second Chance Act Strengthening Families and Children of Incarcerated Parents**

Description: This program will promote and expand services to children who have a parent who is incarcerated in a Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) correctional facility. Program activities include mentoring and comprehensive services that facilitate healthy and positive relationships between incarcerated individuals, their children, and caregivers. This program will implement positive developmental activities to address issues the child and the family may face, strategies to increase and enhance communication between child and parent, and transitional reentry services for parents who are released during the program. Deadline is June 29, 2015.

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

Program: **BJA FY 15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation**

Description: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. § 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, crime victim and witness initiatives, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. Deadline is June 26, 2015.

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

Program: **OVC FY 15 Supporting Male Survivors of Violence**

Description: Purpose Area #1: Eligible applicants for the demonstration project are limited to: state and local agencies; federally recognized tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior); private nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations); faith-based and community-based organizations; and colleges or universities (including tribal institutions of higher education) that demonstrate an understanding of the area of victimization and support services described in the solicitation. Applicants must have the staff resources and capacity to develop or enhance programs proposed to address the area of victimization described in the solicitation. Purpose Area #2: Eligible applicants for funding to

provide technical assistance to the demonstration projects are private nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities or public agencies (including tribal nonprofit organizations and tribal institutions of higher learning). Applicants must have: (1) demonstrated experience and understanding of the range of crime victims' needs and (2) the ability to forge partnerships to represent that range of assistance. A private nonprofit organization does not have to have 501(c)(3) status to apply for grant funding under this solicitation. Deadline is June 17, 2015.

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

Program: **OVC FY 15 State Victim Assistance Academy Technical Assistance Solicitation**

Description: OVC will make one award of up to \$1,000,000 to provide dedicated training and technical assistance (TTA) resources to further develop and sustain the State Victim Assistance Academies (SVAA) framework and assist SVAAAs with providing comprehensive, academically based, fundamental education and training for victim service providers and allied professionals. **Deadline is June 15, 2015.**

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Police and Youth Engagement: Supporting the Role of Law Enforcement in Juvenile Justice Reform**

Description: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization. To fulfill this mission, OJJDP collaborates with professionals from diverse disciplines to improve juvenile justice practices and policies. Recent events have focused national attention on the need for enhanced trust between local law enforcement and the communities that they serve. OJJDP seeks to help inform law enforcement executives of key juvenile justice issues that jurisdictions face in improving relations between youth and law enforcement. Deadline is June 16, 2015.

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

Program: **BJA FY 15 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program**

Description: Law enforcement agencies across the country and worldwide are using body-worn cameras (BWCs) as a promising tool to improve law enforcement interactions with the public. BWCs can provide a visual and audio record of interactions. Some preliminary evidence indicates that the presence of BWCs helps strengthen accountability and transparency, and can assist in de-escalating conflicts, resulting in more constructive encounters between the police and members of the community. This competitive solicitation is for law enforcement agencies seeking to establish or enhance BWC Policy and Implementation Programs (PIP). Successful applicants will be responsible for a mandatory 50 percent in-kind or cash match. Deadline is June 16, 2015.

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

Program: **OVC FY 15 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects**

Description: OVC will award one cooperative agreement of up to \$375,000 to provide technical assistance and financial, programmatic, and administrative support to approximately 60 communities and victim assistance organizations nationwide to conduct public education and awareness activities in their jurisdictions during 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations), faith- and community-

based organizations, and public agencies. Those applying are urged to begin in advance of the June 15, 2015, deadline.

Website: http://ojp.gov/ovc/grants/pdfxt/2016_NCVRW_CAP_Solicitation_508.pdf

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Juvenile Justice Model Data Project**

Description: This project will identify critical information requirements across the juvenile justice system (e.g., victimization, community wellness, law enforcement, diversion, detention, indigent defense, prosecution, adjudication, transfer to criminal court, corrections, reentry, and recidivism). It will develop model data elements with recommended definitions and coding categories that administrative data systems and other juvenile justice-related data collection efforts (e.g., community surveys) can adopt. The award recipient will also develop model measures and analyses with broad and practical applications for state, local, and tribal efforts to monitor trends and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of their systems. Deadline is June 16, 2015.

