

funding opportunities



 March 2025

disaster relief grants

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.

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

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Grants up to \$50,000 may be awarded to eligible organizations that (1) sustained direct facility damage, have been displaced, or require equipment replacement, facility repairs or remediation, or (2) eligible organizations whose projects and mission address: temporary housing, home repair or remediation; water quality assessments or improvements; debris removal; stream restoration; invasive species or forest management (including trail remediation); conservation stewardship; community garden or farm remediation needed for the spring 2025 planting season; or native species restoration. Priority will be given to the geographic areas of CFWNC's region most significantly affected. 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. An organization applying for a grant must be: (1) A community-based nonprofit designated by the IRS as 50c3, 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) Previously funded through any CFWNC competitive grant program or working with previously funded WNC organizations that must be named in the application. [LEARN MORE](#)

Truist Cares for Western North Carolina

(Deadline: Not Specified)

In response to Hurricane Helene's aftermath, Truist Cares for Western North Carolina was launched to help those impacted. This initiative includes \$25 million in philanthropic grants from Truist Foundation to disaster recovery partners. If you have been impacted and are interested in participating in this program, please reach out to the Truist Care Center at 844-4TRUIST (844-487-8478). You can also contact your local branch for more information. To find your local branch, check our location directory here. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Glass Foundation

(Rolling LOI; full proposals must be submitted by April 10 or December 10)

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: Second Quarter Meeting deadline is APRIL 10. [LEARN MORE](#)

Rotary Club of Asheville Disaster Grant Application

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Grants will be awarded according to need up to \$5,000. Our goal is to provide disaster recovery and support rebuilding efforts for citizens and businesses of Western North Carolina impacted by Tropical Storm Helene. Recipient organizations must be classified as a 501(c)(3) public charity, school or government agency. [LEARN MORE](#)

Western NC Hurricane Helene Small Business Grant Relief Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

This grant provides financial relief to minority and women-owned small businesses in Western North Carolina impacted by Hurricane Helene. Grant amount will be based on year over year revenue (loss) comparison between 2023 and 2024. Formula will calculate grant amount, i.e., \$5000 or \$10,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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. [LEARN MORE](#)

State Farm Good Neighbor Grants

(Invitation Only, Support Requests Submitted [Here](#))

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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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: Quarterly)

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](#)

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)

(Deadline: Not Specified – reach out to Foundation)

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](#)

AVERY, MITCHELL, AND YANCEY COUNTIES ONLY - Amy Wellness Foundation Hurricane Helene Recovery Response Grant

(Forecasted 2025)

We are currently gathering critical information to assess the ongoing needs of our communities and to guide the development of our Recovery Response Grant Funding, which will launch later in 2025. While the road to recovery is

long, the AMY Wellness Foundation remains committed to supporting our communities every step of the way. Please stay tuned for updates on Recovery Response Grant opportunities in the coming months. [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. [LEARN MORE](#)

housing grants

Federal Grants

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

Bank of America Foundation - Stable Housing and Empowering Communities
(Application Deadline: June 30, 2025)

All thriving communities start with meeting the individual basic needs of its members. That starts with ensuring certainty when it comes to shelter, food and health. As basic needs are established, individuals can focus on

development through mentoring, skill building, work experience and entrepreneurial growth. These activities enable the creation of income for both the individual, as well as those they serve and employ. Income creation and access to affordable housing allows individuals to find stability through stable housing in neighborhoods where connections are further strengthened. Stable, skilled, connected individuals contribute to the growth of empowered communities that give back to their neighborhoods, address systemic issues head on and ensure the longevity of where they call home. This is growth. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Home Depot Foundation - Veteran Housing Grants

(Application Deadline: 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. Awards typically range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Leon Levine Foundation

(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)

The Leon Levine Foundation works to create opportunities for motivated and resilient individuals. We direct funding toward organizations that help during times of unanticipated hardship and enable long-term independence. When investing in service delivery for families, the Foundation supports programs that address the needs of both parent and child, thereby improving outcomes for the entire family unit. Focus areas include: Basic needs, housing stability, economic security, and child & family welfare. [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. The minimum grant size is \$100,000 and applicant organizations must be operating with audited expenses over \$2 million.

