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USDA Rural Housing Preservation Grant

(Application Deadline: September 4, 2025 (pre-application))

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EDA FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Readiness and Implementation); March 2, 2026 (Industry Transformation))

Through this Disaster NOFO, EDA will award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. This Disaster NOFO provides funding through three pathways: (1) Readiness Path – Standalone non-construction projects designed to increase a community's readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources. Projects will fund strategy development, capacity building, and/or predevelopment costs necessary for future recovery projects; (2) Implementation Path – Standalone construction or non-construction projects designed to address the economic

challenges faced by a community recovering from a natural disaster and improve economic trajectories beyond pre-disaster economic conditions; and (3) Industry Transformation Path – Led by a coalition of regional stakeholders, a portfolio of large-scale, multicomponent construction and non-construction projects designed to fundamentally transform the economic trajectory of a region through the development or acceleration of an industry. \$1,447,000,000 is available.

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State Grants

DEQ State Reserve Grants – Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserve Grants

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2025)

In the Fall 2025 funding application round, applications for funding from local government units and non-profit water corporations from some western North Carolina counties for drinking water and wastewater projects to address Hurricane Helene damages will be prioritized for grant funding, per S.L. 2025-2026, Section 3.6. Grant limits are \$3 million per eligible applicant.

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NC Dept of Commerce Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling; Funding awarded on first come, first served basis)

Local governments in North Carolina located in areas impacted by Hurricane Helene can now apply for grants from the new Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program (SmBIZ). The purpose of the SmBIZ Fund is to (1) Provide financial assistance for community recovery and resilience to communities specifically impacted by Hurricane Helene, helping to bring back vital services for small businesses and entrepreneurs; (2) Restore and repair critical infrastructure, allowing small businesses to resume function and operations to support economic recovery and sustainability; and (3) Assist in restoring or expanding small businesses' ability to attract customers to business districts to help retain business, expand access, spur private investment to create stability, and leverage resources to create resiliency and economic growth. The SmBIZ program will offer grants to local governments, and the related infrastructure projects will target and support small businesses that employ 150 or fewer employees. Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifying infrastructure must serve one or more businesses within the identified project area and must have been damaged by Hurricane Helene. The infrastructure cannot be

owned by the small business, nor can it be such that the small business is responsible for maintaining it. Infrastructure may include but will not be limited to water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, high-speed broadband, electrical utility, sidewalk and curb infrastructure, and other repairs that remove barriers and restore or increase access to impacted small businesses.

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NC Dept of Commerce Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The North Carolina Department of Commerce is providing funds that local workforce development boards may use to help businesses minimize the damage of layoffs caused by Hurricane Helene. The Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund offers \$500,000 in grant funding for local workforce boards serving the Western North Carolina counties that were most impacted by the storm, helping communities retain jobs and businesses. Workforce development boards in the region may apply to DWS for funding and then may provide grants of up to \$10,000 each to eligible businesses and community-based organizations. Employers located in one of the critical business disruption counties will be eligible to apply to their local workforce board. Those counties include Ashe, Avery, Burke, Buncombe, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey. To apply, businesses must have been in operation for at least two years, be current on Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes, and be in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service. The application should demonstrate a need for layoff aversion support. To apply for the Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund, businesses should contact their [local workforce development board](#) or [NCWorks Career Center](#).

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NDN Collective Community Action Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling until October 31, 2025 (Registration Deadline October 17))

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. Annual awards are made up to \$20,000.

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CFWNC Emergency and Disaster Response Fund (EDRF) Grants

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

As CFWNC spends down the EDRF balance and the region transitions to long-term recovery, staff continues to partner with nonprofits and other organizations to fund projects. Currently, CFWNC is considering grant requests on a case-by-case basis according to the availability of funds, the severity of need in the community served, and other sources of support available to the applying organizations. Priority will be given to the geographic areas of CFWNC's region most significantly affected by Helene. An organization applying for a grant from the EDRF must be: (1) A community-based nonprofit designated by the IRS as 501(c)(3), a faith-based organization, or a public agency. (2) Serving the following counties and areas in WNC, with preference given to those also located in: Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Transylvania, and Yancey counties. (3) Previously funded through any CFWNC competitive grant program or working with previously funded WNC organizations that must be named in the application. If you meet the criteria, contact Senior Program Officer Tara Scholtz at 828-367-9913 or by email to discuss your proposal and potential next steps.

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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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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](#).

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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. SPF's Justice Fund for Disaster Relief and Renewal helps rural communities use redevelopment as an opportunity to convert a disaster into a launchpad for racial and economic equity. COVID-19 and all of the recent natural disasters that have plagued the rural South have presented continued opportunities for this type of renewal. Eligible organizations include those in need of disaster relief that are located in a rural community organization, coalition, or network in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia; governed (in majority) by leaders of the same race(s) and class as the organization's target population(s); and use grassroots organizing strategies that strive to build leadership from within the communities served in their fight for justice.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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

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HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat (IT) Program

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2025; Rolling Review)

ICDBG-IT grants must alleviate or remove imminent threats to public health or safety. Imminent threats are issues that if unresolved or not addressed will have an immediate negative impact on public health or safety. Imminent threats must be independently verified, must be of a non-recurring nature, must represent a unique and unusual circumstance, and must impact an entire service area. Eligible applicants are Tribes and Tribal organizations as described in the ICDBG regulations at 24 CFR §1003.5. The updated ICDBG-IT grant ceilings are \$750,000 for disasters that are not

Presidentially Declared Disasters (PDDs) and \$1,500,000 for PDDs. HUD will review ICDBG-IT grant applications in the order they are received (by date and time).

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HUD Jobs Plus NOFO for Fiscal Year 2025

(Application Deadline: October 27, 2025)

The Jobs Plus program provides competitive awards to public housing authorities (PHAs) to develop employment related services that will increase the economic self reliance of HUD assisted residents. Ideally, the Jobs Plus program will “saturate” the target public housing projects (AMPs) with information about employment related services and encourage sustained employment beyond the end of the program cycle. The Jobs Plus program has three core components: employment related services, financial rent incentive, and community support for work. You will be expected to work with local partners to improve the program participants' access to employment training/ skill building, financial literacy training, and direct hire job placements. Additionally, Jobs Plus is a place-based program that promotes economic self-reliance for working participants. PHA's are expected to contact 100 percent (%) of all adults (ages 18 – 64) within the first year, to inform them about the Jobs Plus program. The Jobs Plus program should include community-wide interventions that improve the program participants' ability to maximize the employment-related services that are available. You are expected to increase the program participants' confidence in engaging in the local labor market to sustain positive employment outcomes beyond the grant term. Eligible applicants are only public housing authorities (PHAs) that operate one or public housing projects (AMPs). Awards range from \$1,600,000-\$3,700,000 depending on the number of non-elderly households to be served.

