

# funding opportunities

 December 2024

## disaster relief grants

### **Vanguard Charitable Sustainable Disaster-Relief Fund (Forecasted Deadline: January 15, 2025)**

The Sustainable Disaster-Relief Fund (SDRF) was established in 2006 to aid communities hit by natural disasters. This fund supports communities as they rebuild and establish necessary infrastructure to better handle the impact of a repeat disaster. 501(c)(3) registered nonprofits are eligible to apply. Average Award Amount: \$10,000-\$50,000.

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### **DOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (Application Deadline: Feb 24, 2025)**

The purpose of the Department of Transportation's PROTECT Program is to provide grants on a competitive basis for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program provides broad applicant eligibility for all levels of government to be direct recipients of funds. States, Territories, MPOs, local governments, Indian Tribes, public transportation agencies, and port authorities can apply directly to FHWA. There is a special set-aside for rural applicants and a total of 60 expected awards. Eligible activities for the Resilience Improvement Grant can include: (1) Resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement, improvement, or realignment of an existing surface transportation facility eligible for assistance under title 23; (includes a road, street, and parkway; a right-of-way, bridge, railroad-highway crossing, tunnel, drainage structure including public roads on dams, sign, guardrail, and protective structure, in connection with a highway; and a portion of any interstate or international bridge or tunnel and the approaches thereto, the cost of which is assumed by a State transportation department, including such facilities as may be required by the U.S. Customs and Immigration Services in connection with the operation of an international bridge or tunnel. 23 U.S.C. § 101(a)(11) and (2) Stabilizing slide areas or slopes. Cost-share is required. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program (Application Deadline: Feb 28, 2025)**

The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. This program is only open to a Public Body/Government Entity, Federally Recognized Indian Tribe or a Nonprofit entity serving rural areas. Rural Business Development Grant money must be used for projects that benefit rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more. Entities wishing

to apply for financial assistance should contact the appropriate USDA RD State Office. The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities: (1) Creating More and Better Markets. Assist rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure. (2) Advancing Racial Justice, Place-Based Equity, and Opportunity. Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects. (3) Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice. Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities projects that serve rural areas. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Glass Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: April 10, 2025)**

For 2025 we are prioritizing Disaster Relief efforts in Western North Carolina. We will fund the following (1) Capital Campaigns/Major Rebuilding (Requests up to \$200,000) (2) Minor Construction and Renovation Material Expenses (Requests up to \$100,000) and (3) Program Supplies or Equipment (Requests up to \$50,000). A Letter of Interest (LOI) is the first step in our online application process. Once reviewed, applicants will be notified about submitting a full proposal. A full proposal must be submitted by the dates outlined below to be considered for funding. Deadlines for Applying (1) First Quarter Meeting deadline is DECEMBER 10. (2) Second Quarter Meeting deadline is APRIL 10. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Lawrence Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: April 30)**

The mission of the Lawrence Foundation is to support nonprofit organizations that are working to solve pressing environmental, human services, and other issues. The Foundation makes both program and operating grants to organizations that address the following areas of interest: (1) the environment (U.S.-based organizations operating programs in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world); (2) human services; (3) disaster relief (U.S.-based organizations responding to disasters in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world on an occasional basis); and, (4) other (U.S.-based organizations operating programs in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world). Average funding amount is \$5,000 - \$10,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **O'Reilly Automotive Foundation**

**(Applications accepted January 1 through July 31)**

O'Reilly Automotive Foundation, the charitable program of O'Reilly Auto Parts, supports nonprofit organizations in communities where the company has a business presence. The Foundation's areas of interest include disaster relief, including providing relief from natural disasters and state of emergency, including providing temporary shelter, food, water, and hygiene or sanitation products to those affected and aiding in cleanup efforts. Average Award Amount: \$10,000-\$50,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **DOL Announcement of Stand Down Grants**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling until September 30, 2025)**

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### **Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling, Quarterly)**

Our Foundation mainly focuses its resources in areas served by Firehouse Subs restaurants. We recognize the need of rural and volunteer departments throughout the country, and will consider applications outside of the 60 mile guideline. The Foundation only funds first responders and public safety organizations (fire, police, EMS, etc.) within the following areas of interest: (1) Life-Saving Equipment: The focus is on providing first responders with equipment to improve their life-saving capabilities. (2) Disaster Relief: The focus is on providing assistance and resources after natural and man-made disasters such as fire, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc. (3) Prevention Education:

The focus is on prevention educational tools to the public about the importance of fire safety, public safety, and natural disaster preparedness in order to prevent disasters in the home and community. Average Award Amount: \$15,000-\$25,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Golden Leaf Foundation: Helene Relief**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Award Amount: \$100,000 max

Golden LEAF is making resources available to organizations to support immediate relief for individuals and families including home repair, addressing unmet needs, and helping transition out of FEMA supported housing programs. Governmental entities and 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits are eligible to apply. Funds may not be used to support businesses. Organizations that are working across a large region or are experienced North Carolina based Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters deploying to disaster-declared communities, please contact Golden LEAF at Helene@GoldenLEAF.org to discuss the possibility of a larger award. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Southern Partners Fund Justice Fund for Disaster Relief and Renewal**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Average Award Amount: \$15,000-\$30,000

The Justice Fund for Disaster Relief and Renewal (JFDRR, or the 'disaster fund') was formed to heal the devastation following hurricanes Katrina and Rita and has continued funding similar relief efforts with each subsequent calamity. The COVID-19 Pandemic, in addition to the increasing barrage of hurricanes, twisters, and mass-flooding events, further demonstrates the importance of being able to provide rapid disaster relief to affected grantees and other grassroots organizations that meet SPF's funding criteria. However, in the case of disaster grants (unlike the rest of SPF's grantmaking), organizations can be rural or urban-based. **JUSTICE FUND EMERGENCY RELIEF:** Supports immediate response to and relief from disasters that occur in SPF's 12 regional focus states. While priority will be given to organizations that have a component of community organizing in their missions, SPF recognizes that many organizations are called upon to facilitate emergency response in crisis situations. **JUSTICE FUND RENEWAL:** Supports mid-term and long-term rebuilding efforts following disasters affecting communities in SPF's 12-state Southeastern region. Organizations that apply for funding from the Renewal Program have community organizing components consistent with the mission of Southern Partners Fund. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Duke Energy Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Average Award Amount: \$20,000 max

The Duke Energy Foundation is focused on strengthening and uplifting communities with grant funding. Focus areas include: (1) Vibrant Economies, including community revitalization and local economic development efforts and economic recovery for customers and communities facing unprecedented challenges; (2) Climate Resiliency, include resiliency projects that prepare communities for and mitigate against the effects of climate change and natural disaster preparedness and response programming; and (3) Opportunity and Inclusion, including programs reducing structural barriers and promoting access to opportunity for underserved communities. A list of eligible counties and contacts in NC can be found [HERE](#). To apply, reach out to your regional contact with information on your grant proposal and its focus area alignment.

### **State Farm Good Neighbor Grants**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grants Program is committed to helping to build safer, stronger, and better educated communities across the United States. Program areas include the following: (1) Safety: The focus is on: auto safety; home safety; disaster preparedness; and, disaster recovery. (2) Community Development: The focus is on: affordable housing; commercial/small business development; neighborhood revitalization; financial literacy; sustainable housing and transportation; and, food insecurity. State Farm charitable funding is offered through an invitation only process each year. If you did not receive an invitation to submit a community grant, support requests for programs that meet grant focus areas can be submitted on our website.

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## **WNC Strong: Helene Business Recovery Fund**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Loan Amount: \$100,000 max – NOTE: only for-profit small businesses are eligible

The WNC Strong: Helene Business Recovery Fund was created to provide rapid recovery loans to small businesses suffering economic losses related to the impacts of Tropical Storm Helene. The fund is administered by Mountain BizWorks and made possible with support from The Golden LEAF Foundation, and an expanding list of other partners. The WNC Strong: Helene Business Recovery Fund helps small businesses close the gap between when the disaster strikes and when federal loans, insurance payouts, and other disaster relief funds are approved, or businesses have time to recover and get back to business. For-profit small businesses with less than 100 employees and at least 6 months of operating history in the following counties are eligible to apply: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey, Cabarrus, Cherokee, Graham, Iredell, Surry, Union, Yadkin. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Cooperative Development Foundation – Disaster Relief Fund**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Disaster Recovery Fund helps cooperatives and cooperators get back on their feet after disasters or other emergency hardship situations. Who may apply: Cooperatives, cooperative support organizations and employees and volunteers of cooperatives. The Disaster Recovery Fund prioritizes funding for: (1) aid to employees and volunteers of cooperatives and cooperative support organizations to support recovery from disasters or emergencies; (2) basic necessities like food, clothing, housing (including repairs), transportation and medical assistance (including psychological counseling); (3) aid to cooperatives by covering uninsured expenses needed to return the business to viability. Average Award Amount: \$10,000-\$15,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **NDN Collective Community Action Fund**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

We support Indigenous frontline communities, Nations, organizers, actions and movements in their work to DEFEND Indigenous Peoples' rights, and protect their land, air, water, and natural resources. The Community Action Fund (CAF) supports community organizing and movement building work designed to shift the political and financial systems that negatively impact our communities. This may include direct action and climate disaster response efforts, comprehensive organizing work; frontline and camp infrastructure, and community-based responses to climate disasters such as flooding, fires, and earthquakes. Grantmaking may be provided to the following recipients: Indigenous-led non-profit organizations; U.S. based Tribes, tribal non-profit entities or tribal programs, Alaska Native Villages or their non-profit entities; Individual Indigenous people leading direct action or movement building work. Average Award Amount: \$15,000-\$40,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Enterprise Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Donation requests must come from Enterprise employees or employee's families. However, the foundation does consider requests from Enterprise customers who use the company's services on a regular basis. The requestor must be personally and actively involved in the organization. The Foundation's areas of interest include, but are not limited to: arts and culture; community development; disaster relief; education; the environment and wildlife; health; human services; the military; and, public and social benefits. Types of support include: project support; challenge grants; building funds; and, equipment. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The Kroger Company Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The mission of the Kroger Company Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in communities where Kroger customers and employees live and work. The Foundation supports local nonprofit organizations in communities served by the company's retail divisions, the manufacturing division, and convenience stores. The Foundation's areas of interest include: zero hunger, zero waste; diversity and inclusion; health and nutrition; and, stronger communities. The Foundation also considers support for education and youth development initiatives, as well as disaster relief. Average Award Amount: \$10,000-\$30,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Community Foundation of Western North Carolina: Hurricane Helene Emergency and Disaster Response Fund (EDRF)**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Average Award Amount: \$25,000 max for frontline human services; \$50,000 max for (1) eligible organizations that sustained direct facility damage or (2) eligible organizations whose work addresses the effects of Hurricane Helene focused on repair and remediation. EDRF is funding organizations providing emergency relief to those affected by Hurricane Helene. Grants are intended to cover the extraordinary costs of providing emergency, relief or recovery services for eligible organizations affected by the storm. EDRF grants are not for ongoing operational costs, lost revenue, lost wages, or costs that are or will be covered by other sources. Eligibility for emergency public funding (local, state or federal) will be addressed in the application. An organization applying for a grant must be: (1) A community-based nonprofit designated by the IRS as 501(c)(3), a faith-based organization or a public agency serving individuals and families that were affected by the storm in the WNC area specified below; (2) Serving the following counties and area in WNC: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties, including the Qualla Boundary; and (3) addressing one of CFWNC's four focus areas: Education, Cultural Resources, Human Services, or Natural Resources. Priority will be given to agencies in WNC serving those most significantly affected.