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Program**

Description: This program will fund agencies that use a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to provide intervention and supervision services for youth with sexual behavior problems and treatment services for their child victims and families. Award recipients will target services for youth with sexual behavior problems, their child victim(s), and parents/caregivers of the offending youth and child victims. Youth participating in this program must undergo a mental health evaluation to determine if they are amenable to community-based treatment and intervention. Targeted youth with sexual behavior problems should have no prior history of court involvement for sexual misconduct. Deadline is June 15, 2015.

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

Program: **BJA FY 15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

Description: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. § 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, crime victim and witness initiatives, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. Deadline is June 16, 2015.

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Second Chance Act Smart on Juvenile Justice: Community Supervision**

Description: This grant program will provide planning grants to state and local government agencies and federally recognized Native American/Alaskan Native tribes to support their efforts to develop and finalize a comprehensive juvenile community supervision reform strategic plan that will implement evidence-based supervision strategies to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for juveniles under community supervision. Deadline is June 15, 2015.

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Smart on Juvenile Justice: Community Supervision Training and Technical Assistance Program**

Description: This grant program will provide training and technical assistance to state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes to support their efforts to implement evidence-based reform strategies to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for juveniles under community supervision. Deadline is June 10, 2015.

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

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

Description: OJJDP is committed to promoting quality mentoring services and expanding the reach to as many youth across the nation as possible, including the underserved populations identified above. OJJDP defines underserved youth as those who demonstrate need but have not participated in consistently high-quality mentoring services due to location; shortage of qualified mentors; special physical or mental challenges; being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning; or other analogous situations that the community identifies. Deadline is June 23, 2015.

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

Program: **BJA FY 15 Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program Utilizing Mentors**

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

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

Program: **OJJDP FY 2015 Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel**

Description: Courts and child welfare agencies face significant challenges in managing complex child abuse, neglect, and related cases and heavy caseloads. In addition, they are required to comply with federal child welfare reform laws and initiatives to achieve safe, permanent placements for abused and neglected children. Through this program, OJJDP seeks to provide judicial, legal, and social service professionals with training and technical assistance to enhance their understanding that commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors are acts of abuse and violence against children and adolescents and to meet the other challenges that they face. Deadline is June 2, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

Description: OVC will make up to two awards of up to \$500,000 to expand access to comprehensive legal services for victims of human trafficking through training and technical assistance. Trafficking victims face an array of legal challenges including: immigration, family law, employment law, victims' rights enforcement, civil actions, criminal restitution, and criminal records expungement/vacatur.

Access to trained legal counsel assists victims in increasing their safety, financial security, independence, and self-sufficiency. Through TTA, this program seeks to expand the capacity of the existing legal services network to meet these critical needs. Those applying are urged to begin in advance of the June 18, 2015 deadline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program: **NIJ FY 15 Comprehensive School Safety Initiative**

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

Website: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001161.pdf>

U.S. Department of Labor

Program: **YouthBuild**

Description: Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) (formerly known as a Solicitation for Grant Applications), DOL will award grants through a competitive

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

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

U.S. Department of State

Program: **FY 2016 MediaMakers Studio**

Description: This program, like other ECA film program models, seeks to elevate influential voices that are building resilient civil societies by using film, television and new media to address critical local issues including, but not limited to, human rights, pluralism, women's empowerment, and tolerance. The MediaMakers Studio will connect approximately 12-18 talented film and video professionals from approximately four to six countries with mentors in the U.S. entertainment industry, who will help facilitate behind-the-scenes access, bolster participants' technical skills and creative content development, and build the foundations for lasting professional networks. This program will focus on film projects in development and match participant areas of interest with mentor expertise. This program will focus on film projects in development and match participant areas of interest with mentor expertise. Fellows will travel to Los Angeles, California to work on projects with a team of American mentors and receive state-of-the-art-training and industry access to support conceptual development of independent, authentic and compelling content for distribution in their home countries. Deadline is July 15, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=54177>