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education grants

Federal Grants

Department of Defense (DoD) Defense University Research Instrumentation Program

(Application Deadline: April 25, 2025)

This announcement seeks proposals from universities to purchase equipment and instrumentation in support of research in areas of interest to the DoD. Typical funding per grant is \$50,000 to \$3,000,000. DURIP funds must be used for the acquisition of major equipment or instrumentation to augment current, or develop new, research capabilities to support research in the technical areas of interest to the DoD. This competition is open to accredited U.S. institutions of higher education with degree granting programs in science, mathematics, and/or engineering except for-profit educational institutions. University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs) are eligible to participate in this competition. [LEARN MORE](#)

Department of Defense Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI)

(Application Deadline: April 28, 2025)

The DoD is soliciting applications for the acquisition of equipment/instrumentation under the Fiscal Year 2025 Research and Education Program for HBCUs/MIs. The Research and Education Program is designed to enhance the research capabilities of HBCUs and MIs and to strengthen their STEM education programs. The purpose of the funding under this FOA is to (1) support the acquisition of equipment/instrumentation to augment existing capabilities or to develop new capabilities in research areas of interest to DoD, and (2) attract students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers. Individual awards will range from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. Eligibility for this competition is open only to “covered educational institutions,” which are defined as: (a) institutions of higher education eligible for assistance under Title III or Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.); or (b) accredited post-secondary minority institutions. Eligible applicants include community colleges or other two-year degree-granting institutions meeting the definition of a “covered educational institution.” [LEARN MORE](#)

NEA Humanities Initiatives

(Application Deadline: May 6, 2025)

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Education Programs is accepting applications for the five Humanities Initiatives programs. These programs strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at institutions of higher education by developing new or improving existing humanities programs, educational resources, or coursework. The Humanities Initiatives programs support activities such as: curriculum development, student enrichment, faculty development, and partnerships. The Humanities Initiatives programs are for U.S.-accredited public or 501(c)(3) private institutions of higher education. [LEARN MORE](#)

NSF Facilitating Research at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions: Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) and Research Opportunity Awards (ROA)

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) and Research Opportunity Awards (ROA) funding opportunities support research by faculty members at predominantly undergraduate institutions (PUIs). RUI proposals support PUI faculty in research that engages them in their professional field(s), builds capacity for research at their home institution, and supports the integration of research and undergraduate education. ROAs similarly support PUI

faculty research, but these awards typically allow faculty to work as visiting scientists at research-intensive organizations where they collaborate with other NSF-supported investigators. Eligible PUIs are accredited colleges and universities (including two-year community colleges) that award Associate's degrees, Bachelor's degrees, and/or Master's degrees in NSF-supported fields, but have awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D.Sci. degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years. [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

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence

(Application Deadline: May 2, 2025)

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence is open to skilled trades teachers who are current faculty members at U.S. public high schools. Eligible applicants are educators who teach skilled trades classes that emphasize the expert use of tools and materials to build, repair and maintain products and structures. Most applicants will come from the following broad fields of trades education in public high schools: Agricultural Mechanics, Carpentry, Construction, Electrical, HVAC, Manufacturing, Plumbing, Transportation mechanics and repair, and Welding. Five grand prize winners will each receive \$100,000, and 20 winners will each receive \$50,000, with awards to be shared between the winning teacher and the skilled trades program at the teacher's school. [LEARN MORE](#)

TD Bank Capacity Building Fund

(Application deadline: May 30, 2025)

TD Bank primarily funds programs aligned to one or more of the four drivers of our corporate citizenship platform: (1) Better Health, (2) Connected Communities, (3) Financial Security, and (4) Vibrant Planet. The Capacity Building Fund includes two opportunities: (1) Capacity Building Grants provide funding to help strengthen and increase the impact of organizations on the communities they serve. These grants support work around three key issues: tactics, talent and tools and (2) The Nonprofit Training Resource Fund is also available for organizations to request funding toward specific trainings that increase their employees' capacities and skill sets. Initiatives must be located in a TD Bank, N.A. metro market area. The range for Capacity Building grants is \$25,000-\$150,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Student STEM Enrichment Program