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## **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Disaster Relief and Recovery portfolio provides fast, flexible funding that assists in disaster prevention, relief, and recovery around the world. We fund at the onset of a disaster, as well as in protracted and forgotten crises. We intend to be both immediate in our response as well as deliberate about the contexts, organizations, and scope of programs we will support. Our approach focuses on promoting more efficient and effective assistance, and when possible, investing in community-based organizations and networks to build local humanitarian leadership. We strive to sustain institutions, partnerships and emerging technology that strengthen the global community's ability to respond to disasters. Please note that we do not accept unsolicited proposals and we do not respond to requests from individuals. However, a contact form is provided on their website. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Banfield Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Banfield Foundation grant programs support animal welfare organizations working to provide veterinary care, shelter and disaster relief to pets in need. All applicants must be nonprofit organizations with proof of 501(c)(3) status and running programs that deliver assistance to pets and their owners living in the United States. Disaster Relief Grants - We are here to help our nonprofit partners assist pets in need when — not if — the next disaster strikes. Disaster Relief Grants provide financial support to nonprofit animal organizations and local/state government agencies whose communities have suffered the impact of natural or other disasters. Applications may be submitted at any time. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **BISSELL Pet Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

BISSELL Pet Foundation exists to support animal welfare organizations and provide resources to underserved communities. This includes helping to reduce the number of animals in shelters and rescues through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, microchipping, and crisis and disaster response. Disaster Relief and Emergency Response - The Foundation serves as a resource for its partner organizations when facing emergencies such as natural disasters, puppy mills, hoarding cases, and other life-threatening events. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **CAPTRUST Community Foundation Crisis Grants**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Average Award Amount: max \$5,000

Our Crisis Grant program is designed to help charities that are assisting those severely impacted by natural disaster

or a crisis that negatively impacts a family's ability to thrive. To help ease the burdens these disasters place on families and help them cope and begin to rebuild their lives, the CAPTRUST Community Foundation dedicates more than 10 percent of its annual gift giving budget for purposes of targeted crisis support for families in need. Charities which serve communities, families, and individuals severely impacted by natural disaster or a crisis may apply for this grant. A CAPTRUST employee must complete the application on behalf of the nonprofit.

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## **Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

At the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, our grants support medium- and long-term recovery and resilience efforts in communities affected by natural and human-made hazards, including conflicts and humanitarian crises. With a focus on historically marginalized and at-risk populations, CDP prioritizes investments in local organizations to support a range of programs critical for individuals' and communities' recovery. CDP funds U.S.-based nonprofits, including fiscal sponsors and fiscal agents on behalf of non501(c)(3) organizations, and non-U.S. based nongovernmental organizations with registered nonprofit status in the country in which they are legally formed. CDP does not accept unsolicited proposals. However, we know that we are not aware of all organizations responding to a disaster. We want to learn more about your work, so please add us to your mailing lists and send updates whenever you activate for a disaster. All updates should be sent to our learning and partnerships team and then to the domestic grantmaking team. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **United Way NC Disaster Relief Fund – Helene**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund will help provide for immediate unmet needs through reimbursements to nonprofits working with disaster survivors. For immediate, unmet needs, the United Way of North Carolina will provide grants to nonprofits or reimburse nonprofits working in impacted communities. The immediate need grants are intended to help any 501(c)(3) agency, that is assisting Hurricane Helene impacted communities with immediate needs such as, tarps, water, food, cleaning supplies, etc. If sufficient donations are collected to support long-term recovery work, the North Carolina Community Foundation's affiliate foundations and statewide grants committee will work to ensure that all donations are distributed to nonprofits that can best serve unmet needs in affected communities. Certain nonprofit organizations assisting individuals and communities recovering from Hurricane Helene are eligible for funding. Eligible groups include any 501(c)(3) agency with a valid charitable solicitation license that is assisting Hurricane Helene-impacted communities with immediate needs. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HENDERSON COUNTY ONLY - Community Foundation of Henderson County – Hurricane Helene Relief, Recovery, & Rebuilding**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Helene Disaster Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding grants are intended to support eligible organizations serving Henderson County and its surrounding area as they respond to the needs of the community and recover from the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **POLK COUNTY ONLY - Polk County Community Foundation – Disaster Recovery Grants**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Community Foundation welcomes grant applications from local organizations providing direct assistance to individuals in our community and organizations directly impacted by Hurricane Helene. Applicants must be pre-approved to apply for competitive grants from the Foundation (this means you have a successful history administering our grants and/or you have been previously approved as eligible to apply for grants through our committee evaluation process.) Organizations applying for a grant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or a public agency serving Polk County, NC and/or Landrum, SC residents. Polk County organizations may also apply for similar grants through the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina and Gateway Wellness Foundation.

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## **BURKE COUNTY ONLY - Community Foundation of Burke County Disaster Relief Fund**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Funding is intended to be used for disaster relief purposes and intended for nonprofits that are located in Burke County, NC, or serving Burke County, NC. CFBC is inclined to give favorable consideration to efforts that address critical areas such as: Food and Water needs; Medical/Mental Health Services; Shelter/Housing; and Direct costs for increased staffing to serve above needs. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **AVERY, MITCHELL, AND YANCEY COUNTIES ONLY - Amy Wellness Foundation Hurricane Helene**

### **Emergency Response Grant**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

AMY Wellness Foundation's Emergency Response Grant related to Hurricane Helene disaster relief efforts in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties is now open and will remain open indefinitely – there is no deadline to submit an application. Government agencies, local education agencies, or nonprofits with 509(a) or 501(c)3 IRS status are eligible to receive funds. If your organization has a physical location in one of our three counties and is working to support our community in response to this effort please submit an application to receive financial support. Examples of types of support we are seeking to help: Food Access, Emergency Housing, Home Repair, Mental Health, Transportation, capacity for your organization (ie to pay salaries if your org is doing direct response-related work to the disaster) etc. [LEARN MORE](#)

# housing grants

## **Federal Grants**

### **ACF Residential (Group Home, Shelter, Transitional Foster Care) Services for Unaccompanied Children**

#### **(Forecasted Deadline: April 4, 2025)**

The goal of the Residential Group Home, Shelter, Transitional Foster Care (TFC) Services for Unaccompanied Children funding opportunity is to provide funding to organizations that can deliver high-quality and child-centered care, ensuring the safety and well-being of the children. Services must be available 24/7 with the ability to accept children at any time (as long as it aligns with state licensing requirements and is safe to do so). While children in ORR care are under the legal custody of the federal government, they are physically cared for by the care provider. At the time of application, care providers do not have to be licensed by an appropriate licensing agency to provide shelter, group home, or foster care services for children. However, care providers must be fully licensed prior to accepting children for placement within the timeframes specified in the funding opportunity. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **HUD FY2023 and FY2024 Authority to Accept Unsolicited Proposals for Research Partnerships**

#### **(Application Deadline: Rolling until June 30, 2025)**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) issues this Notice to announce that it has authority to accept unsolicited research proposals that address the current research priorities, which are included in this Notice. In accordance with statutory requirements, the research proposals must be submitted by eligible applicants and provide cost sharing of at least 50 percent of total project cost from philanthropic entities or Federal, state, or local government agencies. The current research priorities include: (1) Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities - Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people. (2) Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing - Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate

production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people. (3) Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership - Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities. (4) Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities - Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **DOL Announcement of Stand Down Grants (Application Deadline: Rolling until September 30, 2025)**

VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. They are collaborative events coordinated between VA, DOL, other federal, state, and local government agencies and community-based organizations providing services and supplies to veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. In the event of a federal disaster declaration, VETS will accept applications up to \$50,000 to conduct Stand Down events in the impacted areas. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **ACF FY25 Street Outreach Program (Forecasted Deadline: May 1, 2025)**

The Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons. These services, targeted in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and providing them access to shelter as well as basic needs, including food, hygiene packages and information on a range of available services. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Foundation Grants**

### **Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation - Community Progress Fund (Application Deadline: January 30, 2025)**

Community Progress Fund grants help local organizations in North Carolina's 78 rural counties move an idea, issue, project or organization forward, with the goal of improving their community. Grants are meant to help groups build on existing momentum to take their work to the next level. We support a range of organizations, from food banks to family shelters, daycares to theaters. We have funded executive director transition planning, pilot programs, and even building repairs for anchor organizations to ensure they can continue serving their communities. We believe in the power of home-grown solutions driven and led by community members. The criteria for this grant program are intentionally broad because we want to be responsive to communities' diverse needs. Grant amounts range from \$20,000-\$30,000 per year for one or two years. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Kettering Family Foundation**

#### **(Request Summary Deadline: January 31, 2025; Full Proposal Deadline: March 15, 2025)**

The Kettering Family Foundation supports a broad range of nonprofit organizations whose activities are of interest to the Foundation's board of trustees. The Foundation's primary areas of support include: arts, culture, and humanities; education; the environment; medical and health, including research; social and human services; and, public and society benefit. Types of support include: project support; general support; equipment; building funds; land and property acquisition; project planning; endowments; technical assistance; and, challenge and matching grants. Funding decisions are driven by the interests of Foundation trustees and the majority of grants are awarded to those non-profit organizations with which the family has a relationship. While the Foundation is open to receiving Request Summaries from any qualified organization, each applicant must have made contact with the Foundation prior to applying. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Home Depot Foundation - Veteran Housing Grants (Application Deadlines: March 21, 2025, and July 3, 2025)**

The Home Depot Foundation's Veteran Housing Grants program awards grants to nonprofit organizations for the new construction or rehabilitation of multifamily, permanent supportive housing for veterans throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico. The grants fund physical construction costs, and must comprise less than 50% of the total development cost of the project. Rural areas will be considered, but priority will be given to large cities with populations of over 300,000 people. [LEARN MORE](#)



## **The Cannon Foundation – Human Services**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Cannon Foundation was established in 1943 by Charles A. Cannon, President and CEO of Cannon Mills Company. The Foundation continues his philanthropic legacy by funding capital and equipment projects for organizations across Mr. Cannon's home state of North Carolina. Organizations that meet basic needs or help individuals escape the cycle of violence or poverty may apply for their capital or equipment needs, especially if they help in underserved parts of North Carolina. Projects can range from new roofs or HVAC systems to construction or renovation of buildings. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The Hearst Foundation - Social Service**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Hearst Foundations fund direct-service organizations that tackle the roots of chronic poverty by applying effective solutions to the most challenging social and economic problems. The Foundations prioritize supporting programs that have proven successful in facilitating economic independence and in strengthening families. Preference is also given to programs with the potential to scale productive practices in order to reach more people in need. Preference Will Be Given To: Affordable housing; Food banks and food delivery, provided services are program-related; Job creation and job training; Legal services for those in need of legal representation; Prison education and reentry programs; Two-generation family programs; and Youth development. [LEARN MORE](#)

# education grants

## **Federal Grants**

### **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): International Foreign Language Education (IFLE): Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program—Short-Term Projects and Long-Term Projects**

#### **(Application Deadline: January 21, 2025)**

The purpose of the Fulbright-Hays GPA Program is to promote, improve, and develop the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States. The program provides opportunities for faculty, teachers, and undergraduate and graduate students to conduct group projects overseas. Projects may include either (1) short-term seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study, or (2) long-term advanced intensive language programs. Short Term Projects - [LEARN MORE](#); Long Term Projects - [LEARN MORE](#)

### **CDC Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants (T03)**

#### **(Application Deadline: January 21, 2025)**

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for Training Project Grants (TPGs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training. NIOSH is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the TPGs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate. The majority of TPGs are in academic institutions that provide high quality undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate academic training in a variety of occupational safety and health (OSH) and allied disciplines. NIOSH also funds a limited number of non-academic TPGs to provide specialized training for target audiences and build or strengthen the Nation's OSH workforce capacity. [LEARN MORE](#)

**Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Student Support Service: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Partnership Grants**

**(Application Deadline: February 3, 2025)**

The GEAR UP program is a discretionary grant program that encourages eligible entities to provide support, and maintain a commitment, to eligible students from low-income backgrounds, including students with disabilities, to assist the students in obtaining a secondary school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Under the GEAR UP program, the Department awards grants to two types of entities: (1) States and (2) Partnerships consisting of at least one degree-granting institution of higher education (IHE) and at least one local educational agency (LEA). [LEARN MORE](#)

**NEH Institutes for Higher Education Faculty and K-12 Educators**

**(Application Deadline: February 12, 2025)**

The National Endowment for the Humanities solicits applications for the Institutes for Higher Education Faculty and Institutes for K-12 Educators programs. Institutes are residential, virtual, and combined format professional development programs that convene higher education faculty or K-12 educators from across the nation to deepen and enrich their understanding of significant topics in the humanities and enrich their capacity for effective scholarship and teaching. [LEARN MORE](#)

**NEH Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities**

**(Application Deadline: February 13, 2025)**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Office of Digital Humanities is accepting applications for the Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities program. The program supports national or regional (multistate) training programs for scholars, humanities professionals, and advanced graduate students to broaden and extend their knowledge of digital humanities. Through this program, NEH seeks to increase the number of humanities scholars and practitioners using digital technology in their research and to broadly disseminate knowledge about advanced technology tools and methodologies relevant to the humanities. [LEARN MORE](#)

**USDA Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program – Organic Transitions**

**(Application Deadline: March 6, 2025)**

The overall goal of the Organic Transitions Program (ORG) is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices. NIFA administers the ORG program by determining priorities in U.S. agriculture through Agency stakeholder input processes in consultation with the NAREEEAB. ORG will continue to prioritize environmental services provided by organic farming systems in the area of soil conservation, pollinator health, and climate change mitigation, including greenhouse gases (GHG), as well as the development of educational tools for Cooperative Extension personnel and other agricultural professionals who advise producers on organic practices, and development of cultural practices and other allowable alternatives to substances recommended for removal from the National Organic Program's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. It is expected that all projects will integrate research, education and extension activities, as appropriate to project goals, although some projects may be weighted more heavily than others in one or more of these areas. However, all proposals should have activities and impact in research and at least one of the other areas: education and extension. [LEARN MORE](#)

**CDC Improving Adolescent Health and Well-Being Through School-Based Surveillance and the What Works in Schools Program (Round 2)**

**(Forecasted Deadline: April 1, 2025)**

Schools are an ideal setting to foster healthy behaviors and to prevent and buffer the impact of adverse experiences. This NOFO will aim to improve the health and well-being of youth by supporting local education agencies in implementing CDC's What Works in Schools program, and collecting and using school-based surveillance data. The What Works in Schools program is a proven approach that builds schools' capacity to: (1) Provide quality health education (2) Connect students to health services, including mental and behavioral

health services and (3) Create safe and supportive environments. The program strategies have been linked to reductions in sexual risk behaviors, experiences of violence, and substance use, and improvements in mental health for students. With some youth experiencing higher levels of violence, emotional distress, and suicidality, the population-level impact of this program is key for improving well-being and reducing disparities. Funding will also support the collection and use of school-based surveillance data. These data, collected through the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) and School Health Profiles (Profiles), will help assess needs to improve adolescent health, track behaviors and experiences over time, and understand the impact of programs and policies. This NOFO will include three components: Component 1: Local implementation of What Works in Schools and school-based surveillance Component 2: Consortia support of What Works in Schools and school-based surveillance Component 3: State, territorial, and tribal school-based surveillance. [LEARN MORE](#)

## State Grants

### 2024-2025 Plasma Games Grant Program

**(Application Deadline: February 1, 2025)**

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) has received funding to establish a grant program for public school units (PSUs) to apply for funds to contract with Plasma Games, Inc., for the use of educational software to be used in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and career and technical education (CTE) courses. The purpose of the Plasma Games Competitive Grant Program is to promote access to innovative digital and personalized learning solutions for students in science, math, and CTE to support schools in their efforts to increase the number of students pursuing education and career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Any PSU participating in the grant program shall provide the Department with a plan for the placement of the STEM-focused educational technology developed by Plasma Games, Inc., in its schools as well as how students will utilize the program and the goals/outcomes intended for students and staff.

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### Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include: (1) Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities (2) Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements (3) Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing (4) Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment (5) Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools (6) Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment (7) Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Foundation Grants

### Stranahan Foundation - Early Childhood Education

**(LOI Deadline: January 21, 2025)**

The Stranahan Foundation's Early Childhood Education grantmaking program focuses on increasing access to high-quality early care and education for young children (birth to five), especially those from low-income families, by investing in developing and retaining a high-quality, thriving early educator workforce. The spring 2025

funding cycle will support nonprofit organizations and projects focused on advancing our Innovation and Proven Professional Development strategies. These strategies include (1) Innovation: This strategy focuses on developing, piloting, and refining new approaches to improve the knowledge, skills, or practices of aspiring and existing early childhood professionals. (2) Proven Professional Development: This strategy focuses on expanding or modifying a clearly defined, proven professional development model to enable future expansion or implementation in a new childhood setting. Applicants may request funding up to \$500,000, paid over three years. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation - Community Progress Fund** **(Application Deadline: January 30, 2025)**

Community Progress Fund grants help local organizations in North Carolina's 78 rural counties move an idea, issue, project or organization forward, with the goal of improving their community. Grants are meant to help groups build on existing momentum to take their work to the next level. We support a range of organizations, from food banks to family shelters, daycares to theaters. We have funded executive director transition planning, pilot programs, and even building repairs for anchor organizations to ensure they can continue serving their communities. We believe in the power of home-grown solutions driven and led by community members. The criteria for this grant program are intentionally broad because we want to be responsive to communities' diverse needs. Grant amounts range from \$20,000-\$30,000 per year for one or two years. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Kettering Family Foundation**

**(Request Summary Deadline: January 31, 2025; Full Proposal Deadline: March 15, 2025)**

The Kettering Family Foundation supports a broad range of nonprofit organizations whose activities are of interest to the Foundation's board of trustees. The Foundation's primary areas of support include: arts, culture, and humanities; education; the environment; medical and health, including research; social and human services; and, public and society benefit. Types of support include: project support; general support; equipment; building funds; land and property acquisition; project planning; endowments; technical assistance; and, challenge and matching grants. Funding decisions are driven by the interests of Foundation trustees and the majority of grants are awarded to those non-profit organizations with which the family has a relationship. While the Foundation is open to receiving Request Summaries from any qualified organization, each applicant must have made contact with the Foundation prior to applying. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Zegar Family Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Established in 2007, the Zegar Family Foundation donates to worthy charitable organizations within the scope of our Mission, our Key Focus and/or Other Principal Areas of Giving in the priority order as follows. Key Focus Areas (1) Environment and Sustainability – Addressing the climate change crisis to preserve and conserve our natural biodiverse resources and sustain our world environment. (2) Justice and Human Rights – Assisting in seeking justice and protection of rights for people to whom rights are denied, including pursuing racial equality, criminal and legal systems reforms, immigration, LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights through litigation, activism and advocacy for change. Other Principal Areas of Giving include (1) Education – Supporting educational institutions, primarily in the higher educational area and providing college access and success for the less advantaged students who desire to attend them. Grant proposals are by invitation only. While we currently do not accept unsolicited grant proposals, we are always open to new ideas from new sources. For inquiries, please write to [info@zegarff.org](mailto:info@zegarff.org).

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### **Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The mission of the Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation is to provide people with the opportunity to help themselves. The Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in south Florida, western North Carolina, and the central coast of California. The Foundation's grantmaking priorities include: (1) educational institutions that support the underserved youth in a community; (2) educational programs focused on increasing environmental awareness and working towards a more sustainable environment; (3) contributing to the education and support of those requiring special attention and those with special needs in the community; (4) environmental conservation

and advocacy organizations; (5) organizations supporting people who aspire to gain knowledge in their quest to create a sustainable life for themselves and their families; and, (6) organizations providing opportunities for underserved members of the community, independent of race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, or creed. Grants average between \$50,000 - \$100,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **W.K. Kellogg Foundation – Thriving Children**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Children are more likely to thrive when they have a healthy start and quality learning experiences. To ensure children thrive, we focus on improving access to high quality, early childhood education and education systems, where families are engaged in schools and practices are rooted in a community's cultures and languages. To support families in giving their children a healthy start, we advance models that are proven to support healthy birth outcomes, quality maternal and infant health care and children's early development. We invest in efforts that increase breastfeeding rates, especially in communities of color; that expand access to oral health care through providers called dental therapists; and that increase access to fresh, local healthy food and improve nutrition for children and families in early child care settings, in schools and across communities. To promote greater health equity, we promote community voices and leverage strategic partnerships and policy and systems changes to help families and civic leaders play an active role in making children's development and well-being central to their decision-making. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Hearst Foundation – Education**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Hearst Foundations fund educational institutions demonstrating uncommon success in preparing students to thrive in a global society. The Foundations' focus is largely on higher education, but they also fund innovative models of early childhood and K-12 education, as well as professional development. Preference will be given to Professional development for educators and Science education programs that focus on developing career pathways in science, technology, engineering, environment, and math. [LEARN MORE](#)

# economic opportunity grants

## **Federal Grants**

### **NOAA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program- FY25 Phase I**

**(Application Deadline: January 15, 2025)**

The Department of Commerce (DOC) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) invites small businesses to submit research proposals under this NOFO. Firms with the capability to conduct research and development (R&D) in any of the following research topic areas listed are encouraged to participate: (1) Extreme Events and Cascading Hazards; (2) Coastal Resilience; (3) The Changing Ocean; (4) Water Availability, Quality, and Risk; (5) Effects of Space Weather; and (6) Monitoring and Modeling for Climate Change Mitigation. Only FY 2025 Phase I applications may be submitted in response to this NOFO. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants**

**(Application Deadline: January 23, 2025)**

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations that engage AmeriCorps

members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is a person who does community service through AmeriCorps. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits. After successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans. Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through the Governor-appointed State or Territory Commissions. Each state and territory administers its own selection process and submits the applications it selects to compete for funding directly to AmeriCorps. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program (Application Deadline: February 28, 2025)**

The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Grants may be made to a Public Body/Government Entity, an Indian Tribe, or a Nonprofit entity primarily serving rural areas. Enterprise grants may be used for, but not limited to, the following: (1) Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or/technical reports, or producer service improvements (2) Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation of buildings; plants, machinery, equipment, access for streets and roads; parking areas and utilities (3) The capitalization of revolving loan funds, including funds that will make loans for start-ups and working capital (4) Rural distance learning for job training and advancement for adult students and (5) Rural transportation improvement. Opportunity grants may be used for the following: (1) Community economic development (2) Technology-based economic development (3) Feasibility studies and business plans (4) Leadership and entrepreneur training (5) Rural business incubators and (6) Long-term business strategic planning.

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## **USDA Rural Energy for America Program (Application Deadline: March 31, 2025)**

The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. Funds may be used for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems, such as: Biomass (for example: biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels); Geothermal for electric generation or direct use; Hydropower below 30 megawatts; Hydrogen; Small and large wind generation; Small and large solar generation; Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation. Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements, such as: High-efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC); Insulation; Lighting; Cooling or refrigeration units; Doors and windows; Electric, solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots; Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor; and Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment.