Program: **FY 2015 On-Demand Youth Leadership Program**

Description: U.S. public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to implement two on-demand exchanges in the United States focused on the primary themes of civic education, leadership development, respect for diversity, and community engagement and to support the implementation of service projects in their home communities. The two exchanges will be from three to four weeks in length and will engage approximately 15 to 25 participants each (2-3 of whom will be adult teachers or community leaders participating in programming alongside youth participants). Deadline is May 29, 2015.

Website: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=54132>

Program: **FY 2016 International Airport Arrival and Departure Program**

Description: The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of International Visitors (ECA/PE/V), invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of the FY 2016 International Airport Arrival and Departure Program for

approximately 1,000 requests per year, plus a possible additional 150 requests per year, for service at a limited number of domestic airports. Services to be provided will assist participants on the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). Deadline is June 22, 2015.

Website:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=52597>

Program: **FY 2015 EducationUSA Leadership Institutes**

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

Website:

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

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **FY 2016 MCSAP Basic/Incentive Notice of Funding Availability**

Description: The MCSAP Basic and Incentive grant program is a Federal formula grant program that provides financial assistance to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles. Deadline is August 3, 2015.

Website: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mission/field-offices>

U.S. Department of Treasury

Program: **Tax Counseling for the Elderly**

Description: The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offers FREE tax help to individuals who are age 60 or older. The Act authorizes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to enter into agreements with private or public nonprofit agencies and organizations, which will provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who provide FREE tax counseling and assistance to elderly individuals in the preparation of their federal income tax returns. Deadline is June 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1101.pdf>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Program: **Veterans Cemetery Grants**

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

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

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: **Terra Foundation Offers Funding for American Art Exhibitions**

Description: In recognition of the importance of experiencing original works of art, the Terra Foundation for American Art supports exhibitions that enlarge the understanding and appreciation of historical American art made between 1500 and 1980.

To be eligible, exhibitions that take place internationally or in Chicago must be aimed at the general public, scholars, or both; exhibitions that take place only in the United States but outside of Chicago must present historical American art in an international context and be intended for a scholarly audience

Deadline is August 1, 2015.

Website: <http://www.terraamericanart.org/what-we-offer/grant-fellowship-opportunities/exhibition-grants/>

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: **Baseball Tomorrow Fund Invites Applications From Youth Baseball and Softball Programs**

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

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

normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities.

BTF does not specify a maximum grant award; however, the average grant amount is approximately \$40,000. Deadline is July 1, 2015.

Website:

http://web.mlbcommunity.org/programs/baseball_tomorrow_fund.jsp?content=overview

Program:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Seeks Proposals for Information Campaigns

Description:

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation supports organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children.

The foundation awards grants for the dissemination of information about new and innovative programs designed to benefit youth or information already possessed by well-established organizations. Projects must have the potential to help American children in a large geographic area (more than one state).

Grant amounts will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Grants will not be awarded for any of the normal, day-to-day operating expenses of the grantee or special operating expenses connected with the grant. Deadline is July 15, 2015.

Website:

<http://www.cwf-inc.org/grantseekers/overview>

Program:

National Alliance for Grieving Children Announces Capacity Building Grants Program

Description:

The National Alliance for Grieving Children promotes awareness of the needs of children and teens grieving a death and provides education and resources for anyone who wants to support them.

Proposals should fit into one of five major categories: planning activities, staff/board development, strategic relationships/collaboration, internal operations, and technology improvements. The latter category may include upgrades to hardware and software, networking, website updates, and staff training in the use of technology. All products should be designed for impact on the organization itself first and its clients second. Deadline is June 29, 2015.