(Application deadline: June 9, 2025)

The Student STEM Enrichment Program (SSEP) supports diverse programs with a common goal: to enable primary

and secondary students to participate in creative, hands-on STEM activities for K-12 students and pursue inquiry-based exploration in BWF's home state of North Carolina. SSEP awards support career-oriented and practical programs intended to provide creative science enrichment activities for students in K-12 education who have shown exceptional skills and interest in STEM and those perceived to have high potential. After-school programs are demonstrating value in helping to close opportunity gaps for underserved and underrepresented students. These programs must enable students to participate in hands-on STEM activities and pursue inquiry-based avenues of exploration. To improve academic achievement, programs must provide a well-defined structure that aligns with the school-day curriculum, well-trained staff, and student follow-up. These awards provide up to \$60,000 per year for three years. [LEARN MORE](#)

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations – Private Higher Education

(LOI Deadline: August 28, 2025; Application Deadline: November 14, 2025)

The Private Higher Education Program Area supports colleges and universities that prioritize undergraduate education and emphasize the liberal arts. The Foundations provide grants directly to private colleges and universities as well as to consortia that support those institutions in their educational mission. Although the Foundations fund a variety of programs in higher education, grants typically support projects that improve student outcomes or enhance faculty leadership. The Foundations do not provide grants to support capital projects or endowment. Private Higher Education grants typically range from \$25,000 to \$300,000, although the Foundations will entertain larger requests. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Cannon Foundation – Higher Education

(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. The Foundation supports private colleges, community colleges serving Tier 1 or 2 counties and small public colleges across North Carolina. Projects that construct or renovate buildings or building infrastructure are considered as well as training equipment. Rural public libraries with capital needs may also apply. [LEARN MORE](#)

Charles Koch Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Charles Koch Foundation supports innovative education and the study of the institutions that enable a society of mutual benefit, where people succeed by helping others improve their lives. Through grants to universities and non-profit organizations, we connect students and scholars with the resources to explore diverse ideas and solutions that meet the challenges of our day. Our support focuses on identifying, exploring, and removing the barriers that keep individuals from realizing their unique potential. Focus areas include Future of Work: Empowering people to engage in work that leads to lives of meaning and contribution. The Foundation generally supports only Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) non-profit public charities and universities that are organized and operated within the United States. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Leon Levine Foundation

(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)

By investing in individuals from historically marginalized communities and low-income families from birth until they obtain post-secondary education, the Foundation seeks to end generational poverty. The Foundation partners with organizations utilizing evidence-based interventions to eliminate or mitigate obstacles to academic achievement. Education investment priorities reflect this mission area's intersection with the Human Services and Healthcare mission areas to promote a holistic, family-centered approach to education as an avenue to self-sufficiency. Focus areas include Ready for K, student stability supports, social capital, and post-secondary success.

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The Teagle Foundation

(Concept Paper Deadline: Rolling)

The Teagle Foundation works to support and strengthen liberal arts education, which we see as fundamental to meaningful work, effective citizenship, and a fulfilling life. Our aim is to serve as a catalyst for the improvement of teaching and learning in the arts and sciences while addressing issues of financial sustainability and accountability in higher education. Major initiatives currently include: (1) Knowledge for Freedom, (2) Cornerstone: Learning for Living; and (3) Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts. The Teagle Foundation invites proposals from two- and four-year colleges, universities, higher education consortia, and non-profit entities that share our commitment to the liberal arts and aim to pursue programs under one of our current initiatives. [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](#)

W.K. Kellogg Foundation – Good Early Care and Education

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Early childhood care and education systems play a hefty role in supporting children's learning and development, so they are ready for success in school and life. However, significant challenges and barriers disproportionately affect children of color, children from low-income families and English learners. This is why we focus on advancing equity and increasing access to culturally affirming care and learning in early childhood education, as well as school systems more broadly. [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: Higher education programs and scholarships and, on a limited basis, scholarships for post-graduate education; college access and college success programming; professional development for educators; science education programs that focus on developing career pathways in science, technology, engineering, environment and math; and programs educating the next generation of health professionals, such as nursing and mental health. The minimum grant size is \$100,000 and applicant organizations must be operating with audited expenses over \$2 million. [LEARN MORE](#)