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The Ivory Prize

(Application Deadline: October 31, 2025 (Online Nomination Form))

The Ivory Prize is an annual award recognizing innovative, feasible, and scalable solutions to advance housing affordability. The Prize is designed to award US-based organizations for their efforts and provide support to advance their work. Each year, the Ivory Prize solicits roughly 200 nominations. These nominations are a mix of third-party nominations, self-nominations, and nominations sourced by our team of Student Associates at the University of Utah. We welcome both self-nominations and nominations from third parties. The Prize is awarded for solutions in the following focus areas: (1) construction and design; (2) finance; and, (3) policy and regulatory reform.

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The Oak Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

Housing issues intersect with a range of social issues, including criminal justice, mental health, violence against women and girls, racism, discrimination and hate crime, migration and immigration, unemployment, and low wages. To reflect this, we are interested in funding organizations where housing issues form a part of their strategies, as well as organizations with a sole focus on housing and homelessness. Funding interest include renter rights; supply and access to affordable homes; and reduction and prevention of homelessness.

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The Leon Levine Foundation – Human Services

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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.

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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.

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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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NIH Support for Research Excellence – First Independent Research (SuRE-First) Award

(Forecasted Deadline: September 25, 2025)

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), with other NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs), intends to publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to encourage applications for investigator-initiated research at resource-limited institutions by full-time faculty who have not had any prior independent, peer-reviewed, external research grants, to furnish students with high-quality undergraduate and/or graduate research experiences, and to enhance the institutional scientific research culture. This funding opportunity announcement is open to all institutions of higher education that: award undergraduate (B.S. or B.A.) and/or graduate degrees in biomedical sciences; and have received no more than \$6 million dollars per year (total costs) from NIH

Research Project Grants (RPGs) in each of the preceding two fiscal years, calculated using NIH RePORTER, at the time of the application; and enroll at least 25% of undergraduate students supported by Pell grants based on the most recent two years of data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) database maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics.

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NSF PFE: Research Initiation in Engineering Formation

(Application Deadline: November 12, 2025)

The PFE: Research Initiation in Engineering Formation (PFE: RIEF) program has two goals: 1) Support research in the Professional Formation of Engineers (PFE), and 2) Increase the community of researchers conducting PFE research. PIs are expected to have little or no experience conducting social science or education research. PFE: RIEF is not intended for established researchers in engineering education or other social science fields to initiate new projects. Engineering faculty possess both deep technical expertise in their engineering discipline and the primary responsibility for the process of professional formation of future engineers. As such, engineering faculty are in a unique position to help address critical challenges in engineering formation. The Professional Formation of Engineers: Research Initiation in Engineering Formation (PFE: RIEF) program enables engineering faculty who are renowned for teaching, mentoring, or leading educational reform efforts on their campus to develop expertise in conducting engineering education research.

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NSF Applied Mathematics

(Application Deadline: November 17, 2025)

The Applied Mathematics program supports mathematics research motivated by and contributing to the solution of problems arising in science and engineering. Successful proposals must demonstrate mathematical innovation, as well as breadth and quality of impact on applications. Projects that additionally provide opportunities for rigorous mathematical training of junior applied mathematicians through their involvement in research are encouraged. The proposals considered by the Applied Mathematics program may range from single investigator to interdisciplinary team projects.

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NSF Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation

(Application Deadline: November 21, 2025)

The Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program invests in the Nation's colleges and universities to aid student success to create a new generation of STEM discoverers for the national STEM enterprise. The program takes a comprehensive approach to the STEM Learning Ecosystem to impact STEM student development and retention. LSAMP is an alliance-based program, whereby a group of institutions of higher education (IHEs) work together to diversify the nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce by increasing the number of STEM baccalaureate and graduate degrees awarded to persons from LSAMP populations. LSAMP populations are defined as persons from groups underrepresented in the STEM enterprise: Blacks and African-Americans, Hispanic and Latino Americans, American

Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. The LSAMP program provides funding to alliances that implement comprehensive, evidence-based, innovative, and sustained strategies that ultimately result in the graduation of well-prepared, highly competitive students from LSAMP populations who pursue graduate studies or careers in STEM, while also supporting knowledge generation, knowledge utilization, assessment of program impacts, dissemination activities and dissemination of scholarly research into the field.

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NIH Research Education Projects

(Forecasted Deadline: May 25, 2026)

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that compliment and/or enhance training opportunities to ensure a workforce that is well-prepared to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs; help recruit individuals with specific specialty or disciplinary backgrounds to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences; and foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications.

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NSF Education and Broadening Participation in Earth Sciences

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

This opportunity supports research, education and professional development initiatives that engage a wide range of audiences and enhance participation in Earth sciences, including undergraduate research, postdoctoral fellowships and early-career faculty development. This opportunity facilitates activities that engage a wide range of audiences in Earth Sciences research efforts, including: (1) Research Experiences for Undergraduates and Teachers; EAR Postdoctoral Fellowships; Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER); and Unsolicited ("ad hoc") Proposals: Creative efforts to support recruitment and retention of talented individuals in Earth sciences.

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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.

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State Grants

Dept of Public Instruction FY 2025-26 Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD)

The purpose of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) is to assist county governments in meeting their public school building needs. Schedule is to-be-determined (TBD) for the FY25-26 annual NBPSCF application. Certain NC counties are eligible based on guidelines posted July 31, 2025.

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USDA 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.

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Foundation Grants

The J.W. Couch Foundation

(Application Deadline: September 26, 2025)

You must be a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is aligned with one of our three charitable programs: preservation, education, or wellness. 2025 focus areas include Early Childhood Education, Teachers, and Get Outside. We do not have any geographic restrictions on where any nonprofit is located or operates.

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U.S. Venture/Schmidt Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: October 24, 2025)

The Foundation will consider a broad range of requests including specific program needs, capital or general operating support. Consideration is given to needs that fulfill the Foundation's mission within the following impact areas: Education, Jobs & Economy, Family Support & Social Connectedness, Physical Health, Psychological Health & Addiction, and Human Services. The USV/SFF only reviews grant applications with documented support (email, letters of support, board membership, donor or volunteer activity) from a U.S. Venture team member or shareholder.

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Russell Sage Foundation – Core Research Grants

(Application Deadline: October 29, 2025 (LOI))

RSF will accept letters of inquiry (LOIs) under the core programs for Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context and Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration. The foundation will also accept LOIs under its special initiatives on Immigration and Immigrant Integration and Implications of the 2023 Supreme Court Decision to Ban Race-Conscious Admissions at Colleges and Universities for Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility. LOIs must include specific information about the proposed data and research design. All applicants (both PIs and Co-PIs) must have a doctorate.