Website:

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

Program:

Mazda Foundation Grants

Description:

The Mazda Foundation awards grants to programs promoting education and literacy, environmental conservation, cross-cultural understanding, social welfare and scientific research.

Organizations that have submitted an application that is of interest to the Foundation will be required to submit a formal proposal. Based on the information received, a meeting between Foundation officers and the organization may be

scheduled. Only those organizations contacted for a more in-depth discussion should submit a formal proposal. Deadline is July 2, 2015.

Website: http://www.mazdafoundation.org/Grant_Guidelines.html

Program: **Captain Planet Foundation Grant**

Description: The Captain Planet Foundation provides grants between \$500 and \$2,500 to school and community groups to support hands-on environmental projects. The objective of the Foundation is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. All applications must be submitted online.

Deadlines

January 31 (typically for fall and winter projects)

September 30 (typically for spring and summer projects)

Website: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-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. Deadline is October 1, 2015.

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

Program: **Ball Brothers Foundation Accepting Application for Cycle II Grants**

Description: The Ball Brothers Foundation in Muncie, Indiana, is accepting Letters of Intent for general grant funding through its Cycle II grants program.

Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to projects that fall into the foundation's six broad subject areas: education (higher education, public and private education); arts, culture, and the humanities (cultural activities & institutions); human services (including youth services); community improvement/development; health (including school and community wellness, youth development, and recreation); and the environment (including conservation and land management).

LOI Deadline is July 15, 2015.

Website: <http://www.ballfdn.org/grant-info/types-of-grants-available/>

Program: **Mazda Foundation Grants**

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Organizations that have submitted an application that is of interest to the Foundation will be required to submit a formal proposal. Based on the information received, a meeting between Foundation officers and the organization may be scheduled. Only those organizations contacted for a more in-depth discussion should submit a formal proposal.

Deadline is July 1, 2015.

Website: http://www.mazdafoundation.org/Grant_Guidelines.html

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Apply by October 1, 2015.

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

Program: **National Weather Association Meteorology Grants**

Description: The National Weather Association awards grants up to \$750 to K-12 teachers to improve the study of meteorology. Selected teachers can use the funds to take accredited courses, attend workshops and conferences, or purchase materials for the classroom.

The grant is intended to allow teachers to:

- Purchase scientific materials and/or equipment for the classroom, school or community
- Begin new school and/or community science outreach and education programs
- Enhance and/or expand existing meteorology/science education programs
- Attend accredited courses, workshops and/or conferences related to meteorology that will significantly enhance their teaching activities

Apply by June 1, 2015.

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

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: **Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Library Grants**

Description: The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation awards grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need, to purchase books published for young people in grades PK-8.

School libraries, non-traditional libraries operated by charitable 501(c)(3) and other non-taxable agencies, and bookmobile programs are eligible. District or county library systems cannot apply as a whole; school libraries within a district or county system must apply individually. In order for a library to be considered, it must have been in operation for at least three years.

The Foundation does not consider applications from public libraries, *except* for the funding of bookmobile programs. This restriction also applies to charitable organizations supporting public libraries (e.g., "Friends of the Library" organizations).

Apply by May 29, 2015.

Website: <http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html>

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: **Retirement Research Foundation Accepting Applications for Projects to Improve Lives of Aging Americans**

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

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

Deadline: Rolling

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

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

Program: **Advocacy Event Fund**

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

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

Program: **Alabama Power Foundation: A. Foundation Grant**

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

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

Program: **Bank of America Charitable Foundation funding opportunities**

Description:

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

Funding Priorities:

Hunger Relief/Food Access

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

Supportive Housing/Shelter

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

Benefits Access/Referrals

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

Deadline is August 7, 2015

Website:

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

Program:

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

Description:

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

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

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

Program: **French-American Jazz Exchange Invites Applications for Collaborative Projects**

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

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

Deadline is May 29, 2015

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

Program: **Aaron Siskind Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Individual Photographer's Fellowships**

Description: The Aaron Siskind Foundation is accepting applications for the 2015 Individual Photographer's Fellowships. The annual program encourages and celebrates artistic achievement in contemporary photography by supporting the creative endeavors of artists working in photography and photo-based art media.