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We fund social enterprises that directly serve or impact children or youth from urban low-income communities in the areas of education, health, and family economic stability (including livelihoods and financial inclusion). These social enterprises may be structured as for-profit or nonprofit entities. As a guideline, the foundation does not fund more than 10% of an organization's total annual operating expenses. [LEARN MORE](#)

economic opportunity grants

Federal Grants

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

North Carolina Dept of Commerce Rural Downtown Economic Development Program

(Application Deadline: April 28, 2025)

The purpose of this program is to support downtown revitalization and economic development initiatives that are intended to help local governments grow and leverage downtown districts as assets for economic growth, economic development, and prosperity. Funding availability is at the discretion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority.

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North Carolina Division of Parks & Recreation Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2025)

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. An applicant must own or have at least a 25-year signed lease or easement for the property where a PARTF facility will be located.

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North Carolina Dept of Commerce Utility Account

(Application Deadline: Pre-application due 35 days prior to next RIA meeting, occurring June 19, 2025)

The Utility Account helps local governments build the public infrastructure that can attract businesses, specifically industrial-grade utility services. To apply, counties must be ranked as one of the 80 **most distressed** under G.S. 143B-437.08. Funds may be used for construction or improvements to water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, transportation infrastructure or electrical utility lines. To be eligible for funding, the infrastructure is required to be on the building site or if not located on the site, directly related to the operation of the specific industrial activity. The site must be publicly owned and there must be a reasonable expectation that jobs will be created as a result of the project being funded. [**LEARN MORE**](#)

North Carolina Dept of Commerce Rural Building Reuse, Infrastructure, and Demolition Programs

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Rural Reuse & Development Programs (RDP) offer building reuse, infrastructure, and demolition grants in support of economic development projects that lead to job creation. Eligible applicants are units of local government located in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties, or within a rural census tract in a Tier 3 county. As prescribed in N.C.G.S. 143B-472.127(a) (2), a rural census tract is an area having a population density of less than 500 people per square mile in accordance with the most recent decennial federal census. Tier ranking information can be found here on the NC Department of Commerce website. [**LEARN MORE**](#)

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**](#)

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**](#)

Foundation Grants

TD Bank Capacity Building Fund

(Application deadline: May 30, 2025)

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The Nathan Cummings Foundation

(LOI Deadline: June 30, 2025)

The Nathan Cummings Foundation (NCF) is a multigenerational family foundation working to help create a more just, vibrant, sustainable, and democratic society by supporting social change movements, organizations, and entrepreneurs. Support is provided in the United States, including U.S. territories, with particular interest in work focused on the U.S. South. NCF is currently accepting applications for grants and program-related investments that align with the following interconnected focus areas: racial justice, including work that fosters civic engagement, addresses the racial wealth gap, and combats racism and oppression; economic justice, including work that fosters systemic economic security, increases access to capital, and combats monopoly power; and environmental justice, including work that addresses environmental harms, creates inclusive participation in the green economy, and develops regenerative economic models. NCF is offering two types of funding opportunities: grants and program-related investments (PRIs). Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 and program-related investments range from \$250,000 to \$750,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

W.K. Kellogg Foundation – Good Jobs and Employment Equity

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Children thrive when their parents thrive. Our grantmaking aims to ensure that people of color and those in low-income communities can financially sustain their families. We support strategies and innovations that offer an array of opportunities, including: (1) Fair access to high-quality, good-paying jobs; (2) Career pathways and training in high-growth industries; (3) Entrepreneurship and access to capital; (4) Benefits, worker protections and rights; (5) Efforts to tackle systemic and historic disinvestment; and (6) Building multigenerational wealth. [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. Each year, we make first time grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

FINRA Investor Education Foundation

(Project Concept Forms accepted on a rolling basis)

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.

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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.