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## **DOL FY25 Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program**

**(Forecasted Deadline: June 10, 2025)**

This program aims to provide technical assistance (TA) to employers (which may include public sector entities) and labor unions in the United States and its territories to encourage employment of women in both apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO), specifically in the following ways: Developing (establishing, expanding, and/or enhancing) pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship, Registered Apprenticeship (as defined in Appendix B “Acronyms and Definitions”), or other nontraditional skills training programs designed to prepare women for careers in A/NTO; Providing ongoing orientations or other resources for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in A/NTO; and/or Setting up support groups, facilitating networks, and/or providing supportive services (as defined in section IV.E.3) for women in A/NTO to improve their retention. Applicants may propose to provide technical assistance to support women’s participation and success in the full range of industries in which women are historically underrepresented or where women are disproportionately

concentrated in the lower-wage occupations. Such industries include, but are not limited to; advanced manufacturing, construction, energy, health care, information technology, finance, and transportation. Applicants with experience working with or as an equity intermediary are encouraged to apply, as well as applicants with a proposed focus on expanding outreach/recruitment to historically underrepresented communities, including but not limited to women of color, women with disabilities, women at or below the federal poverty line, and women who live in rural geographic areas. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **DOL FY 25 Fostering Access, Rights and Equity (FARE) Grant Program (Forecasted Deadline: June 10, 2025)**

This program will allow award recipients to undertake projects to assist marginalized and underserved women workers who have been impacted by gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH) in the world of work, which includes activities that occur in the course of, linked with, or arising out of work. Grant recipients will undertake projects to prevent and respond to GBVH, which is pervasive across industries and deeply impacts the safety and economic security of women workers and survivors. Survivors of GBVH often suffer the loss of other employment rights and benefits. Grant recipients will address GBVH in the world of work by building awareness, connecting women to federal and state workplace rights and benefits, and implementing worker- and survivor-driven strategies to shift workplace norms. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **State Grants**

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### **The One North Carolina Fund (Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The One North Carolina Fund (OneNC) is a discretionary cash-grant program that allows the Governor to respond quickly to competitive job-creation projects. The North Carolina Department of Commerce administers OneNC on behalf of the Governor. Awards are based on the number of jobs created, level of investment, location of the project, economic impact of the project and the importance of the project to the state and region. Awards are allocated to local governments as part of a negotiated challenge grant. By statute, OneNC requires that a local government provide an incentive to match the OneNC funding. The required local match depends on the tier designation of the county. Funds awarded to a company must be used for: (1) Installation or purchase of equipment (2) Structural repairs, improvements or renovations of existing buildings (3) Construction of or improvements to water, sewer, gas or electric utility distribution lines or associated equipment for existing buildings (4) Construction of or improvements to water, sewer, gas or electric utility distribution lines or associated equipment for new or proposed buildings to be used for manufacturing and industrial operations. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Rural Division, Economic Infrastructure Program

### (Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Economic Infrastructure Program is administered by the Rural Division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce; it provides grants to local governments to assist with public infrastructure projects that will lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs. The Economic Infrastructure Program provides funding for the construction of public infrastructure to a site, in order to enable a company to locate or expand. Eligible uses include: (1) Upgrade or repair of public drinking water or wastewater treatment plants (2) Upgrade, extension or repair of public water or sewer lines (3) Extension of publicly owned natural gas lines (with an executed pipeline construction, operating and resale agreement) (4) Installation or extension of public broadband infrastructure (5) Construction of publicly owned access roads not owned or funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (6) Construction of public rail spur improvements. Eligible applicants are local governments in North Carolina. Priority is given to projects in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 county, or a rural census tract in a Tier 3 county. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Foundation Grants

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#### (Application Deadline: January 30, 2025)

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### T-Mobile Hometown Grants

#### (Application Deadline: Quarterly, next is March 31, 2025)

We're investing \$25M in 500 rural towns over 5 years to jumpstart projects and build stronger communities. Together, we can help upgrade tech at your local library, build new hiking trails, revitalize historic buildings, and so much more. We'll help fund projects that foster local connections, like technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers. T-Mobile awards up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects. Applicant's proposal must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and up to five letters of support. Elected officials, town managers/employees, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders from small towns with population less than 50,000 can apply. [LEARN MORE](#)

### The Smart Family Fund

#### (Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Smart Family Fund's mission is to discover, support, and mentor emerging U.S. nonprofit organizations and their leaders, providing the necessary backing to help them succeed. The Fund focuses on early-stage nonprofit ventures that have the potential to make a significant impact on the world, but that have yet to demonstrate the efficacy needed to acquire large-scale funding. Early-stage, U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. [LEARN MORE](#)

### FINRA Investor Education Foundation

#### (Application Deadline: Rolling)

The mission of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation is to provide underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. The Foundation's General Grant Program supports research and educational projects, with emphasis given to projects that: (1) expand the body of knowledge or



provide practical materials that will have a positive impact on investor education or protection; (2) research methods to improve disclosure to investors about investments and financial services; (3) encourage investors to check the background of financial professionals prior to doing business with them; (4) empower the nation's young people who are about to enter the workforce to better prepare for retirement and to meet other financial goals; (5) better prepare older Americans for handling their finances during retirement; (6) further financial inclusion and address systemic financial inequities based on race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and other social differences; (7) encourage women and minority populations to take control of their financial future through investor education; and, (8) advance practice, policy, and thought in the fields of investor education and protection. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Hearst Foundation - Social Service (Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Hearst Foundations fund direct-service organizations that tackle the roots of chronic poverty by applying effective solutions to the most challenging social and economic problems. The Foundations prioritize supporting programs that have proven successful in facilitating economic independence and in strengthening families. Preference is also given to programs with the potential to scale productive practices in order to reach more people in need. Preference Will Be Given To: Affordable housing; Food banks and food delivery, provided services are program-related; Job creation and job training; Legal services for those in need of legal representation; Prison education and reentry programs; Two-generation family programs; and Youth development. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Golden LEAF Foundation: Open Grants Program (Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Golden LEAF Foundation's mission is to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina's rural, tobacco-dependent, and economically distressed communities. The Open Grants Program provides support to government entities and nonprofit organizations for economic development projects aligned with the priority areas of job creation and economic investment, agriculture, and workforce preparedness. Competitive applications include requests for funds to develop and implement a new workforce training program to meet demand from local employers; implement a career pathway at a high school for a high demand field; extend water, sewer, or road infrastructure to a site to enable industrial development that will create full-time jobs; and support the development of new crops, expand markets for agriculture products, or provide training for farmers. Most grants range up to \$200,000, though awards of up to \$500,000 may be considered for projects that possess additional characteristics. [LEARN MORE](#)

# health & wellness grants

## **Federal Grants**

### **CDC Advancing Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Chronic Disease in the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States**

**(Application Deadline: January 15, 2025)**

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) aims to reduce disability and death rates associated with chronic diseases by decreasing the prevalence of modifiable risk factors that contribute to chronic diseases in these islands. Focus areas include: (1) Preventing and reducing tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure (2) Preventing and managing diabetes (3) Improving oral health disparities. There are two components to this NOFO.

The first is a required Core Component, which uses evidence-based strategies to promote health and reduce chronic disease. The second is an optional, competitive Oral Health Component, which addresses oral disease with evidence-based interventions and practices. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Professionals**  
**(Application Deadline: January 21, 2025)**

The purpose of the BHWET Program for Professionals is to increase the supply of behavioral health professionals while also improving distribution of a quality behavioral health workforce and thereby increasing access to behavioral health services. A special focus is placed on the knowledge and understanding of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Graduate Psychology Education Program (GPE)**  
**(Application Deadline: January 21, 2025)**

The purpose of this program is to train doctoral health service psychology students, interns, and postdoctoral residents in integrated, interdisciplinary behavioral health, with significant focus on trauma-informed care and substance use disorder prevention and treatment services. The program will prepare trainees for practice in community-based primary care settings in high need and high demand areas. To support trainees, the program will also focus on developing health service psychology faculty. You can apply if you are an accredited doctoral, internship, and/or post-doctoral residency program of health service psychology (including clinical psychology, counseling, and school psychology). Your training program must be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency, approved for such purposes by the U.S. Department of Education. [LEARN MORE](#)

**CDC Changing Health Systems Using Evidence-based interventions to increase Colorectal Cancer Screening**  
**(Forecasted Deadline: January 22, 2025)**

This announcement funds recipients who will partner with health systems and primary care clinics with low colorectal cancer (CRC) screening prevalence. Recipients will work with their partners to use evidence-based interventions (EBIs) to increase screening in people aged 45 to 75 years old. The focus is on populations that have low screening prevalence and experience barriers to screening. Partner clinics must have screening prevalence below the national, regional, or local average. Programs should emphasize identifying populations that have lower screening prevalence or clinic sub-populations who may need more support to complete the screening process. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Maternal and Child Health Public Health Catalyst Program**  
**(Application Deadline: January 23, 2025)**

The purpose of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Public Health Catalyst Program is to recruit and train diverse graduate students in MCH public health; expand MCH curriculum and degree offerings within schools and programs of public health where there is currently a lack of, or limited, MCH offerings; and build MCH faculty capacity within schools and programs of public health. For the purposes of this NOFO, eligible applicants must be a Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited school or program of public health. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP)**  
**(Forecasted Deadline: January 25, 2025)**

The purpose of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) is to support community-based projects that promote access to preventive clinical and public health services for underserved children, focusing on behavioral health screenings and referrals, children's immunizations, and adolescents' well-visits in underserved communities. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science, and Practice**  
**(Application Deadline: January 27, 2025)**

The purpose of the Centers of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Education, Science, and Practice (CoE) program is to strengthen and expand the MCH workforce by training graduate and post-graduate public

health students in MCH; and advance MCH science, research, practice, and policy through a well-trained MCH public health workforce. This notice includes an additional opportunity to apply for the MCH Postdoctoral Fellowship Supplement. The purpose of this supplement is to support postdoctoral training to increase the number of faculty in MCH academia, increase MCH research and teaching capacity within Schools and Programs of Public Health, and enhance skills in the formation of MCH policy, including the translation of research to practice and policy. Eligible applicants must be a Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited school or program of public health. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **HRSA Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program (Application Deadline: January 27, 2025)**

This community-based grant program aims to support organizations to promote rural health care services outreach by improving and expanding the delivery of health care services to include new and enhanced services in rural areas. To achieve this purpose, the program also aims to strengthen local resources and capacity in rural communities. Through collaborative consortiums that include three or more health care providers, each community can develop innovative approaches to solve their own unique challenges and factors underlying rural health disparities. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **HRSA Rural Health Network Development Planning Program (Forecasted Deadline: January 27, 2025)**

The purpose the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program is to plan and develop integrated health care networks that collaborate to address the following legislative aims: (i) achieve efficiencies; (ii) expand access to and improve the quality of basic health care services and health outcomes; and (iii) strengthen the rural health care system. This program supports one year of planning and brings together members of the health care delivery system, particularly those entities that may not have collaborated in the past, to establish and/or improve local capacity to strengthen rural community health interventions and enhance care coordination. The program uses the concept of developing networks as a strategy toward linking rural health care network members together to address local challenges, and help rural stakeholders achieve greater collective capacity to overcome challenges related to limited economies of scale for individual hospitals, clinics, or other key rural health care stakeholders. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **HRSA Primary Care Training and Enhancement – Residency Training in Street Medicine (Forecasted Deadline: February 18, 2025)**

The purpose of the Primary Care Training and Enhancement-Residency Training in Street Medicine (PCTE-RTSM) is to increase the number of primary care residents trained in street medicine. Primary care residencies include family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics and combined general internal medicine-general pediatrics (combined med-peds). [LEARN MORE](#)