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

Deadline is May 29, 2015.

Website: <http://aaronsiskind.org/grant.html>

Program: **National Alliance for Grieving Children Invites Applications for Child Bereavement Programs**

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

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

Deadline is July 31, 2015.

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

Program: **William T. Grant Foundation Accepting Nominations for 2015 Scholars Program**

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

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

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

Deadline is July 8, 2015.

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

Program: **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](mailto:peburnet@southernco.com)

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

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

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

Deadline is August 3, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Description: The [Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations](#) is accepting proposals from non-Unitarian Universalist groups in the U.S. and Canada for community organizing campaigns aimed at creating systemic change in the economic, social,

and political structures that affect the lives of those who have been excluded from resources, power, and the right to self-determination. Deadline is September 15, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program: [Harpo Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Emerging Artists Fellowship](#)

Description: The foundation's Emerging Artist Fellowship at the [Santa Fe Art Institute](#) was established in 2013 to provide an annual opportunity to an emerging visual artist 25 years of age or older who needs time and space to explore an idea and/or start a

new project. Artist fellows will receive a one-month residency at the Santa Fe Art Institute that includes a well-appointed room with private bath; a beautiful, well-lit studio space; and a \$500 travel stipend. Deadline is July 5, 2015.

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

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

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

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

Deadline is August 3, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

Program: **Music Therapy Association Invites Applications for Anne Emery Kyлло Professional Scholarship**

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

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

Website:

[http://www.musictherapy.org/careers/scholars/#Anne Emery Kyllo Professional Scholarship](http://www.musictherapy.org/careers/scholars/#Anne_Emery_Kyllo_Professional_Scholarship)

Program:

National Resource Center for First-Year Experience and Students in Transition Invites Applications for Research Projects

Description:

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

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

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

Website:

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

Program:

Aaron Siskind Foundation Invites Applications for 2015 Individual Photographer's Fellowships

Description:

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

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

Website:

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

Program:

Louisville Institute Invites Academic and Pastoral Researchers to Apply for Sabbatical Grants Program

Description:

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

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

Website:

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

Program:

The Office Depot Foundation Grants

Description:

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

Website:

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

Program:

Environmental Competitive Grant

Description:

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

Website:

www.legacyenved.org

Program:

Cornell Douglas Foundation Grant

Description:

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

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

Program: **The RGK Foundation awards grants**

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

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

March 6, 2015
June 12, 2015
September 16, 2015

Website: <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:

People for Bikes Community Grant Program

Description:

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

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

Maximum Request: \$10,000

Match Requirement: Must exceed 50% Source: Cash

Disbursement Method: Grant

Spring 2015 Grant Cycle

Online application opens: December 15, 2014

Online Letter of Interest due: January 30, 2015

Notification of LOI status: February 27, 2015

Full Application due: April 3, 2015

Grant award notifications: by May 31, 2015

Fall 2015 Grant Cycle

Online application opens: June 15, 2015

Online Letter of Interest due: July 31, 2015

Notification of LOI status: September 4, 2015

Full Applications due: October 9, 2015

Grant award notifications: by December 4, 2015

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

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

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

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

Match Requirement: N/A

Disbursement Method: Reimbursement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program: **Competitive Fund, Single purpose or multi-purpose activities**

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

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

Program: **Community Enhancement Fund**

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

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

Program: **Economic Development Fund**

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

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

Program: **Economic Development Incubator projects**

Description: Units of local government. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Program must benefit 51% low to moderate income beneficiaries. Project must commit to create jobs. Maximum request: \$250,000. Match request: 20%. **Applications are taken throughout the year. Award upon approval and as funding is available. Application workshop held in April and compliance workshop held in the fall.**

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

Program: **Planning Fund**

Description: Non-entitlement local governments. Applicants must maintain active registration with SAM. Benefit 51% low and moderate-income beneficiaries or eliminate slum and blight, or address an urgent need resulting from an immediate health threat. **Application workshop held in April; Application due date between June/July.** Award announcements are typically in the fall with mandatory compliance workshop to follow. Maximum request: \$250,000. Match request: 20%.