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Brady Education Foundation

(Application Deadline: October 30, 2025 (LOI))

The Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals. The Foundation is particularly focused on supporting projects that are consistent with a strength-based perspective and have the potential to inform future educational research, practice, major philanthropic giving, and/or public policy. Research Projects: The Foundation supports research projects that have the potential to inform how to improve educational outcomes for children from birth through age 18. The Foundation is particularly focused on supporting research that is consistent with a strength-based perspective and has the potential to inform future educational research, practice, major philanthropic giving, and/or public policy. Existing Program Evaluations: The Foundation supports the evaluation of programs that are feasible and sustainable (i.e., can work and be maintained in the real world of educational settings and systems), accessible (i.e., are available to and attainable by the families that need them), and strength-based (i.e., recognize the strengths that children and families bring to the learning environment that can be capitalized upon to promote strong academic outcomes). The Foundation also supports cost-benefit analyses of existing programs whose goals are to promote improved educational outcomes.

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Alpha Phi Foundation - Heart to Heart Grant

(Application Deadline: October 31, 2025)

This Alpha Phi Foundation supports initiatives that advance women's heart health through clinical research and community-focused programs. All proposals must focus on education or care for women. Clinical: projects that are traditional bench/clinical research. These projects may be from hospitals, universities/schools, or research programs. The Heart to Heart Clinical Grant is \$100,000.

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Panera Bread Foundation

(Forecasted Deadline: October 2025)

We award grants to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations who are supporting underserved, at-risk and historically underrepresented children and youth. Our grant partners are funded to start a new program or to expand and continue an existing program. Programs are focused on college readiness, skills building, post-secondary planning, workforce or leadership development, or mentoring.

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The Kettering Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: January 31, 2026 (Request Summary))

The Foundation supports a broad range of charitable activities of interest to the Board of Trustees, which is composed of members of the Kettering Family. Funding decisions are driven by the interests of Foundation trustees and the majority of grants are awarded to those non-profit organizations with which the family has a relationship. While the Foundation is open to receiving Request Summaries from any qualified organization, each applicant must have made contact with the Foundation prior to applying. The Kettering Family Foundation (KFF) will consider activities in the following categories: Arts, Culture and Humanities; Education; Environment; Health/Medical; and Human Services/Public & Society Benefit.

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School-Based Healthcare Solutions Network: Principal Student Support Services Grant

(Application Deadline: Quarterly)

Grant funds must be used to expand access to mental health support services for students with a documented history of chronic absenteeism, behavioral challenges, or declining academic performance. The grantor will manage the recruitment, placement, and training of a fully funded mental health professional for each school campus at no cost to the school. All compensation, including salary and associated costs, will be covered by the grant, up to \$85,000 annually. Additionally, Qualifying schools are eligible to receive a discretionary grant of up to \$5,000 per year, awarded in renewable five-year cycles, for a total of up to \$25,000 over five years. The school must serve at least 500 students in grades 6-12 and at least 70% of students must be eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL). Eligible applicants include: Local Education Agencies (LEA), Charter School Management Companies, Charter Schools, Public Schools, and Private Schools (Faith-Based and Non-Faith-Based).

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Mebane Foundation

(Application Deadline: Bi-Annually (Phone Interview First))

The Mebane Charitable Foundation promotes early childhood literacy programs in North Carolina. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that work to ensure that all children read at or above grade level by the end of the 3rd grade, and promotes collaborations and partnerships

among educational professionals both public and private, business leaders, elected officials, and the community at large. Types of support include general operating and project support. The Foundation is especially interested in proposals that contain a challenge match component. Collaborations are encouraged.

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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.

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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.

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The Leon Levine Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Concept Paper))

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.

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Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Inquiry 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 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.

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The PNC Foundation Grow Up Great Grants

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Interest Email))

The PNC Foundation supports educational programs for children and youth, particularly early childhood education initiatives that meet the criteria established through PNC Grow Up Great. Specifically, PNC Grow Up Great grants must: (1) Support early education initiatives that benefit children from birth to age five; (2) Serve a majority of children (>51%) from low- to moderate-income families; (3) Adhere to all other standard PNC Foundation guidelines, as outlined on the PNC Foundation website, applicant eligibility quiz, as well as the Foundation policies and procedures; (4) Include one or a combination of the following: (a) direct services/programs for children in their classroom or community; (b) professional development/workforce development for early childhood educators; (c) family and/or community engagement in children's early learning. Entities in specific North Carolina counties are eligible to apply. See the PNC website for a list of eligible counties.

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W.K. Kellogg Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

Children can thrive when surrounded by an ecosystem of support that makes it easy to access quality education, health care, and food. Children thrive when parents thrive, so their ecosystem must also include equitable job opportunities and career pathways. Finally, the ability to face the

future with confidence, assured of equitable opportunities, rounds out the ecosystem. Education, health, food and workforce systems are intertwined with community efforts toward racial equity and racial healing in serving what children need to thrive. We aim to support holistic solutions across these integrated systems.

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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.

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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.

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economic opportunity grants

Federal Grants

ARC Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative

(Application Deadline: September 12, 2025 (Letter of Intent); October 22, 2025 (Full Application))

ARC's POWER Initiative offers federal grant funding for projects that help Appalachian communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations and coal-related supply chain industries. It is the policy of the United States that coal is essential to our national and economic security. This presents an opportunity to support the expansion of coal technology, including technologies that utilize coal and coal byproducts such as building materials, battery materials, carbon fiber, synthetic graphite, and printing materials.

Appalachian coal has qualities that, coupled with its logistical advantages due to its proximity to export ports, underscore its potential in international markets and role in domestic prosperity. In FY 2025, ARC is making available up to \$65 million in federal funding for the POWER Initiative. Applicants can request up to \$2 million for implementation projects (or up to \$2.5 million for broadband implementation projects) or \$100,000 for planning projects.

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NSF Translation to Practice

(Application Deadline: September 16, 2025 (NSF TTP-T and TT-P); Rolling (NSF TTP-E))

The U.S. NSF Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (NSF TIP) partners across sectors to advance three primary focus areas – accelerating technology translation and development, fostering regional innovation and economic growth, and preparing the American workforce for future high-wage jobs in STEM fields. The translation of research to practice ensures that the insights and innovations developed through scientific study and experimentation have tangible, positive impacts for the Nation. These impacts include improving the quality of life, promoting economic and job growth, ensuring national security, and maintaining global competitiveness. Indeed, scientific and engineering breakthroughs have the potential to address critical societal challenges in industries such as aerospace, agriculture, communications, education, energy, healthcare, national security, and transportation – but the translation of discoveries and innovations from the laboratory to society often takes many forms including non-linear pathways. There are three tracks: NSF TTP-Explore (NSF TTP-E) is a pilot track that is likely to be the first step for researchers seeking to translate their basic research to practice. NSF TTP-Translate (NSF TTP-T) starts with use-inspired research and initial translational activities and further matures the idea(s), iterates and improves the solution(s), and lowers the barrier(s) to effective translation of research from lab to practice. NSF TTP-Partner (NSF TTP-P) supports translational efforts that demand one or more partnerships for technology development and deployment.