### **HRSA Black Lung Clinics Program (Application Deadline: February 11, 2025)**

The Black Lung Clinic Program's primary goal is to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with occupation related coal mine dust lung disease (CMDLD), also known as black lung disease, by providing: Medical services. Outreach services. Educational services. Benefits counseling services. All recipients are required to provide certain services to coal miners in their service area. We also provide additional requirements to the minimum required services, to make sure that the quality and breadth of services coal miners receive is sustained in all service areas. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **HRSA Rural Residency Planning and Development Program (Forecasted Deadline: February 19, 2025)**

The purpose of this program is to improve and expand access to health care in rural areas by developing new, sustainable rural residency programs, including rural track programs (RTPs), that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACMGE), to address the physician workforce shortages

and challenges faced by rural communities. This program provides start-up funding to RRPD award recipients to create new rural residency programs that will ultimately be sustainable long-term through viable and stable funding mechanisms, such as, Medicare, Medicaid, and other public or private funding sources. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students**  
**(Application Deadline: February 19, 2025)**

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program increases diversity in the health professions and nursing workforce by providing awards to eligible health professions schools for use in awarding scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have financial need, including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups. The SDS program aims to increase the: 1) number of graduates practicing in primary care, 2) enrollment and retention of full-time students from disadvantaged backgrounds including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, and 3) number of graduates working in medically underserved communities. Eligible applicants are accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing (as defined in section 801 of the PHS Act), pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, chiropractic, allied health, a school offering a graduate program in behavioral and mental health practice, or an entity providing programs for the training of physician assistants. [LEARN MORE](#)

**ACL Advancing Strategies to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs to Support Older Adult Behavioral Health**  
**(Application Deadline: February 19, 2025)**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to develop and implement multi-faceted strategies that support the delivery and sustainability of evidence-based chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) programs for older adults (age 60 and older) and individuals with disabilities with one or more behavioral health conditions and older adults and individuals with disabilities with one or more stressors that are negatively impacting their behavioral health through a statewide initiative. The two primary goals are: Goal 1: Through a statewide initiative, develop capacity (e.g., instructors, partnerships, and referral networks) to increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities in the target population who participate in evidence-based chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) and support programs. Goal 2: Develop and disseminate 508-compliant resources specific to your grant learnings to enhance knowledge in serving the target population and aid in the sustainability of programs. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Street Medicine Interventions for People with HIV who are Unsheltered - Demonstration Sites**  
**(Forecasted Deadline: February 20, 2025)**

This initiative will use an implementation science (IS) approach to adapt, document, and evaluate street medicine interventions for people with HIV. Street medicine is the provision of health services in unsheltered environments (such as streets, under bridges, in woods) where people reside. This emerging field of medicine and public health holds much promise to improve the health and quality of life of people with HIV. There is a need to understand core program components, strategies to scale interventions, implementation within the context of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP), and sustainable interventions in communities with variable amounts of resources. The initiative will consist of one capacity building provider, one evaluation provider, and 13 demonstration sites (all funded under separate notices of funding opportunity). Demonstration sites will: (1) Provide health services tailored to each person and their environment. (2) Retain an agile, interdisciplinary team consisting of medical, behavioral health, and social services staff who are skilled and experienced in the needs and barriers experienced by people who are unsheltered and can swiftly respond with appropriate services and resources. (3) Work closely with the evaluation and capacity building providers to (a) adapt and document intervention and implementation strategies and (b) collect data to evaluate effects of interventions on health and quality of life. [LEARN MORE](#)

**HRSA Autism Secondary Data Analysis Research (Autism SDAR)**  
**(Application Deadline: February 25, 2025)**

The Autism Secondary Data Analysis program supports applied research through analysis of existing databases or administrative records to improve health outcomes, and the quality, efficiency, and accessibility of health care services for children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disabilities (DD) across the lifespan. This program will fund up to eight 2-year grants. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HRSA Maternal and Child Health Secondary Data Analysis Research (MCH SDAR)**

**(Application Deadline: February 25, 2025)**

The purpose of the SDAR programs is to support research that analyzes existing national data sets or administrative records to answer questions that can improve the health and well-being of MCH populations, including children and adolescents with Autism/DD. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HRSA Nursing Workforce Diversity**

**(Forecasted Deadline: March 3, 2025)**

The purpose of the Nursing Workforce Diversity program is to strengthen and expand the comprehensive use of evidence-based strategies shown to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses in schools of nursing. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HRSA Autism Research Consortium**

**(Forecasted Deadline: March 10, 2025)**

The purpose of the Autism Research Consortium is to establish a consortium of research institutions to conduct research to advance the evidence base on effective interventions, services, supports and systems for children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disabilities. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HRSA Addiction Medicine Fellowship**

**(Forecasted Deadline: March 13, 2025)**

The purpose of the Addiction Medicine Fellowship (AMF) Program is to expand the number of fellows at accredited AMF and Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship (APF) programs trained as addiction medicine specialists who work in underserved, community-based settings that integrate primary care with mental health disorders and substance use disorder prevention and treatment services. The fellowship must include training in prevention and treatment services in rural areas that do not have access or have limited access to substance use disorder treatment. The AMF Program encompasses both psychiatry and an addiction subspecialty for primary care doctors. Eligible applicants include sponsoring institutions of accredited AMF programs or accredited APF programs, or a consortium consisting of at least one teaching health center and one sponsoring institution of an addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry fellowship program. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **ACL Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program: Projects for Translating the Findings and Products of Disability and Rehabilitation Research and Development into Practice**

**(Application Deadline: March 17, 2025)**

The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs) is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act, by generating new knowledge, or developing methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technologies that advance a wide range of health and function, community living, and employment outcomes among people with disabilities, especially people with disabilities who have the greatest support needs. Under this particular DRRP priority, grantees must engage in knowledge translation activities to promote the use or adoption of findings or products from NIDILRR-sponsored research or development projects. NIDILRR plans to make five grants under this opportunity in FY 2025. Each grant will have a 60-month project period, with five 12-month budget periods. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HRSA Postdoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry**

**(Forecasted Deadline: March 18, 2025)**

The purpose of the Postdoctoral Training in General Dentistry, Pediatric Dentistry, and Dental Public Health program is to improve access to, and the delivery of, oral health care services for underserved and vulnerable populations. Grants under this Notice of Funding Opportunity will prepare general, pediatric, and public health dentists to practice in, and lead, new models of oral health care delivery by supporting innovative postdoctoral dental residency and fellowship training programs at community-based organizations. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **SAMHSA Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) Grant Program (Forecasted Deadline: March 2025)**

The purpose of this SAMHSA program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12-20 in communities throughout the United States. The program aims to: (1) address norms regarding alcohol use by youth, (2) reduce opportunities for underage drinking, (3) create changes in underage drinking enforcement efforts, (4) address penalties for underage use, and/or (5) reduce negative consequences associated with underage drinking (e.g., motor vehicle crashes, sexual assaults). In addition, applicants will build on strategic plans that were developed under a Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Overdose Response (Forecasted Deadline: April 16, 2025)**

The purpose of this program is to support immediate responses to the overdose crisis in rural areas through improving access to, capacity for, and sustainability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance use disorder (SUD). [LEARN MORE](#)

## **ACF Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (Forecasted Deadline: May 1, 2025)**

The purpose of the Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) program is to competitively fund projects to implement sexual risk avoidance education that teaches youth how to voluntarily refrain from sexual activity. Projects must: 1) Use medically accurate information referencing peer-reviewed publications by educational, scientific, governmental, or health organizations. 2) Implement an evidence-based approach integrating research findings with practical strategies that align with the needs and desired outcomes for the intended audience. 3) Teach the benefits associated with personal responsibility, self-regulation, goal setting, healthy decision-making, and a focus on the future. 4) Discourage sexual coercion, dating violence, and other youth risk behaviors such as underage drinking or illicit drug use. 5) Be culturally appropriate, recognizing the experiences of youth from diverse communities, backgrounds, and experiences. 6) Normalize avoiding non-marital sexual activity. 7) Be age appropriate. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **State Grants**

### **Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina (Application Deadline: Rolling)**

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include: (1) Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities (2) Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements (3) Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing (4) Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment (5) Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools (6) Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment (7) Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Foundation Grants

### **PCORI Broad Pragmatic Studies PCORI Funding Announcement – Cycle 1 2025**

**(Letter of Intent Deadline: January 14, 2025; Application Deadline: May 6, 2025)**

This PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) invites applications for high-quality comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) projects. All applications must align the proposed research with at least one of PCORI's National Priorities for Health described within the PFA (Increase Evidence for Existing Interventions and Emerging Innovations in Health; Accelerate Progress Toward an Integrated Learning Health System; Achieve Health Equity; or Advance the Science of Dissemination, Implementation and Health Communication). Research Project Agenda Topic Themes are also included in this funding opportunity. Applicants have the option to choose up to three Topic Themes based on how their proposed research aligns with the themes. However, aligning with a Topic Theme is not required. Topic Themes include (1) Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults and (2) Health Communication Strategies for Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccine. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### **COPIC Medical Foundation**

**(Application deadline: January 15, 2025)**

The COPIC Medical Foundation aims to improve the quality of healthcare delivery in the United States by reducing adverse outcomes and supporting innovation. Grant funding is provided for programs and initiatives that improve patient safety and quality of care through systems changes and improvements, pilot programs that are designed to reduce medical errors, and development and implementation of checklists and other tools to improve disease management and transitions in care. For 2025, the focus is on the issue of reducing fragmentation across care settings. A top concern in the field of patient safety, breakdowns in care from a fragmented healthcare system can lead to readmissions, missed diagnoses, medication errors, delayed treatment, duplicative testing and procedures, and reduction in quality of care leading to general patient and provider dissatisfaction. Nonprofit organizations with an approach or program that has demonstrated potential for uptake or replication by the healthcare community are eligible to apply. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Reimagining Land Use & Zoning for Health Equity**

**(RFA Release Date: January 8, 2025)**

Healthy Communities seeks to provide grants to organizations and communities that are actively working to reimagine land use and zoning as tools for advancing healthy, thriving, and equitable communities.

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## **Parkinson's Foundation: Community Grants**

**(Application deadline: January 31, 2024)**

The Parkinson's Foundation funds community grants that further the health, wellness and education of people with Parkinson's disease (PD) across the U.S. The Foundation funds programs that are impactful, sustainable, scalable and measurable. Programs may be new and existing grant-supported areas and/or pilot programs. All funded organizations and institutions must demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Programs for the 2025 grant cycle should be geared towards expanding or creating access for populations of focus and must incorporate at least one of the following focus areas: (1) Address the intersection of mental health and PD (2) Reach and support care partners of individuals with PD and (3) Educate and deliver exercise programs specifically designed for people with PD. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Dunkin' Connecting Joy**

**(Application Deadline: Forecasted Early 2025)**

The mission of the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation is to provide the simple joys of childhood to kids battling hunger or illness. Funding is open to entities in the U.S. within geographic proximity to a Dunkin' location. This program helps bring comprehensive gaming programs to hospitals. The program supports hospitals with equipment, staffing, connectivity, and other needs so that kids can enjoy gaming experiences at their bedside and even play with family and friends back home. Organizations can apply for a variety of support, including: a pediatric gaming technology specialist; systems and connectivity; and, virtual programming that connects pediatric and teen patients with other patients their age. The grants are structured for single- or multi-year programming, not to exceed three years. Grant amounts vary but typically range from \$25,000 to \$65,000 per year. Grants do not exceed \$150,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Foundation for Rural Service - Virtual Living Room**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Virtual Living Room is a grant program that combines rural technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) resources, and local support to provide solutions to improve healthcare access for veterans in rural areas. Communities that are located more than an hour away from a VA clinic or hospital can provide a private, comfortable location for veterans to access VA medical system telehealth and other online resources. To be eligible



to apply for funding, the community must be located more than an hour away from a VA clinic or hospital. The applicant of record must be a member of NTCA: The Rural Broadband Association. Virtual Living Room venue locations should be comfortable, private, have adequate electricity, and have broadband service provided by the NTCA member. Venue examples include a Veterans of Foreign War lodge, American Legion, library, firehouse, church, and/or community center. [LEARN MORE](#)

## CareSource Foundation

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The CareSource Foundation funds programs that improve health outcomes and conditions for low-income, underserved populations in the states CareSource serves, including Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and North Carolina. Priorities include supporting health education and promoting healthy habits; improving maternal, infant, and child health; and strengthening the capacity of a diverse health and 21st century workforce. Grant requests are reviewed on an ongoing basis, though grants of \$100,000 or more must be reviewed by the Foundation's board, which generally meets three times a year in the spring, summer, and fall.