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Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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health & wellness grants

Federal Grants

Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant Program

(Application Deadline: April 28, 2025)

The Tribal Management Grant (TMG) Program is a competitive grant program offering capacity building and developmental support for federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TOs). The TMG Program was established to help T/TOs prepare for assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services, and activities (PFSAs) and further develop and improve Tribal health management capabilities. The TMG Program provides competitive grants to federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TOs) to: (1) Establish goals and performance measures for current health programs, (2) Assess current management capacity to determine if new components are appropriate, (3) Analyze programs to determine if a T/TO's management is practicable, (4) Develop infrastructure systems to manage or organize PFSAs. [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](#)

HRSA FY 2025 Behavioral Health National Training and Technical Assistance Partner (NTTAP) Cooperative Agreement

(Forecasted Deadline: May 20, 2025)

The Behavioral Health National Training and Technical Assistance cooperative agreement will provide training and technical assistance focused on behavioral health and deliver high-impact T/TA to help health centers deliver comprehensive evidence-informed behavioral health services, address emergent public health issues and health needs as they relate to behavioral health care, improve operational effectiveness, efficiency, and quality, and reduce health disparities. 20 awards are expected to be made. [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

Sun Life Health Access Heroes Grant Program

(Application deadline: April 30, 2025)

The Sun Life Health Access Heroes Grant Program provides programmatic funding to nonprofit organizations improving health access in U.S. communities, with a focus on diabetes and oral health. Areas of interest include diabetes prevention, awareness, and education; diabetes management and care; treatment and recovery support for diabetes-related complications; obesity prevention; nutritional awareness and education; nutritional access and food insecurity; oral health equity and access; children's oral healthcare; and oral disease prevention and management. Organizations have the opportunity to select from three grant options: \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Bolick Foundation

(Application Deadline: April 30, 2025)

The Bolick Foundation offers broad support of religious, charitable, scientific, medical and educational programs with a primary emphasis on promoting the Christian faith. Grants are made for program related activities and operational needs. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Proposals are due April 30 and October 31, annually. [LEARN MORE](#)

Dunkin' Connecting Joy

(Application Deadline: May 22, 2025)

The Dunkin' Connecting Joy program helps bring comprehensive gaming programs to hospitals. This grant 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. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be a children's hospital, general hospital with dedicated pediatric department, or nonprofit organization serving children battling illness within geographic proximity to Dunkin' locations. A focus of the program is to specifically provide the experience to teens. The grants are structured for single- or multi-year programming – not to exceed three years. Grant amounts vary but typically range from \$25,000-\$65,000 per year. Grants do not exceed \$150,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

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Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards

(Application Deadline: Forecasted July 2025 (expected to be announced Spring 2025))

Launched in 2021, the Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards initiative aims to identify and fund mental healthcare solutions for children and young adults across the U.S. This program specifically addresses the lack of both private and public investment in children's mental health and offers effective ways to connect innovative ideas with capital through seed funding, networking and capacity building opportunities. The Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children's Mental Health (the "Alliance") invites U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charities to submit innovative ideas for advancing children's mental health. Five selected winners have opportunities to: Be awarded with a grant of \$100,000; Raise their profile and showcase their program; Receive consultation and training from industry professionals; and Learn from peers and build powerful connections.

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The Delta Dental Foundation – General Grants

(Application Deadlines: May 29, August 28, and November 13, 2025)

The Delta Dental Foundation (DDF) provides support to organizations in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina for programs to improve oral health. DDF's General Grants fund nonprofits, government agencies, schools, colleges, and universities for programs that promote oral health equity and align with the following core pillars: access to oral healthcare for people and communities that experience historic or systemic barriers, oral health education to improve oral hygiene habits and increase dental visits, oral health workforce development, emerging oral health issues, and advocacy for policies that improve access to care and the oral health safety net. Proposals that promote oral health equity for people with disabilities are of particular interest. [LEARN MORE](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Systems for Action: Community-Led Systems Research to Address Systemic Racism

(Application Deadline: June 4, 2025)