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EPA FY26 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

(Application Deadline: September 26, 2025)

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Brownfields Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed, and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. Brownfields Job Training Grants fund training programs that provide program graduates with the skills and opportunity to seek and obtain environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. Brownfields Job Training Grants help residents take advantage of jobs across a spectrum of brownfield-related activities, including the assessment, cleanup, remediation, and planning/site preparation for the revitalization of brownfields. This can involve the assessment and cleanup of solid and hazardous waste; chemical risk management; stormwater management relating to site cleanup; planning and site preparation for low-impact development activities; site preparation for green infrastructure installation; and vulnerability assessment and contamination mitigation planning. 20 awards are expected, and applicants may apply for up to \$500,000.

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HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat (IT) Program

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2025; Rolling Review)

ICDBG-IT grants must alleviate or remove imminent threats to public health or safety. Imminent threats are issues that if unresolved or not addressed will have an immediate negative impact on public health or safety. Imminent threats must be independently verified, must be of a non-recurring nature, must represent a unique and unusual circumstance, and must impact an entire service area. Eligible applicants are Tribes and Tribal organizations as described in the ICDBG regulations at 24 CFR §1003.5. The updated ICDBG-IT grant ceilings are \$750,000 for disasters that are not Presidentially Declared Disasters (PDDs) and \$1,500,000 for PDDs. HUD will review ICDBG-IT grant applications in the order they are received (by date and time).

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DOT Innovative Finance and Asset Concession (IFAC) Grant Program

(Application Deadline: October 1, 2025)

The objective of the Program is to facilitate and evaluate public-private partnerships in which the private sector partner could assume a greater role in project planning, development, financing, construction, maintenance, and operation, including by assisting eligible entities in entering into Asset Concessions. A significant focus of the IFAC is to identify Existing Assets that have the potential to provide additional public benefits through asset concessions. Under the Program, Eligible Entities can procure Advisors, hire employees into a public agency, or both to administer Proposed Activities. The Program has two types of grants—(1) Technical Assistance and (2) Expert Services—each with specific uses and conditions that support the overall IFAC objective. Technical Assistance Grants (23 U.S.C. § 611(d)(1)) will provide funding for Eligible Entities to build organizational capacity and perform programmatic grant activities either by procuring Advisors, hiring employees into a public agency, or both. Expert Services Grants (23 U.S.C. § 611(d)(2)) will provide funding for Eligible Entities to procure Advisors to explore leveraging public and private funding in connection with the development of a specific Existing Asset. Eligible applicants for the Program are States; Tribal governments; units of local government; agencies or instrumentalities of a State, Tribal government, or unit of local government, or special purpose districts or public authorities.

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DOT Rural and Tribal Assistance (RTA) Pilot Program

(Application Deadline: October 8, 2025; grants awarded on first-come, first-served basis)

The RTA Program aims to help applicants develop transportation infrastructure projects in rural and tribal communities that will be reasonably expected to be eligible for federal funding and financing programs for additional development phase activities or construction. Grant recipients may hire staff or procure the services of expert firms to develop their projects. Applicants for the program must be one of the following: (1) A unit of local government or political subdivision that is located outside of an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000 residents, as determined by the Bureau of the Census. Examples of local governments and political subdivisions include the following: County; Borough; Municipality; City; Town; Township; Parish (under the state of Louisiana); Local public authority, including any public housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937; Special district; School district; Council of governments, whether or not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law; or Any other agency or instrumentality of a

multi-, regional, or intra-State or local government; (2) A state, territory, or possession of the United States seeking to advance a project in a location outside of an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000 residents as determined by the Bureau of the Census; or (3) A federally recognized Indian Tribe.

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HUD Jobs Plus NOFO for Fiscal Year 2025

(Application Deadline: October 27, 2025)

The Jobs Plus program provides competitive awards to public housing authorities (PHAs) to develop employment related services that will increase the economic self reliance of HUD assisted residents. Ideally, the Jobs Plus program will “saturate” the target public housing projects (AMPs) with information about employment related services and encourage sustained employment beyond the end of the program cycle. The Jobs Plus program has three core components: employment related services, financial rent incentive, and community support for work. You will be expected to work with local partners to improve the program participants' access to employment training/ skill building, financial literacy training, and direct hire job placements. Additionally, Jobs Plus is a place-based program that promotes economic self-reliance for working participants. PHA's are expected to contact 100 percent (%) of all adults (ages 18 – 64) within the first year, to inform them about the Jobs Plus program. The Jobs Plus program should include community-wide interventions that improve the program participants' ability to maximize the employment-related services that are available. You are expected to increase the program participants' confidence in engaging in the local labor market to sustain positive employment outcomes beyond the grant term. Eligible applicants are only public housing authorities (PHAs) that operate one or public housing projects (AMPs). Awards range from \$1,600,000-\$3,700,000 depending on the number of non-elderly households to be served.

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EDA FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental *(Application Deadline: Rolling (Readiness and Implementation); March 2, 2026 (Industry Transformation))*

Through this Disaster NOFO, EDA will award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. This Disaster NOFO provides funding through three pathways: (1) Readiness Path – Standalone non-construction projects designed to increase a community's readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources. Projects will fund strategy development, capacity building, and/or predevelopment costs necessary for future recovery projects; (2) Implementation Path – Standalone construction or non-construction projects designed to address the economic challenges faced by a community recovering from a natural disaster and improve economic trajectories beyond pre-disaster economic conditions; and (3) Industry Transformation Path – Led by a coalition of regional stakeholders, a portfolio of large-scale, multicomponent construction and non-construction projects designed to fundamentally transform the economic trajectory of a region through the development or acceleration of an industry. \$1,447,000,000 is available.

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DOL Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

(Forecasted Deadline: March 17, 2026)

The intent of Home Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), an employment-focused competitive grant program, is to support America's veterans in achieving their full employment potential and securing high-quality career outcomes for veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. To address the diverse needs of veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness, DOL/VETS requires grant recipients to provide a comprehensive range of client-centered services within a case management framework. The HVRP approach emphasizes securing high-quality career outcomes by providing veterans with necessary job training and employment services to facilitate successful re-entry into the labor market. Grant recipients must implement strategies that account for the complex employment barriers faced by this population, either through direct service provision or by developing a robust referral system to leverage existing tools, resources, and partnerships. These efforts should aim to identify, recruit, prepare, and support veterans for employment success. Through one of these methods, grant recipients will provide job placement, job training, job development, career counseling, and employment preparation services, among other services, to assist with obtaining meaningful and sustainable employment.