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## CareQuest Institute for Oral Health - Advancing Equity Through Oral Health Fund

**(Concept Letter accepted on a rolling basis)**

The CareQuest Institute for Oral Health collaborates with partners in communities across the United States and its territories, connecting key stakeholders, raising awareness, and supporting solutions. The Advancing Equity Through Oral Health Fund drives oral health transformation through grantmaking that supports efforts to dismantle unjust structures and systems that drive disparities across oral health, access to care, treatment, and outcomes. Funding is structured around four funding areas that are critical to advancing health equity: (1) driving federal oral health policy; (2) strengthening community voice and state advocacy; (3) spreading learning models to the broader safety net; and, (4) supporting the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN). [LEARN MORE](#)

## The Educational Foundation of America - Reproductive Health and Justice Program

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Educational Foundation of America envisions a society in which every person has a meaningful voice in an inclusive democracy, with unrestricted access to full reproductive freedom, and lives in creative, thriving communities on a healthy, regenerative planet. This program supports state-based organizations that use civic engagement, litigation, communications, and advocacy efforts to improve access to abortion and contraception. The Foundation welcomes project and program ideas that will help increase access to abortion and contraception, with a particular focus in Appalachia, Alabama, and Florida. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Federal Grants

### HRSA Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students

**(Application Deadline: February 19, 2025)**

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program increases diversity in the health professions and nursing workforce by providing awards to eligible health professions schools for use in awarding scholarships to

students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have financial need, including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups. The SDS program aims to increase the: 1) number of graduates practicing in primary care, 2) enrollment and retention of full-time students from disadvantaged backgrounds including students who are members of racial and ethnic minority groups, and 3) number of graduates working in medically underserved communities. Eligible applicants are accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing (as defined in section 801 of the PHS Act), pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, chiropractic, allied health, a school offering a graduate program in behavioral and mental health practice, or an entity providing programs for the training of physician assistants. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **ACF Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Capacity Building Centers (CSSAC)**

**(Forecasted Deadline: May 1, 2025)**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS), Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Program seeks to award four cooperative agreements under FVPSA to establish and maintain Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Capacity Building Centers (CSSACs) that will enhance intervention and prevention efforts for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and family violence for members of racial and ethnic minority groups. The CSSACs grant recipients are part of a network of National, Special Issue, Culturally Specific, and Capacity Building Resource Centers providing leadership, training, technical assistance, resources, and support to programs and systems serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, family violence, and their children. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **DOL FY25 Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program**

**(Forecasted Deadline: June 10, 2025)**

This program aims to provide technical assistance (TA) to employers (which may include public sector entities) and labor unions in the United States and its territories to encourage employment of women in both apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations (A/NTO), specifically in the following ways: Developing (establishing, expanding, and/or enhancing) pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship, Registered Apprenticeship (as defined in Appendix B “Acronyms and Definitions”), or other nontraditional skills training programs designed to prepare women for careers in A/NTO; Providing ongoing orientations or other resources for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in A/NTO; and/or Setting up support groups, facilitating networks, and/or providing supportive services (as defined in section IV.E.3) for women in A/NTO to improve their retention. Applicants may propose to provide technical assistance to support women’s participation and success in the full range of industries in which women are historically underrepresented or where women are disproportionately concentrated in the lower-wage occupations. Such industries include, but are not limited to; advanced manufacturing, construction, energy, health care, information technology, finance, and transportation. Applicants with experience working with or as an equity intermediary are encouraged to apply, as well as applicants with a proposed focus on expanding outreach/recruitment to historically underrepresented communities, including but not limited to women of color, women with disabilities, women at or below the federal poverty line, and women who live in rural geographic areas. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **State Grants**

### **The Juvenile Justice/Title II Formula Grants Program – Subawards** **(Application Deadline: January 31, 2024)**

Organizations can apply to receive a subaward for the Title II Formula Grants Program which supports state, Tribal, and local delinquency prevention, intervention, and juvenile justice system improvements. Priority areas include: (1) Counseling, Training, and Mentoring Programs; (2) Educational Programs/Services for At-Risk Youth; (3) Positive Youth Development Programs; (4) Racial and Ethnic Disparities; and (5) Discretionary. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### **South Arts: Cultural Sustainability**

**(Application Deadline: February 5, 2025)**

Cultural Sustainability, an initiative of The Wallace Foundation in partnership with the six U.S. Regional Arts Organizations, is designed to provide general operating support and collaborative learning opportunities for arts organizations rooted in communities of color with annual operating expenses under \$500,000. We seek to fund a broad range of organizations encompassing the full scope of arts and culture disciplines and operational structures to help us understand: How do arts organizations founded by, with, and/or for communities of color define and develop their well-being and that of their communities? Organizations may request up to 30% of their annual operating budget for two consecutive fiscal years (maximum total award is up to \$150,000). [LEARN MORE](#)

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## **The Richard and Jean Coyne Family Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Richard and Jean Coyne Family Foundation was established in 1990 to increase diversity in visual communications. The Foundation currently funds programs managed by educational institutions and nonprofit trade organizations that help economically disadvantaged high school students develop portfolios to qualify for admission to art school and provide college scholarships for them to study graphic design, advertising, photography, and illustration. The average grant amount ranges from \$20,000 - \$60,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **New Breath Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

New Breath Foundation is leading the movement to fund grassroots groups that transform AANHPI (Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander) lives in the here and now while fighting for the collective liberation of all people of color. The Foundation supports organizations throughout the U.S. The Foundation provides support through the following programs: (1) We Got Us Fund - This fund was formed in response to rising anti-Asian violence and to address the need to assist frontline organizers. Supported organizations focus on fighting scapegoating; cultivating culturally relevant healing; promoting cross-racial solidarity; and, protecting communities from systemic and interpersonal violence. (2) New Breath Fund - This fund focuses on organizations doing work in the areas of hope and healing; keeping families together; and, movement building. Grantmaking is currently invitation-only, but you may submit a common proposal through [JustFund](#), where you can seek support from NBF and over 400 other funders at the same time. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The Vadon Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Vadon Foundation is dedicated to cultivating self-determination and sustainable futures for successive generations of Indigenous people and cultures. The Foundation supports organizations throughout the U.S. The Foundation supports innovative community-based initiatives that sustain healthy, thriving indigenous nations in perpetuity. The focus is on programs working to ensure that every successive generation of Indigenous people and culture will face an increasingly brighter future of healthy self-determination, autonomy, evolution, and sustainability. The Foundation's focus areas include language revitalization; missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two spirit people; innovative community leadership; and, COVID-19 food insecurity and essential needs.

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## **Zegar Family Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Established in 2007, the Zegar Family Foundation donates to worthy charitable organizations within the scope of our Mission, our Key Focus and/or Other Principal Areas of Giving in the priority order as follows. Key Focus Areas (1) Environment and Sustainability – Addressing the climate change crisis to preserve and conserve our natural biodiverse resources and sustain our world environment. (2) Justice and Human Rights – Assisting in seeking justice and protection of rights for people to whom rights are denied, including pursuing racial equality, criminal and legal systems reforms, immigration, LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights through litigation, activism and advocacy for change. (3) Arts, Culture, and Heritage – Contributing to societal enrichment through the arts, historical education, preservation of our national and global heritage and other cultural programs. Grant proposals are by invitation only. While we currently do not accept unsolicited grant proposals, we are always open to new ideas from new sources. For inquiries, please write to [info@zegarff.org](mailto:info@zegarff.org). [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation**

### **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The mission of the Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation is to provide people with the opportunity to help themselves. The Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in south Florida, western North Carolina, and the central coast of California. The Foundation's grantmaking priorities include: (1) educational institutions that support the underserved youth in a community; (2) educational programs focused on increasing environmental

awareness and working towards a more sustainable environment; (3) contributing to the education and support of those requiring special attention and those with special needs in the community; (4) environmental conservation and advocacy organizations; (5) organizations supporting people who aspire to gain knowledge in their quest to create a sustainable life for themselves and their families; and, (6) organizations providing opportunities for underserved members of the community, independent of race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, or creed. Grants average between \$50,000 - \$100,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Indian Land Tenure Foundation** **(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)**

The mission of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation is to ensure that land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management. This mission will be achieved with four strategies: (1) Education - The focus is on land history and tenure through the Lessons of Our Land curriculum, and professional development for K-12 teachers using the curriculum. (2) Economic Opportunity - The focus is on supporting effective tools and providing resources that improve Indian use and control of reservation lands for the long-term benefit of their community, including projects that help tribal communities prioritize land acquisition, understand and create opportunities for the productive use of Indian land, and develop mechanisms to expand direct owner management of their land. (3) Cultural Awareness - The focus is on supporting activities aimed at enhancing and maintaining cultural ties to the land. (4) Legal Reform - The focus is on projects designed to advance ideas and policies granting Indian landowners and tribes greater control of their land assets. Example projects might include estate planning and probate reform in tribal communities; land policy development or reform; landowner associations; engaging local, state, and federal government leaders in a dialogue about the tribe exercising its sovereignty over tribal land; and initiatives to improve the legal landscape for owning and managing Indian land. Grants typically range up to \$100,000, but occasionally larger are made. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Grove Foundation** **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Grove Foundation envisions a world in which all people have the resources, respect, and sense of belonging to live and contribute fully as themselves, in safety, and with joy. The Foundation supports national, state, and community based groups throughout the U.S. The Foundation's interests include the following: (1) Civic Engagement - The Foundation seeks to ensure a healthy democracy where everyone participates and the people leading the work are representative of the communities they serve. The Foundation engages with historically under-represented communities through organizations led by people of color, that center equity, and are community-based. (2) Black-Led Power Building - The Foundation offers funding for Black-led organizations doing advocacy work that focuses specifically on Black people, with an emphasis on civic engagement and liberation. This U.S.-based initiative focuses on the South, including the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. (3) Immigrants - The Foundation funds a broad range of legal services, policy advocacy, organizing, and coalition building to protect and advance immigrant rights. Emphasis is given to organizations with strong leadership, innovative and broad strategies, and a collaborative and coordinated approach to resources for maximum impact. The Grove Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals but welcomes exploratory meetings with organizations who share common goals. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

As a foundation, we use a variety of change-making tools – grantmaking, impact investing, networking and convening. With our support, grantees and partners work together to make measurable improvements in children's lives. Our Interconnected Priorities: 1) Thriving Children: We support a healthy start and quality learning experiences for all children. 2) Working Families: We invest in efforts to help families obtain stable, high-quality jobs. 3) Equitable Communities: We want all communities to be vibrant, engaged and equitable. Equitable communities are places of opportunity where all children and families can develop, grow and contribute – where people recognize that community well-being depends on the participation of every person. Making communities more equitable requires all of us to confront how racism and bias affects our history and present day experiences, to heal from the resulting

fractures to our relationships, and to begin reshaping the systems that hold back so many among us. By first acknowledging and understanding the root causes of inequity, communities can then come together to envision and chart a course for the transformation. Advancing racial equity and racial healing, engaging communities in solving their own problems and developing leaders capable of guiding change on this scale is essential to creating vibrant, equitable communities. These three approaches, known as our DNA, are embedded in all we do.