This 2025 call for applications (CFA) will provide funding for a new cohort of community-led pilot studies to produce new, actionable evidence about how to help medical, social, and public health systems work together to address forms of systemic racism. This CFA focuses specifically on systems alignment (SA) interventions that have the potential to dismantle or disrupt the health effects of systemic racism and to positively affect the health and wellbeing of communities that experience systemic racism. S4A prioritizes SA interventions that, if successful, can be rapidly replicated and spread to many communities and contexts across the U.S. in order to achieve broad national impact. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Duke Endowment Health Care Grant

(Application Deadline: June 15 and December 15)

The Duke Endowment believes that all people can achieve their best health when communities are designed to support healthy lifestyles and when our health care system can engage patients and provide holistic care that meets the unique needs of each individual. Improving health and reducing health disparities will require communities and the health care system to innovate. We look for opportunities to support the development and testing of new approaches that can outperform the current standard of care. These new approaches will require robust evaluation plans that can build the evidence necessary to understand what works and accelerate the systemic reforms necessary to scale and sustain best practices. Funding Priorities in health care include access to care for vulnerable populations, maternal and infant health, mental health, population health, and workforce development. Health Care funding is focused on priority organizations in the Carolinas. Examples include: Non-for-profit hospitals, Academic health centers, Area health education centers, Select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and Not-for-profit inpatient facilities. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Duke Endowment Child & Family Well-Being Grant

(Pre-Application Deadline: June 15 and December 15)

We fund implementation support for public and private child- and family-serving agencies to adopt and sustain evidence-based and evidence-informed programs shown to prevent or treat child maltreatment. Child and Family Well-Being has adopted the implementation framework developed by the National Implementation Research Network (NIRN) to sustain and scale evidence-based programs for preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. Implementation support consists of activities designed to help put defined programs into practice. Child and Family Well-Being considers applications from a variety of public and private agencies willing to use an implementation framework to adopt and sustain evidence-based programs. Individual nonprofits, provider associations, county and state public agencies are typical applicants. [LEARN MORE](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Exploring Equitable Futures

(Application Deadline: Rolling until October 15, 2025)

The purpose of this Exploring Equitable Futures call for proposals (CFP) is to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come. We aim to fund projects that: Explore the future by researching and experimenting with ideas that are ahead of the curve or at the edge of our collective imagination; Shine a light on the emerging trends and forces that are shaping our future for better or worse—and suggest ways to navigate them to mitigate harm and advance health equity; Dream big and challenge conventional wisdom to surface possibilities and uncover new paths to dismantle structural racism and build a more equitable future. We are particularly interested in projects that seed new and unconventional ideas within the Health Science Knowledge System—or that reimagine this system completely. At RWJF, we believe that the knowledge and evidence that's needed to guide better decision making, as well as policies that influence health, must include wisdom generated and shared by communities, including those that have been traditionally ignored or undervalued. With our grantees and partners, we are working to transform the way we produce, share, and use health evidence so that it is rooted in equity and justice. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Leon Levine Foundation - Healthcare
(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)

In a thriving community, there is equitable access to quality physical and mental healthcare. To this end, The Leon Levine Foundation invests in organizations that provide direct care to promote optimal health and to enrich the wellbeing of individuals and their families as they address disease and illness. Focus areas include: Direct access to care, supportive services, and care coordination & case management. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Hearst Foundation - Health
(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Hearst Foundations assist leading regional hospitals, medical centers and specialized medical institutions providing access to healthcare for high-need populations. In response to the shortage of healthcare professionals necessary to meet the country's evolving healthcare demands, the Foundations also fund programs designed to enhance skills and increase the number of practitioners and educators across roles in healthcare. The Foundations also support public health, medical research and the development of young investigators to help create a broad and enduring impact on the nation's health. Preference Will Be Given To: Professional development; programs improving access to high-quality healthcare for low-income populations, rural populations and/or veterans; programs developing and providing specialized care for the complex needs of elderly populations; programs providing behavioral and mental health care; programs scaling innovative healthcare delivery systems to provide efficient, coordinated care; and research, particularly support for early career investigators and/or efforts related to finding new cures and treatments for prevalent diseases, such as cancer. The minimum grant size is \$100,000 and applicant organizations must be operating with audited expenses over \$2 million. [LEARN MORE](#)