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NC Division of Parks & Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

(Application Deadline: November 3, 2025)

LWCF provides up to dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for the acquisition, development, or a combination of both. Local governments may also apply for funding to renovate existing LWCF parks. A local government can request a maximum of \$500,000 with each application. North Carolina counties and incorporated municipalities are eligible for LWCF grants. Federally recognized Native American tribes are also eligible. LWCF grants can be used for acquisition, development, renovation, and combination projects for outdoor public recreation. A project must be located on a single site that is owned by the applicant. Property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance must be used for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

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NC Dept of Commerce Rural Downtown Economic Development Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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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NC Dept of Commerce Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Local governments in North Carolina located in areas impacted by Hurricane Helene can now apply for grants from the new Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program (SmbIZ). The purpose of the SmbIZ Fund is to (1) Provide financial assistance for community recovery and resilience to communities specifically impacted by Hurricane Helene, helping to bring back vital services for

small businesses and entrepreneurs; (2) Restore and repair critical infrastructure, allowing small businesses to resume function and operations to support economic recovery and sustainability; and (3) Assist in restoring or expanding small businesses' ability to attract customers to business districts to help retain business, expand access, spur private investment to create stability, and leverage resources to create resiliency and economic growth. The SmBIZ program will offer grants to local governments, and the related infrastructure projects will target and support small businesses that employ 150 or fewer employees. Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifying infrastructure must serve one or more businesses within the identified project area and must have been damaged by Hurricane Helene. The infrastructure cannot be owned by the small business, nor can it be such that the small business is responsible for maintaining it. Infrastructure may include but will not be limited to water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, high-speed broadband, electrical utility, sidewalk and curb infrastructure, and other repairs that remove barriers and restore or increase access to impacted small businesses.

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NC Dept of Commerce Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The North Carolina Department of Commerce is providing funds that local workforce development boards may use to help businesses minimize the damage of layoffs caused by Hurricane Helene. The Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund offers \$500,000 in grant funding for local workforce boards serving the Western North Carolina counties that were most impacted by the storm, helping communities retain jobs and businesses. Workforce development boards in the region may apply to DWS for funding and then may provide grants of up to \$10,000 each to eligible businesses and community-based organizations. Employers located in one of the critical business disruption counties will be eligible to apply to their local workforce board. Those counties include Ashe, Avery, Burke, Buncombe, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey. To apply, businesses must have been in operation for at least two years, be current on Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes, and be in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service. The application should demonstrate a need for layoff aversion support. To apply for the Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund, businesses should contact their local workforce development board or NCWorks Career Center.

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USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina (Via State Office)

(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

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USDA SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households in North Carolina (Via State Office)

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Eligible applicants include: Most state and local governmental entities, Nonprofits, and Federally recognized tribes. Eligible areas must (1) be rural with a population of 2,500 or less and (2) have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income based on latest Census data. Funds be used to pay predevelopment planning costs, including: Feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects, Preliminary design and engineering analysis, and Technical assistance for the development of an application for financial assistance.

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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.

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The One North Carolina Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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

gas or electric utility distribution lines or associated equipment for new or proposed buildings to be used for manufacturing and industrial operations.

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U.S. Venture/Schmidt Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: October 24, 2025)

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Nasdaq Philanthropic Foundation, Inc, Quarterly Grant Program

(Application Deadline: October 24, 2025)

Driven by Nasdaq's Purpose to advance economic progress for all, the Nasdaq Foundation works with organizations that promote and support under-resourced communities by reimagining investor engagement and equipping communities with the financial knowledge needed to share in the wealth that markets create. Nasdaq seeks to: (1) Empower organizations that equip under-resourced communities with the financial knowledge and confidence they need to share in the wealth that markets can create. Grants will be given in this area to organizations and programs which deliver impact in one or more of the following ways: Enhancing financial literacy among under-resourced communities, with an element of teaching participants how to invest in the capital markets; Improving access to knowledge and tools for investing and wealth creation among under-resourced communities. The Nasdaq Foundation generally does not fund financial literacy projects which focus exclusively on K-12 education. Nasdaq also seeks to: (2) Support entrepreneurs from under-resourced communities with the resources to strengthen and scale those businesses and contribute to the prosperity of society. Grants will be given in this area to organizations and programs that deliver impact in one or more of the following ways: Equipping under-resourced founders with mentoring and resources; Improving access to capital for under-resourced founders.

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NBA Foundation

(Application Deadline: November 14, 2025)

The NBA Foundation seeks to drive economic opportunity for under-resourced youth, ages 14-24, by funding programs that generate successful transitions from school to meaningful employment with priority being given to organizations operating in NBA team markets. The NBA Foundation will accomplish its mission by investing in programs and partnerships with and making grants to local and national organizations that promote school-to-career employment opportunities, including job readiness, skill training, job placement, and career advancement. The NBA Foundation is proud to

partner with nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving under-resourced youth across the United States and Canada.

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Truist Foundation

(Application Deadline: November 30, 2025)

We support our communities by investing in innovative nonprofits that align with our key areas of focus: building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses. Building career pathways goals include: Enable and equip frontline workers and unemployed adults, including diverse workers, with the tools and resources they need to move into middle-skill jobs that provide economic mobility and more pathways for people to thrive. Strengthening small businesses goals include: Strengthen the supports that allow diverse small businesses to become more financially sustainable and resilient by eliminating barriers to growth, and improving knowledge sharing, collaboration and innovation within the small business ecosystem. We support needs that are sustainable and don't commit funds to recurring expenditures. Examples include funding for a new program launch, a curriculum to expand or strengthen a program, equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs.

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American Heart Association - The Social Impact Funds

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We're looking for organizations that are translating evidence-based science research and clinical know-how into solutions that address health care access and quality, food security, economic empowerment or a combination of these three social drivers of health. For-profit and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding from the Social Impact Funds. For geographic-specific opportunities, applicants must be local to the community. The fund provides grants to nonprofits and for-profits up to \$250,000 and loans of up to \$500,000.

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The Smart Family Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Project Pitch))

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.

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FINRA Investor Education Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Project Concept Form))

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 (Stage 1 Application))

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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Wells Fargo Community Giving Programs

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Wells Fargo is committed to helping communities thrive, with financially resilient families, vibrant small businesses and affordable places to call home. Our grantmaking focuses on opportunities that align with our strategic funding priorities: financial mobility, housing access and affordability, and small business growth. Nonprofit organizations that are interested in being considered for an invitation to apply for a Wells Fargo grant may submit a grant interest form.

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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.