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

Program: **States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)**

Description: Applicants: State and local units of governments, public bodies, and non-profit entities. Eligible counties in West Alabama: Bibb, Fayette, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa.

Activities: Water and wastewater facilities, telecommunications, health care, planning activities, leadership development, education and training programs, business development, and entrepreneurship.

Requirements: Project must meet one of ARC's goals: increase job opportunities and per capita income, strengthen the capacity of people to compete in the global economy or develop and improve infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive. Construction projects funded by ARC must have an "Administering Agency" such as ADECA, USDA Rural Development or TVA. The project will be administered by and take on the requirements of that agency

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

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

Program: **States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)**

Description: **Application due date in June. Award announcements typically made in August.**

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

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

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

Maximum Request: \$500,000

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

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

Website:

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

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

Description:

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

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

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

FY 2016 applications are due September 1, 2015.

Contact:

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

Program: **Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants**

Description:

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

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:

CBCF Communications Internship Scholarship

Description: The semester-long CBCF Communications Internship program sponsored by State Farm offers undergraduate students who are interested in learning about press and media relations on Capitol Hill. Interns work with the press secretary or communications director in Congressional Black Caucus member offices. Housing and a stipend are provided. This program is offered during the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; should be at least a college sophomore at the time of application; have a permit to work in the U.S.; and have a demonstrated interest in public service, governance, and the policy-making process. Recent graduates are eligible as long as they have not yet started post-graduate studies and have graduated no more than a year from the internship program start date. Deadline is 06/05/2015.

Website: <https://cbcfinc.academicworks.com/opportunities/252>

Program: **CBCF Emerging Leaders Internship Program**

Description: The semester-long Emerging Leaders Internship Program sponsored by Walmart creates a corps of trained, young leaders with the skills, outlook, and contacts necessary to generate and sustain positive change in Washington, D.C. and their local communities. Interns will receive housing, a stipend, and will be placed in Congressional Black Caucus member offices and federal agencies. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; should be at least a college sophomore at the time of application; have a permit to work in the U.S.; and have a demonstrated interest in public service, governance, and the policy-making process. Recent college graduates are eligible as long as they have not yet started post-graduate studies and have graduated no more than a year from the internship program start date. Deadline is 06/05/2015.

Website: <https://cbcfinc.academicworks.com/opportunities/254>

Program: **Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging Invites Nominations for Innovation in Caregiving Award**

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

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

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

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

Program: **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring**

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

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

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

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

The program is open to any graduating high school senior, college freshman, or sophomore who owns and operates his/her own small business or has put together a business plan to start a business while in college. In addition, applicants must be in a graduating high school's senior class in 2015 or be currently enrolled in a college of business with a 3.0 or higher GPA; demonstrate high ambition and desire to be an entrepreneur or business owner; and have a declared major in a college of business. Deadline is May 30, 2015.