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## **The Commonwealth Fund**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The mission of the Commonwealth Fund is to promote a high-performing healthcare system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including people of color, people with low income, and those who are uninsured. To that end, the Fund supports independent research on healthcare issues and makes grants to improve healthcare practice and policy. The Fund's current program areas include the following: Advancing Health Equity - The goal of this program is to eliminate unequal treatment, experience, and outcomes in health and healthcare for people of color by reducing systemic racism in health care policy and practice through three focus areas: (1) promoting antiracism in healthcare delivery systems; (2) promoting antiracism in healthcare policy; and, (3) changing the mindset of healthcare leaders and professionals.

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## **FINRA Investor Education Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The mission of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation is to provide underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. The Foundation's General Grant Program supports research and educational projects, with emphasis given to projects that: (1) expand the body of knowledge or provide practical materials that will have a positive impact on investor education or protection; (2) research methods to improve disclosure to investors about investments and financial services; (3) encourage investors to check the background of financial professionals prior to doing business with them; (4) empower the nation's young people who are about to enter the workforce to better prepare for retirement and to meet other financial goals; (5) better prepare older Americans for handling their finances during retirement; (6) further financial inclusion and address systemic financial inequities based on race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and other social differences; (7) encourage women and minority populations to take control of their financial future through investor education; and, (8) advance practice, policy, and thought in the fields of investor education and protection. [LEARN](#)

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## **Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Babcock Foundation invites proposals from local, statewide, regional and national nonprofits serving the South that have track records of helping people and places move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. We look for the most promising opportunities to support power building work to advance racial equity and social and economic justice. Organizations may use funds for: General operating support; Project support; "Glue" support for networks of grassroots and partner organizations; and Organizational development. Recent grants have ranged from \$100,000 - \$200,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

# advocacy grants

## Foundation Grants

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### **RRF Foundation for Aging – Advocacy Grant** **(Letter of Intent: February 1, 2025; Application Deadline: May 5, 2025)**

RRF funds advocacy projects that focus on improving public policy for older persons. Of particular interest are projects that: (1) Advance policy issues of critical importance to older people such as economic security, caregiving, housing, etc. (2) Use clearly focused and strategic efforts to address systemic problems (3) Forge partnerships with organizations to achieve better use of resources and to share knowledge. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Arnold Ventures - Innovation Days** **(Currently Open – No Deadline Available)**

The Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice team is pleased to support Innovation Days – external convenings that bring researchers and practitioners together to “think big” about solutions to pressing criminal justice problems. The goal is to spur collaborations on proposals for submission to our open RFP on causal research in criminal justice. Goals include (1) Bridge the gap between academic researchers and practitioners from government, non-profit, and advocacy groups (2) Lay the foundation for high-impact, causal research on what works (3) Facilitate longer-term partnerships that allow research to inform policy and vice versa (4) Generate exciting, policy-relevant research proposals for AV funding. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **New Breath Foundation** **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

New Breath Foundation is leading the movement to fund grassroots groups that transform AANHPI (Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander) lives in the here and now while fighting for the collective liberation of all people of color. The Foundation supports organizations throughout the U.S. The Foundation provides support through the following programs: (1) We Got Us Fund - This fund was formed in response to rising anti-Asian violence and to address the need to assist frontline organizers. Supported organizations focus on fighting scapegoating; cultivating culturally relevant healing; promoting cross-racial solidarity; and, protecting communities from systemic and interpersonal violence. (2) New Breath Fund - This fund focuses on organizations doing work in the areas of hope and healing; keeping families together; and, movement building. Grantmaking is currently invitation-only, but you may submit a common proposal through [JustFund](#), where you can seek support from NBF and over 400 other funders at the same time. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### **The Just Trust**

#### **(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis for organizations already doing this work in NC)**

The Just Trust is dedicated to powering criminal justice reform, state-by-state and across the nation. The Trust provides grants and support to nonprofit organizations and efforts working to build a more dignified, humane, and much smaller engine of justice in the United States. The Trust's goals include the following: (1) Shrink the footprint of the system: The grounds for stop, arrest, conviction, and incarceration are broad and biased. A smaller criminal justice system means less criminalization, shorter sentences, and fewer people on supervision for less time. (2) Further alternatives to address harm: The way the U.S. has historically addressed crime and violence has lacked accountability, humanity, and creativity. The Trust supports expanding bold, community-centered models to restore relationships and hold each other accountable when there's been harm. (4) Uphold human dignity and grace: The justice system must be humane, from the moment someone comes into contact with the system to well after they come home, people deserve to be embraced as neighbors, colleagues, and citizens, especially in communities who have been most impacted by the cycles of harm the system perpetuates. (4) Center safety and prevention: Communities are defining and demanding what really creates safety and prevents crime in the first place: jobs, housing, health, and education. The Trust supports advocates that are working with their communities to find solutions that strengthen the foundations for well-being. [LEARN MORE](#)



## **MacFarlane Foundation**

**(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)**

The Roger I. and Ruth B. MacFarlane Foundation supports organizations that strive to increase the opportunities and improve the quality of life of individuals and communities. The Foundation acts as a catalyst for organizations and their programs to enhance their impact and expand their reach. Grants range up to \$150,000.

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## **The Educational Foundation of America**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Educational Foundation of America envisions a society in which every person has a meaningful voice in an inclusive democracy, with unrestricted access to full reproductive freedom, and lives in creative, thriving communities on a healthy, regenerative planet. The Foundation advances progressive change through support for creative initiatives working toward sustainability, justice, and equity. The Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and government entities working in the Appalachian region, the South, and the Pacific Northwest. Selected national organizations are also supported. The Foundation's current areas of interest include the following: Environment, Democracy, Reproductive Health and Justice, and the Arts.

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## **The Grove Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Grove Foundation envisions a world in which all people have the resources, respect, and sense of belonging to live and contribute fully as themselves, in safety, and with joy. The Foundation supports national, state, and community based groups throughout the U.S. The Foundation's interests include the following: (1) Civic Engagement - The Foundation seeks to ensure a healthy democracy where everyone participates and the people leading the work are representative of the communities they serve. The Foundation engages with historically under-represented communities through organizations led by people of color, that center equity, and are community-based. (2) Black-Led Power Building - The Foundation offers funding for Black-led organizations doing advocacy work that focuses specifically on Black people, with an emphasis on civic engagement and liberation. This U.S.-based initiative focuses on the South, including the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. (3) Immigrants - The Foundation funds a broad range of legal services, policy advocacy, organizing, and coalition building to protect and advance immigrant rights. Emphasis is given to organizations with strong leadership, innovative and broad strategies, and a collaborative and coordinated approach to resources for maximum impact. The Grove Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals but welcomes exploratory meetings with organizations who share common goals. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The mission of the Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation is to provide people with the opportunity to help themselves. The Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in south Florida, western North Carolina, and the central coast of California. The Foundation's grantmaking priorities include: (1) educational institutions that support the underserved youth in a community; (2) educational programs focused on increasing environmental awareness and working towards a more sustainable environment; (3) contributing to the education and support of those requiring special attention and those with special needs in the community; (4) environmental conservation and advocacy organizations; (5) organizations supporting people who aspire to gain knowledge in their quest to create a sustainable life for themselves and their families; and, (6) organizations providing opportunities for underserved members of the community, independent of race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, or creed. Grants average between \$50,000 - \$100,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The Oak Foundation – Human Rights**

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## **The Oak Foundation – Issues Affecting Women Program**

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We recognize that unequal power relations are created and encouraged by legal, political, economic, and cultural systems, but we also believe in their capacity to change. The Issues Affecting Women Program supports women's efforts to create this change – to build, lead, and grow strong, vibrant, and influential movements in order to achieve equity and justice. We envision a world where women have the capacity, resources, and opportunity to be safe and free, and to enjoy their human rights. We: (1) Support women-led rights-based services that address violence against women (2) Provide primarily long-term support as an act of solidarity, helping movements to achieve the lasting change needed for us all to thrive and (3) Connect organizations and movements, and resource them to learn from each other and work together, to develop knowledge and skills, and to plan, organize, and mobilize. [LEARN MORE](#)

# lgbtqia grants

## **Federal Grants**

### **NIH Improving Care and Outcomes for Cancer Survivors from Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**(Application Deadline: February 5, 2025, and June 5, 2025)**

Through this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) intends to support the rigorous assessment of barriers to quality cancer treatment and follow-up care for sexual and gender minority (SGM) cancer survivors. The NCI solicits proposals for observational and/or interventional studies of SGM survivors designed to understand barriers and/or improve care and outcomes for SGM people with cancer, using interoperable sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data collection in cancer care settings.

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### **Kettering Family Foundation**

**(Request Summary Deadline: January 31, 2025; Full Proposal Deadline: March 15, 2025)**

The Kettering Family Foundation supports a broad range of nonprofit organizations whose activities are of interest to the Foundation's board of trustees. The Foundation's primary areas of support include: arts, culture, and humanities; education; the environment; medical and health, including research; social and human services; and, public and society benefit. Types of support include: project support; general support; equipment; building funds; land and property acquisition; project planning; endowments; technical assistance; and, challenge and matching grants. Funding decisions are driven by the interests of Foundation trustees and the majority of grants are awarded to those non-profit organizations with which the family has a relationship. While the Foundation is open to receiving Request Summaries from any qualified organization, each applicant must have made contact with the Foundation prior to applying. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Trans Justice Funding Project**

**(Application Deadline: February 15, 2025)**

The Trans Justice Funding Project is a community-led funding initiative founded to support grassroots trans justice groups run by and for trans people in the U.S., including the U.S. territories. The Project provides grants to groups that organize around their experiences with racism, economic injustice, transmisogyny, ableism, immigration, incarceration, and other intersecting oppressions. The focus is on groups that meet the needs of different local communities by using organizing and/or by providing services to help bring people together. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### **American Institute of Bisexuality**

**(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The American Institute of Bisexuality encourages, supports, and assists research and education about bisexuality through programs likely to make a material difference and enhance public knowledge, awareness, and understanding about bisexuality. Grants are made throughout the U.S. Grants can range up to \$60,000.

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## **Astraea Lesbian Foundation For Justice** **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Astraea supports lesbian, trans, intersex and LGBTQI groups that promote racial, economic, and gender justice. We work with organizers that are mobilizing communities to challenge oppression and claim rights. We fund groups in the United States, primarily led by LGBTQI people of color, and groups across the globe. We strengthen LGBTQI groups by providing flexible general support grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year and provide multi-year support. We build long-term partnerships with organizations because we know that social change takes time.