W.K. Kellogg Foundation – Good Health and Health Equity
(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We focus our health equity grantmaking in two priority areas: (1) Public health and health care and (2) Maternal and child health. Public health and health care: Good health is about more than medical care. Health equity means removing economic and social barriers that prevent people from experiencing optimal health, such as poverty, lack of transportation and education opportunities and environmental factors. We look for innovative initiatives that: (1) Advance systemic and policy changes; (2) Promote health care access and coverage; (3) Strengthen and build capacity in the public health infrastructure; (4) Increase coordination between sectors and communities, emphasizing a holistic approach to what impacts health; and (5) Introduce new narratives to increase understanding of health inequities and the urgency to address them. Maternal and child health: In the U.S., racial disparities in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity persist across all socioeconomic statuses – especially for Black and Indigenous families. Our grantmaking promotes peak health for birthing parents and our youngest children, prenatal through infancy. We look for initiatives that: (1) Increase the availability of culturally relevant care in close proximity to communities most impacted by disparities; (2) Promote the expansion of health coverage; (3) Address the systems that create obstacles for optimal health; (4) Strengthen the maternal-child health care workforce; and (5) Address racism within the health care system. [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](#)

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

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racial equity grants

Federal Grants

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](#)

Foundation Grants

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Sweet Justice Foundation

(Inquiry Application Form Due August 1)

It is the mission of the Sweet Justice Foundation to promote creative initiatives for social and environmental justice and women's rights. The foundation provides support primarily for programs based in New York and North Carolina, as well as those with a nationwide focus. Candidate programs must address one or more of the following: violence against women and girls, sexualized violence against children, sex trafficking, reproductive rights, gender bias, environmental justice, racial justice, and immigration. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Richard and Jean Coyne Family Foundation
(Invitation Only, Introduction via Contact Form)

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
(Invitation Only, Introduction via Email/Call)

The Vadon Foundation supports innovative community-based initiatives that sustain healthy thriving indigenous nations in perpetuity. We support 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. Recognizing that multi-generational problems require multi-generational solutions, we believe that developing and supporting visionary changemakers within native communities provides the most proven path for fostering long-term progress. 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. [LEARN MORE](#)

Zegar Family Foundation
(Invitation Only, Introduction via Contact Form)

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. [LEARN MORE](#)

Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation
(Invitation Only, Introduction via Contact Form)

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

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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 Commonwealth Fund

(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)

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

(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)

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.

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Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
(LOIs accepted on a rolling basis)

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

The Nathan Cummings Foundation
(LOI Deadline: June 30, 2025)

The Nathan Cummings Foundation (NCF) is a multigenerational family foundation working to help create a more just, vibrant, sustainable, and democratic society by supporting social change movements, organizations, and entrepreneurs. Support is provided in the United States, including U.S. territories, with particular interest in work focused on the U.S. South. NCF is currently accepting applications for grants and program-related investments that align with the following interconnected focus areas: racial justice, including work that fosters civic engagement, addresses the racial wealth gap, and combats racism and oppression; economic justice, including work that fosters systemic economic security, increases access to capital, and combats monopoly power; and environmental justice, including work that addresses environmental harms, creates inclusive participation in the green economy, and develops regenerative economic models. NCF is offering two types of funding opportunities: grants and program-related investments (PRIs). Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 and program-related investments range from \$250,000 to \$750,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

Sweet Justice Foundation
(Inquiry Application Form Due August 1)

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Ben & Jerry’s Foundation: National Grassroots Organizing Grant Program
(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We believe those most impacted by inequity and injustice are in the best position to develop solutions. Our intent is to achieve a better future for all by providing support to community-based, grassroots organizations confronting social and environmental injustice. The National Grassroots Organizing Program (NGO) offers two-year unrestricted, general operating support grants of up to \$30,000 per year, with an average grant size of \$20,000 per year, to small (budgets under \$350,000), constituent-led grassroots organizations throughout the United States and its territories. While our broad goals are to further social and environmental justice, our primary purpose is to support the local leadership and grassroots organizing activities of our grant partners rather than any specific

issues the organizations are addressing. We are interested in supporting groups that are carrying out activities that build support and collective action to address impacts of inequity and injustice in their communities.