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Federal Grants

OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Addressing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking at HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs Initiative

(Application Deadline: September 9, 2025)

The Addressing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking at HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs Initiative (Campus Set Aside Initiative) uses set aside funding (34 U.S.C. § 20125) from the OVW Campus Program to support Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in strengthening their institutional response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Campus Set Aside Initiative will support activities focused on building the capacity of HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs to develop and implement strategies to prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that meets the needs of its students, including effective response protocols and prevention programming. 25 awards are expected ranging from \$450,000-\$500,000.

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HRSA Service Area Competition

(Application Deadline: September 22, 2025)

The FY 2026 Health Center Program Service Area Competition (SAC) improves the health of underserved communities and populations by providing grants to support the delivery of comprehensive, high-quality primary health care in the United States and its territories. In alignment with the President's Make American Healthy Again (MAHA) priorities, this funding opportunity supports health centers, which are trusted resources in their communities, to prevent and manage chronic illness and disease in rural and urban communities across the United States. This includes: (1) Support for services integral to the prevention and management of chronic conditions in both children, adults, and older adults, (2) Cancer screening, (3) Health and nutrition education, (4) Mental health services, and (5) Patient support services such as services to support patients' access to healthy foods and other resources that can address barriers to health and wellbeing. Health Center Program awardees provide all services on a sliding fee scale and regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Competing continuation, competing supplement, and new awards will be made under this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). For each SAC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), service areas available for competition are announced in the [Service Area Announcement Table \(SAAT\)](#). There are several opportunities on Grants.gov, and you must apply under the correct opportunity listed in the SAAT for your service area.

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OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

(Application Deadline: September 23, 2025 (Grants.gov); September 25, 2025 (JustGrants))

The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) provides funding to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofit Tribal organizations for the operation of sexual assault programs or

projects in Indian Tribal lands and Alaska Native villages to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault. 13 awards are anticipated ranging up to \$600,000 over a 36-month performance period.

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IHS Dental Preventive Clinical Support

(Forecasted Deadline: September 25, 2025)

The purpose of the Dental Preventive and Clinical Support Center Program is to combine existing resources and infrastructure with IHS Headquarters, IHS Area resources, and dental support centers to address broad challenges and opportunities in the dental field. Through collaborative efforts with the IHS Division of Oral Health (DOH), the dental support centers will address two priority goals: (1) Supporting, guiding, training, and enhancing IHS/Tribal/Urban (I/T/U) dental programs within their Area(s) and (2) Ensuring that the services of the support centers and the I/T/U/ dental programs result in documented and measurable improvements or outcomes in the oral health of the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) patients served. The primary function of a support center is not to provide clinical care but rather to support clinical care by promoting oral health initiatives, training, supporting oral health screenings, and providing materials. Projects will focus on support for dental programs in a specific region or Area, rather than focusing on one locale or on clinical or preventive care alone. Well-designed support centers will improve and document oral health outcomes for communities, by promoting IHS DOH oral health initiatives to oral health programs.

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NIH Advancing Healthcare for Older Adults from Populations that Experience Health Disparities (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)

(Application Deadline: October 5, 2025)

The overarching aim of this NOFO is to identify and understand best practices to engage older adults and their caregivers in providing appropriate care that is central to the attainment of optimal physical and mental health and wellbeing of older adults and the reduction of health disparities in this population. Projects should focus on one or more NIH-designated health disparity populations. Applications proposing approaches which consider multi-level determinants of health (e.g., patient, clinician, health care system, community) to address health disparities while optimizing the health and well-being of older adults from populations that experience health disparities are encouraged. This initiative will support research in outpatient, inpatient, institutional-based long term care settings, home-based care, and emergency care facilities serving older adults. In addition, research that involves a partnership with relevant agencies (such as area agencies on aging, state units on aging, senior services, advocacy organizations for older adults, faith-based services) that offer home and community-based services for the older adult such as home-delivered meals, case management, companionship programs, are welcome. This initiative is not solely focused on clinical health outcomes. Research on intermediary measures of non-clinical outcomes (e.g., trust, self-efficacy, self-autonomy, empowerment, safety, and resilience) are of interest.

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IHS Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program

(Application Deadline: November 13, 2025)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Injury Prevention Program (IPP) provides funding for Tribes to develop their capacity and infrastructure in injury and violence prevention. The goal is to address the disparity in injury rates among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people. This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) has two separate, competitive parts. You can only apply for one of the two parts. Part I: Funding to hire a full-time injury prevention coordinator to implement an injury prevention program within their community or service area. Part I recipients must have a 2,500 minimum IHS user population. Part I awards are up to \$150,000 and approximately 15 awards are expected. Part II: Funding to develop injury prevention projects or innovative strategies. Part II awards are up to \$40,000, and 12 awards are expected.

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NIMHD Forecast to Publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement for Addressing Determinants of Health Disparities Among Rural Populations

(Forecasted Deadline: November 26, 2025)

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) intends to publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support intervention and etiologic studies in rural communities to address factors that increase, reduce, or prevent disparities in health outcomes among rural populations. Areas of research interest that may be addressed include but are not limited to: Studies that utilize the life course continuum to address health disparities in rural populations considering risk factors that differentially impact health; Development, adaptation, and/or implementation of community-engaged interventions that improve quality of life, well-being, and health outcomes in rural populations; Adaptation of technologies (e.g., virtual care, remote monitoring) to address access to healthcare resources in rural areas; Health service and care models that focus on ways to improve rural health and meet related needs through local community collaborations such as with churches, schools, libraries, and grocery stores; Studies that investigate health-related resilience or protective factors as well as strategies to promote health; Studies that examine the integration of health care systems and community services to address rural health disparities; Implementation studies to advance the reach, effectiveness, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions in rural communities. 10 awards are expected.

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CDC Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01)

(Forecasted Deadline: December 1, 2025)

This initiative is intended to support effectiveness research to evaluate innovative programs, practices, or policies to address risk for interpersonal violence and suicide among groups experiencing a high burden of these issues. Innovative approaches are those that have not been rigorously evaluated for effectiveness in reducing interpersonal violence or suicide. Analyses examining how the approach affects different populations that are most impacted by these issues are a priority. Funds are available to conduct studies focused on preventing interpersonal violence or suicide involving youth or young adults (ages 10–24 years), including child abuse and neglect, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, suicide, and youth violence.

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NIH Institutional Biomedical Undergraduate Research Training Program

(Forecasted Deadline: January 25, 2026)

The overall goal of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) program is to help ensure that a pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. In alignment with the goal of the NRSA program, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Institutional Biomedical Undergraduate Research Training Program will provide funding to institutions of higher education to strengthen research training environments and develop a pool of well-trained undergraduate students who transition into and complete biomedical, research-focused higher degree programs (such as Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.). Trainees will receive full-time support for 2–3 years of undergraduate biomedical research training. To enhance capacity for rigorous research training, the NOFO will support programs at organizations with modest levels of NIH research project grant funding, including both baccalaureate degree granting institutions, and partnerships between baccalaureate degree and associate-degree granting institutions (community colleges). The proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the nation.