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

Program: **Nominations Sought for 2015 Kavoussi Family Outstanding Teacher Award**

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

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

Program: **ING Foundation Grants**

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

Financial Literacy
Children's Education
Diversity
Environmental Sustainability

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

Program: **Walmart Foundation National Giving Program Grants**

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

Areas of focus for the Foundation include:

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

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

Program: **William G. McGowan Charitable Fund Issues Request for Proposals for Projects That Address Homelessness**

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

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

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

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

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

HBCU Scholarship Directory

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

Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs

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

Alabama Scholarships

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

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

Fast Web

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

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://scholarshipexperts.com>

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

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

FELLOWSHIP SEARCH

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

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

Minority Fellowship Program

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

Section VI RESOURCES

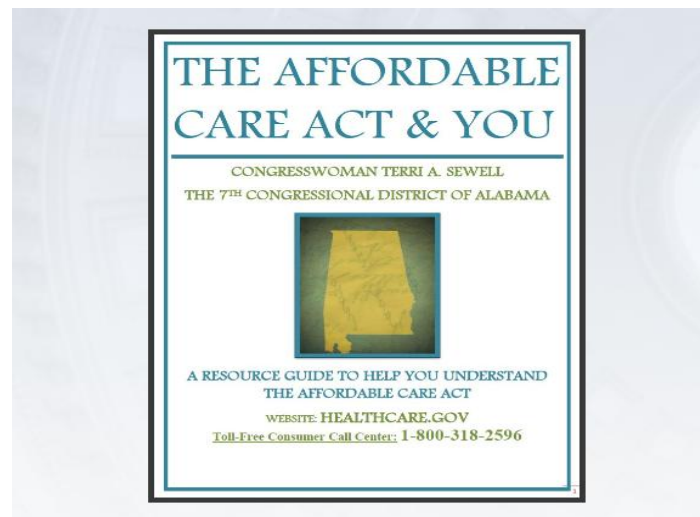
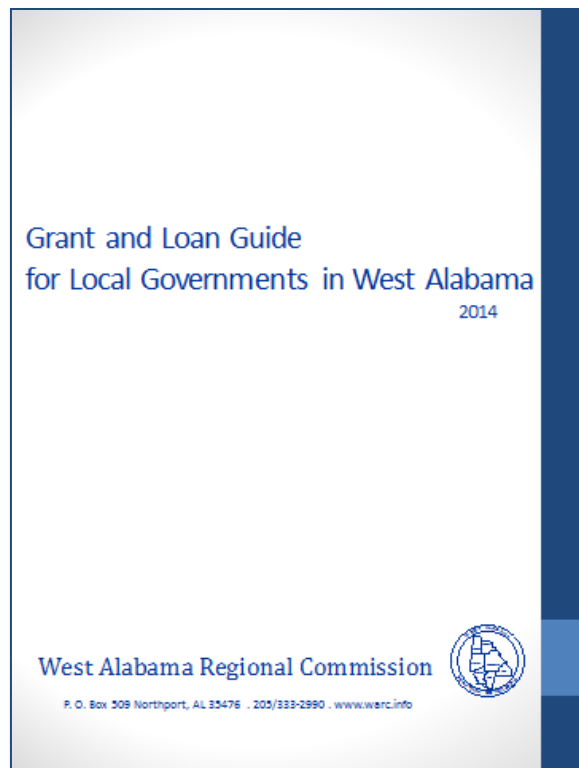
THE UPDATED GRANT AND LOAN GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WEST ALABAMA IS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!

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

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

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

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



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

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

qualify for lower costs.

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

Alabama

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

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

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

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

ATTENTION VETERANS:

FACT SHEET: Veterans Employment Center

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

Veteran Applicant Resources:

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

Employer Resources:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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West Alabama Regional Commission
4200 Highway 69 North
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505
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Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200
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Fax: 205.328.3304
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
P.O. Box 2186
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Phone: 256.237.6741
Fax: 256.237.6763
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission
5900 Carmichael Place
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
Phone: 334.244.6903
Fax: 334.270.0038
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

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

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

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

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

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

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Phone: 256.355.4515
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Fax: 256.830.0843
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
434 N. McDonough Street
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Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.
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Phone: 334-264-6223
Website: www.eccinfo.org

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

Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

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

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

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

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

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

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1422
Dothan, AL 36302-1422
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627
Website: www.sacinfo.org

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

Walker Area Community Foundation
P.O. Box 171
Jasper, AL 35502-0171

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