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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](#)

Zegar Family Foundation

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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. [LEARN MORE](#)

The Educational Foundation of America

(Invitation Only, Introduction via Contact Form)

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 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: 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. [LEARN MORE](#)

Foundation Grants

The Trans Justice Funding Project

(Application Deadline: May 16, 2025 and August 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

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other sector grants

Federal Grants

NSF Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI)

(Application Deadline: January 21, 2026)

The objective of the Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI) program is to advance scientific discovery and innovation by enhancing the security and privacy of cyberinfrastructure. CICI supports efforts to develop, deploy and integrate cybersecurity that will benefit the broader scientific community by securing science data, computation, collaborations workflows, and infrastructure. CICI recognizes the unique nature of modern, complex, data-driven, distributed, rapid, and collaborative science and the breadth of infrastructure and requirements across scientific disciplines, practitioners, researchers, and projects. CICI seeks proposals in four program areas: (1) Usable and Collaborative Security for Science (UCSS), (2) Reference Scientific Security Datasets (RSSD), (3) Transition to Cyberinfrastructure Resilience (TCR), and (4) Integrity, Provenance, and Authenticity for Artificial Intelligence Ready Data (IPAAI). Eligible applicants include (1) Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs): Two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the U.S., acting on behalf of their faculty members; and (2) Non-profit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations located in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activities. [LEARN MORE](#)

NEA Grants for Arts Projects 1, FY 2026

(Application Deadline: July 10, 2025 (Grants.gov); July 22, 2025 (NEA Applicant Portal))

Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides funding for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector. 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. We fund arts projects in the following disciplines: 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. Applicant organizations must have completed at least 5 years of arts programming prior to the application deadline. Applicants may request an amount between \$10,000-\$100,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

State Grants

NC Dept of Environmental Quality 319 Grant Program

(Application Deadline: May 30, 2025)

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting proposals for Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Act-Section 319 (h) Nonpoint Source Grant Funding for projects that implement a DWR-approved watershed restoration plan to restore the quality of waters impaired by nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Funds may be used to conduct watershed restoration projects such as stormwater and agricultural best management practices and restoration of stream channels. State and local governments, interstate agencies, public and private nonprofit organizations including academic institutions, and Tribal entities, with an up-to-date U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved Tribal NPS management program plan, are eligible to apply. [LEARN MORE](#)

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

Native Arts + Cultures Foundation (NACF) SHIFT: Transformative Change and Indigenous Arts

(Application Deadline: May 15, 2025)

SHIFT provides two-year awards for Native artists, curators, and collectives to develop innovative, community-driven projects in partnership with organizations. The program's focus is to support work that uplifts Native communities, promotes self-determination, and drives transformative social change. Eligible applicants must be Native artists, collectives, or curators with experience in community-focused work. Projects should build upon community cultural assets, resilience, and strengths, addressing issues such as cultural sovereignty, intergenerational knowledge-sharing, healing and well-being, environmental justice, and systemic power structures. Applicants must partner with an organization to develop and present their project. SHIFT awards include \$100,000 in multi-year funding along with professional development, project evaluation, documentation, and marketing support. Up to five awardees will be selected. [LEARN MORE](#)

AWS Imagine Grant Program

(Application Deadline: June 2, 2025)

The AWS (Amazon Web Services) Imagine Grant program supports nonprofit organizations in the United States,

the U.K., and Ireland that are using cloud technology to accelerate their missions. Our goal is to empower nonprofit organizations to prioritize technology as a mission-critical component of their projects by providing support for organizations pursuing technology-driven goals. As part of the program, we are seeking proposals for pilot projects, proofs of concept, or existing programs that utilize technology in a new or expanded way. AWS Imagine Grant offers three distinct award categories for 501 (c) nonprofits based in the United States to receive support based on their organizational goals and the stage in their technology adoption journeys. [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. [LEARN MORE](#)