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CDC Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program – NEW (Year 1)

(Forecasted Deadline: April 14, 2026)

The purpose of the DFC Support Program is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent youth substance use. By statute, the DFC Support Program has two goals: (1) Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth (individuals 18 years of age and younger) and (2) Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. Eligible applicants are community-based coalitions addressing youth substance use that have not yet previously received a DFC grant.

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NIH Strategies to Improve Health Outcomes and Reduce Health Disparities in Rural Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD)

This funding opportunity will support research that seeks to develop, adapt, and/or evaluate social determinants of health (SDOH) interventions, or test strategies for the implementation of SDOH interventions already shown to be effective in rural populations. Research must address SDOH in the development, adaptation, implementation, or evaluation of interventions. Interventions or implementation strategies seeking to either mitigate or eliminate the impacts of adverse SDOH and/or bolster positive SDOH are of interest. Successful, evidence-based interventions may be adapted to specific rural communities and tested for acceptability and efficacy or effectiveness. Pragmatic and implementation studies are welcome, including hybrid effectiveness/implementation studies of adapted interventions or intervention bundles. Studies that include the evaluation of the impact of an event or policy (e.g., closing of local hospital, opening of a new employment center, change in internet access, new school consolidation) are welcome. Applications that are responsive to this NOFO will include an organizational-, community-, or population-level SDOH

intervention. In addition, individual- or interpersonal-level interventions can be included in a multi-level intervention or intervention bundle.

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USDA 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.

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Aura Cacia Positive Change Grant

(Application Deadline: September 12, 2025)

Aura Cacia's mission is to provide meaningful financial support to organizations committed to helping women and girls facing difficult life situations make transformational improvements in their lives. Programs supported through the Positive Change Project, are those that help women and girls through one or more of the following measures: enable disadvantaged women and girls become more stable and self-sufficient, employ strategies to help them live healthfully and purposefully, reinforce positive self-image, self-respect and self-confidence in women and girls, or creates opportunities for women to drive curriculum or programming that can be applied to program development and mentoring other women. Organizations must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, have an operating budget between \$2 million and \$8 million, and not be primarily a religiously affiliated organization.

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William T. Grant Foundation – Institutional Challenge Grant

(Application Deadline: September 15, 2025)

The Institutional Challenge Grant supports university-based research institutes, schools, and centers in building sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations in order to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. We welcome applications from partnerships in youth-serving areas such as education, justice, prevention of child abuse and neglect, foster care, mental health, immigration, and workforce development. We especially encourage proposals from teams with African American, Latinx, Native American, and Asian American members in leadership roles. The partnership leadership team includes the principal investigator from the research institution and the lead from the public agency or nonprofit organization. The award will provide \$650,000 over three years.

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The Sephardic Foundation on Aging – End of Life Care/Preventing Elder Abuse

(Application Deadline: September 18, 2025 (LOI))

The Sephardic Foundation on Aging fosters innovation and collaboration in the field of aging so older people and their communities have the support and resources they need to flourish. The LOI process, with a focus on supporting programs and projects related to End of Life Care or Preventing Elder Abuse, will open on Monday, August, 18, 2025 at 9am ET and will remain open until Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5pm ET.

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PCORI Broad Pragmatic Studies PCORI Funding Announcement - Cycle 3 2025

(Application Deadline: September 23, 2025 (LOI))

PCORI seeks to fund patient-centered CER comparing two or more alternatives, each of which has established efficacy and/or is in widespread use. PCORI is interested in research that fills pertinent evidence gaps representing decisional dilemmas for patients, caregivers, clinicians, policy makers, and other healthcare system stakeholders, with a goal of generating evidence that helps patients and members of the broader health and healthcare community make informed decisions about their health care and health outcomes. Applicants are strongly encouraged to propose individual- or cluster-randomized controlled trials; however, well-specified natural experiments and well-designed observational studies will also be considered. For Cycle 3 2025, PCORI has identified Special Areas of Emphasis (SAEs) within the BPS funding opportunity: (1) Treatments and strategies to address menopausal symptoms, (2) Promoting maternal sleep health during pregnancy and postpartum, and (3) Addressing the mental and behavioral health challenges of individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease and related Dementias (ADRD) and their care partners.

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The J.W. Couch Foundation

(Application Deadline: September 26, 2025)

You must be a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is aligned with one of our three charitable programs: preservation, education, or wellness. 2025 focus areas include Early Childhood Education, Teachers, and Get Outside. We do not have any geographic restrictions on where any nonprofit is located or operates.

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PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building - Fall 2025 Cycle

(Application Deadline: September 29, 2025 (LOI))

The Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program supports projects that encourage active, meaningful involvement of patients, families, caregivers and the broader healthcare community as integral members of the patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) enterprise. The Engagement Award Program does not fund research studies. The Engagement Award: Capacity Building funds projects to build capacity and skills for patient-centered CER. Capacity building to support patient-centered CER refers to projects that: (1) Help patients, families, caregivers and individuals within the broader healthcare community who are not researchers engage as partners in future patient-centered CER. These projects will help these communities partner in a meaningful way with researchers throughout the patient-centered CER process. (2) Strengthen the skills of researchers to be better partners with patients and other community partners involved in patient-centered CER. (3) Support prior Engagement Award Program awardees returning as applicants to grow the impact of their capacity-building work.

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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.

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U.S. Venture/Schmidt Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: October 24, 2025)

The Foundation will consider a broad range of requests including specific program needs, capital or general operating support. Consideration is given to needs that fulfill the Foundation's mission within the following impact areas: Education, Jobs & Economy, Family Support & Social Connectedness, Physical Health, Psychological Health & Addiction, and Human Services. The USV/SFF only reviews grant applications with documented support (email, letters of support, board membership, donor or volunteer activity) from a U.S. Venture team member or shareholder.

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Alpha Phi Foundation - Heart to Heart Grant

(Application Deadline: October 31, 2025)

This Alpha Phi Foundation supports initiatives that advance women's heart health through clinical research and community-focused programs. All proposals must focus on education or care for women. Clinical: projects that are traditional bench/clinical research. These projects may be from hospitals, universities/schools, or research programs. The Heart to Heart Clinical Grant is \$100,000.

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The Delta Dental Foundation – General Grants

(Application Deadline: 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.

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CareQuest Institute for Oral Health: Advancing Equity Through Oral Health Fund

(Application Deadline: November 20, 2025 (Concept Note))

The CareQuest Institute for Oral Health provides support in the United States to improve the oral health of all. The Institute's Advancing Equity Through Oral Health Fund seeks to drive oral health transformation through support of efforts to dismantle unjust structures and systems that drive disparities across oral health, access to care, treatment, and outcomes. Funding is structured around the following areas: policy and advocacy, with a focus on federal and state oral health policy; clinically appropriate care, inclusive of medical-dental integrations, minimally invasive care, and healthcare workforce; community capacity and voice, with a focus on engagement of community voices, specifically underserved populations; and research to advance oral health systems change. Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and educational or research institutions are eligible to apply.