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## **Foundation for a Just Society** **(Application Deadline: Rolling)**

The Foundation for a Just Society supports efforts that advance long-term, structural change and meet immediate needs that enable the women, girls, and LGBTQI people most affected by injustice to be leaders, strategists, and agents of change. We do not fund organizations that provide direct services without a vision for transformation. Our grantmaking seeks to build power and common cause among women, girls, and LGBTQI people and promote gender and racial justice. The decisions we make are guided by the leadership, values, strategies, and approaches within movements rather than a narrow understanding of single issues or quantifiable impact. We believe that solutions must be as sophisticated as the complex challenges they seek to address, and that deep and enduring transformation takes time. We prioritize multi-year, general operating support and avoid restrictions because organizations are able to work more strategically when they have the flexibility to recover from setbacks, seize opportunities, or shift tactics as needed. Our grants are made for up to three years and range in size from \$50,000-\$500,000 per year. We make grants to local, national, regional, and global organizations and networks that advance the rights of women, girls, and LGBTQI people with an emphasis on Francophone West Africa, Mesoamerica, South and Southeast Asia, and the US Southeast. [LEARN MORE](#)

# other sector grants

## **Federal Grants**

### **OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Justice for Families Program** **(Application Deadline: January 17, 2025)**

The Justice for Families Program supports activities to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving child sexual abuse. Activities should improve the capacity of courts and communities to respond to families through court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training for people who work with families in the court system; and civil legal assistance. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program** **(Application Deadline: January 28, 2025)**

The Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program (LAV) is intended to increase the availability of legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by funding comprehensive legal services projects. The legal services projects should include organizations that have a mission and history of providing direct services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Eligible applicants include

nonprofit organizations; publicly funded entities acting in a nongovernmental capacity, such as law schools; Indian Tribal governments; Indian Tribal organizations; and territorial organizations. [LEARN MORE](#)

**OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Expanding Legal Services Initiative - Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program**  
**(Application Deadline: January 28, 2025)**

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative intends to expand legal representation available to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by funding organizations with a history of providing direct services to victims of these crimes, but that do not currently offer in-house legal representation for victims. The initial ELSI award includes a planning phase during which recipients engage in ongoing training and technical assistance to set up a legal department in the organization. Continuation funds support the direct legal services provided by the legal department established during the planning phase. [LEARN MORE](#)

**NSF Civic Innovation Challenge**  
**(Application Deadline: February 10, 2025)**

The Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) is a research and action competition that accelerates the transition to practice of foundational research and emerging technologies into communities through civic-engaged research. By addressing priorities at the local scale that are relevant across the US, CIVIC is laying the foundation for a broader and more fluid exchange of research and technology capabilities and civic priorities through joint partnerships involving civic partners and the research community. CIVIC funds projects that pilot state-of-the-art solutions to community challenges over 12 months, following a six-month planning phase, and have the potential for lasting impact in the partnering community as well as the potential to be scaled and implemented in other communities. Additionally, the foundation for CIVIC projects should be rooted in maturing and transitioning state-of-the-art research in disciplines, including but not limited to computer science, engineering, geosciences, biological sciences, and social sciences. [LEARN MORE](#)

**NEA Grants for Arts Projects 1, FY 2026**  
**(Application Deadline: February 13, 2025)**

Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides project-based funding for organizations in the areas of Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Film & Media Arts, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater, and Visual Arts. Funded activities may include public engagement with the arts and arts education, the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector. Awards require a 1:1 cost share/match. We welcome applications from first-time and returning applicants; from organizations serving rural, urban, suburban, and tribal communities of all sizes; and from organizations with small, medium, or large operating budgets. Eligible applicants include: nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; and Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. [LEARN MORE](#)

**USDA Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative**  
**(Application Deadline: February 13, 2025)**

The Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) seeks to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education, and extension activities. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. The OREI is particularly interested in projects that emphasize research, education and outreach that assist farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning by delivering practical research-based information. Projects should plan to deliver applied production information to producers. Fieldwork must be done on certified organic land or on land in transition to organic certification, as appropriate to project goals and objectives. Refer to the USDA National Organic Program for organic production standards. [LEARN MORE](#)

## State Grants

### **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - STOP (Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecutors) grant program (Application Deadline: January 31, 2024)**

The primary purpose of VAWA grant program is to address violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking and includes human trafficking. The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. STOP encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement, prosecution strategies and victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. GCC encourages the applicants to develop projects that:

1. Support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking by ensuring that the stigma of reporting is no longer a barrier for victims.
2. Providing resources for training to help law enforcement better understand victims and ultimately reduce any stigma around reporting.
3. Utilize best practices and/or evidence-based interventions.

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### **VOCA Grant Program (Application Deadline: January 31, 2024)**

The primary purpose of the VOCA Grant Program is to fund direct services to crime victims and their families. The goal of VOCA Victim Assistance funding is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by funding programs and services that provide victims with the assistance, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration and healing after a criminal act. The Committee encourages programs that involve multi-disciplinary partnerships, local or regional collaborations, and evidence-based practices to meet the needs of crime victims. The Crime Victims Fund provides financial assistance that support a variety of programs, services, and activities to support and assist victims of crime. Services under this grant program are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security as appropriate to their victimization. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Juvenile Justice/Title II Formula Grants Program – Subawards (Application Deadline: January 31, 2024)**

Organizations can apply to receive a subaward for the Title II Formula Grants Program which supports state, Tribal, and local delinquency prevention, intervention, and juvenile justice system improvements. Priority areas include: (1) Counseling, Training, and Mentoring Programs; (2) Educational Programs/Services for At-Risk Youth; (3) Positive Youth Development Programs; (4) Racial and Ethnic Disparities; and (5) Discretionary. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Children's Justice Act (CJA) – Subaward (Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

Organizations can apply to receive a subaward for the Children's Justice Act (CJA) which provides grants to States to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. Grant funds should be used to implement State Task Force recommendations in the three categories. While applications for funding will be accepted for each of the three federally-required focus areas, emphasis will be placed on CJA Priority Area A for the current application cycle. CJA Priority Area A - Programs to improve the Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.

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## **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Subaward**

**(Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

Organizations can apply to receive a subaward for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program which provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, etc. Priority areas include (1) Statewide Accreditation (2) Community Outreach And Training Initiative (3) Community Mental Health Initiative and (4) State And Regional Infrastructure. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **NC Tier II Grants**

**(Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

The Tier II grants may provide Local Emergency Planning Committees with funding and more options to expand the scope of their hazardous materials emergency preparedness programs through response planning, training and related exercises to include fixed facility planning. All active LEPCs are eligible for Tier II grant funds from the hazardous materials facility fees collected during the Tier II reporting period. The grants are to be used for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training and related exercises, with some conditions and limitations. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grants (HMEP)**

**(Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grants Program provides financial and technical assistance to enhance State, Territorial, Tribal, and local hazardous materials emergency planning and training. The HMEP Grant Program distributes funds to emergency responders for hazmat training and to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) for hazmat planning. Eligible local jurisdictions and state agencies in North Carolina may apply for FY25 HMEP funding for HAZMAT training, planning & exercises, but not for HAZMAT operations.

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## **The Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG)**

**(Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

The Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) is a federal grant program from DHS/FEMA administered through the North Carolina Dept. of Public Safety (NCDPS) / North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) in the state of NC. EMPG provides states with funding to implement the National Preparedness System and work towards the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. EMPG's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas to address certain specified national and regional priority areas. At its root, EMPG provides funds to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management capabilities. North Carolina recognizes that a statewide comprehensive emergency management program begins at the local level; that is why NCEM coordinates EMPG activities through all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) across the state. All counties (and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) in North Carolina are eligible to apply for FY25 EMPG funding.

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## **The Governor's Highway Safety Program**

**(Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

The Governor's Highway Safety Program helps fund the efforts of law enforcement agencies, local governments, community organizations, schools and nonprofits to reduce traffic crashes in North Carolina. These programs are funded on a federal fiscal year basis (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30). Grant applications are accepted from Jan. 1-31, though rare exceptions may be made at other points in the GHSP grant cycle. GHSP funds grants that address the following areas of highway safety: Drunken driving; Seat belt safety; Police traffic services; Young drivers; Motorcycle safety; and Traffic record-keeping. GHSP also provides funds to address distracted driving and to make roads safer for older drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, commercial motor vehicles and school buses.

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## **Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina (Application Deadline: Rolling)**

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include: (1) Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities (2) Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements (3) Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing (4) Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment (5) Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools (6) Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment (7) Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (Application Deadline: Rolling)**

Since 1994, the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) awards matching grants to local governments for parks, public beach access, and improvements in state parks. The statewide program helps local governments reach their park and public access goals to improve the quality of life in their communities. The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) was authorized by the General Assembly (G.S. 113-44.15) to establish a matching grant program for qualified local governmental units for local parks and recreation purposes. PARTF is funded by an annual appropriation as well as revenue from personalized license plates. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Foundation Grants**

### **The Music Man Foundation: National Meredith Willson Awards (Letter Deadline: January 24, 2025)**

The Meredith Willson Awards will provide significant, multi-year, general operating support to vibrant national programs and organizations using music to achieve systemic change. The Music Man Foundation anticipates awarding grants to 3 to 8 organizations in 2025. Grants between \$100,000 – \$1,000,000 will be paid over a two-year period to support general operating expenses for national organizations and programs. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Bloomberg Philanthropies: Asphalt Art Initiative (Application Deadline: January 31, 2025)**

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Asphalt Art Initiative responds to the growing number of cities around the world embracing art as an effective and relatively low-cost strategy to activate their streets. While cities incorporate art into public spaces in a variety of ways, the focus of this initiative is what we're calling asphalt art: visual interventions on roadways (intersections and crosswalks), pedestrian spaces (plazas and sidewalks), and vertical infrastructure (utility boxes, traffic barriers, and underpasses). The Asphalt Art Initiative grant program supports projects that demonstrate the impact of asphalt art and encourages cities to develop their own processes for implementing these low-cost activations effectively. This year's grants will award up to \$100,000 for large-scale projects that will make signature streets safer and more accessible, create dynamic new public spaces, or enact other similarly transformative roadway redesigns. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Resilient and Connected Appalachians Grant Program (Application Deadline: February 7, 2025)**

The Resilient and Connected Appalachians Grant Program provides grants of up to \$100,000 for fee and easement acquisition projects throughout the Appalachians. Eligible states include Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Dance Project (NDP) Production Grants (Application Deadline: February 28, 2025)**

The National Dance Project (NDP) Production Grants are made to projects led by professional choreographers or companies to support the creation and U.S. touring and/or sharing of a new dance project. Production Grants are awarded to 20 dance projects annually through a competitive two-stage application process. Artists/choreographers and/or companies apply to receive a package of support that includes: \$45,000 for the creation of a new dance project; \$10,000 in general operating support for the artist/company; \$10,000 for production residency and/or community engagement plans; and \$35,000 to support a U.S. tour of the work.

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## **HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (FARE Fund) (Inquiry Form Deadline: March 3, 2025; Application Deadline: May 1, 2025)**

The America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (FARE Fund) will support innovative fresh food retail and food system enterprises that seek to improve access to healthy food in underserved areas of the United States through food retail. \$60 million in loans, grants, and technical assistance will be provided over five years for the predevelopment, planning, and implementation of projects aiming to increase food access, and strengthen, expand, and innovate within the food retail supply chain. Support will be provided for projects in eligible underserved geographic areas. Grants and loans are designed to be one-time investments of capital into a food retail or food enterprise project in order to address higher costs and initial barriers to entry in underserved rural and urban areas. The fund has three rounds of grant funding. The remaining two deadlines to submit an inquiry form are March 3, 2025, and August 4, 2025. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Arnold Ventures - Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System (Currently Open – No Deadline Available)**

Arnold Ventures (AV) is a nonpartisan philanthropy whose core mission is to invest in evidence-based solutions that maximize opportunity and minimize injustice. AV focuses on correcting system failures in the United States through evidence-based solutions. AVs' Criminal Justice Initiative seeks to generate new evidence to inform policies that will make communities safer and make the criminal justice system more fair and effective. This Request for Proposals (RFP) from the Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI) seeks letters of interest to conduct causal research projects of policies, practices, and interventions related to community safety and the criminal justice system.

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