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The Centene Charitable Foundation

(Application Deadline: November 28, 2025)

The Centene Charitable Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations that enhance the quality of life and health of the residents of the communities where the company operates. The core of our foundation is helping health-related organizations and causes. Centene will also consider projects or programs aligning with one or more of Centene Corporation's focus areas: healthcare (including Drivers of Health); social services; and education.

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The Duke Endowment Health Care Grant

(Application Deadline: 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.

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The Duke Endowment Child & Family Well-Being Grant

(Application Deadline: December 15, 2025 (Pre-Application))

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.

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The Kettering Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: January 31, 2026 (Request Summary))

The Foundation supports a broad range of charitable activities of interest to the Board of Trustees, which is composed of members of the Kettering Family. Funding decisions are driven by the interests of Foundation trustees and the majority of grants are awarded to those non-profit organizations with which the family has a relationship. While the Foundation is open to receiving Request Summaries from any qualified organization, each applicant must have made contact with the Foundation prior to applying. The Kettering Family Foundation (KFF) will consider activities in the following categories: Arts, Culture and Humanities; Education; Environment; Health/Medical; and Human Services/Public & Society Benefit.

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DAV Charitable Service Trust Veteran Grants Program

(Application Deadline: Quarterly)

Since establishment, the DAV Charitable Service Trust has led a grant program for not-for-profit organizations that fulfill a need or array of needs for sick, wounded, and homeless or at-risk

veterans throughout the nation. Though the Trust recognizes that the needs of veterans are often unique to a particular military family or veteran of a specific era, many of the services provided with grant funds reflect the rehabilitation for physical and/or psychological wounds from combat. Frequently, the Trust awards grants to promote food, shelter, and other necessary items to homeless or at-risk veterans; mobility items for veterans that have experienced vision loss, hearing loss, or amputations; therapeutic or recreational activities for those with physical and/or psychological limitations; and education or training for veterans seeking career-readiness and skill development.

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School-Based Healthcare Solutions Network - Principal Student Support Services Grant

(Application Deadline: Quarterly)

Grant funds must be used to expand access to mental health support services for students with a documented history of chronic absenteeism, behavioral challenges, or declining academic performance. The grantor will manage the recruitment, placement, and training of a fully funded mental health professional for each school campus at no cost to the school. All compensation, including salary and associated costs, will be covered by the grant, up to \$85,000 annually. Additionally, Qualifying schools are eligible to receive a discretionary grant of up to \$5,000 per year, awarded in renewable five-year cycles, for a total of up to \$25,000 over five years. The school must serve at least 500 students in grades 6-12 and at least 70% of students must be eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL). Eligible applicants include: Local Education Agencies (LEA), Charter School Management Companies, Charter Schools, Public Schools, and Private Schools (Faith-Based and Non-Faith-Based).

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American Heart Association - The Social Impact Funds

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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The Leon Levine Foundation - Healthcare

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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.

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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.

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W.K. Kellogg Foundation – Good Health and Health Equity

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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.

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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.

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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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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.

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In These Mountains: Infrastructure Grants

(Application Deadline: September 3, 2025)

The In These Mountains: Central Appalachian Folk Arts & Culture Infrastructure Grants advance the goals of the In These Mountains (ITM) initiative by supporting organizations that promote sharing, teaching, learning, preserving, documenting, and supporting the continuity of the folk arts and traditional culture of Central Appalachia. The ITM initiative specifically seeks opportunities to support the work of traditional artists and organizations engaged in handcrafts/material culture, foodways, and music. ITM Infrastructure Grants are designed to support non-programming expenses that are often not fundable by most grants or are financially out of reach for organizations. Organizations must be located within and serve at least one Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) county in Kentucky, North Carolina, or Tennessee. Eligible organizations may work with artists and communities who practice longstanding, deeply rooted African American, Anglo American, or Native American traditions, and/or newer immigrant traditional artists and

communities who continue the practice of traditional handcrafts/material culture, foodways, and music who now make Central Appalachia home. Grants are for \$30,000.

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Adaptive Sports in Schools Mobility Grants

(Application Deadline: September 12, 2025)

The Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund seeks public schools pursuing funding to start adaptive sports programs or increase access to adaptive sports and equipment for children and youth. Bridgestone is offering eight \$25,000 “mobility” grants to organizations that can establish new athletic programming for students with disabilities. Organizations must articulate a clear plan to provide access to new athletic programs for students with disabilities in one or more public schools for students grades K-12.

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Impact Fund

(Application Deadline: October 7, 2025 (LOI))

The Impact Fund provides grants to legal services nonprofits, private attorneys, and small law firms in the United States who seek to confront economic, environmental, racial, and social injustice. Funding is provided for specific cases targeting social justice, including human and civil rights; environmental justice; and economic justice, including workers' rights and consumer protection. Grants may be used for out-of-pocket litigation expenses such as expert fees and discovery costs, but not for attorneys' fees, staff, or other overhead. Most grants are for class actions, though funding may be provided for other cases that will have a systemic impact.

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Park Foundation

(Application Deadline: September 19, 2025 and January 7, 2026 (LOI required before submission))

Park Foundation is a family foundation dedicated to advancing a more just, equitable, and sustainable society and environment, both nationally and in our local Ithaca community. We are principled, strategic and fearless in our grantmaking, collaborative with our partners, and nimble and innovative in our approach. We are committed to challenging the powers that threaten an independent media, a robust democracy, and the future of our planet. Funding priorities include: Democracy, Civic Participation, Media, Environment, Animal Welfare, Community Needs, and School Food and Nutrition. Awards average around \$75,000.

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Council on Library and Information Resources: Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives

(Application Deadline: October 20, 2025)

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The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation

(Application Deadline: November 15, 2025 (Full Application))

The Bradley Foundation recognizes that the principles and institutions that characterize American exceptionalism were hard won and can be easily lost. The Foundation is therefore dedicated to a vigorous defense of these foundations of a free society. The guiding principles which inform the Foundation’s grantmaking include: (1) Fidelity to the Constitution, with its principles of limited government, federalism, separation of powers, and individual liberties; (2) Commitment to free markets that allow for private enterprise, entrepreneurship, and voluntary exchange within the rule of law; (3) Commitment to the fundamental institutions of civil society that cultivate individuals capable of self-governance; and (4) Dedication to the formation of informed and capable citizens. The Foundation has a two-step application procedure. A virtual letter of inquiry (LOI) should briefly describe the project for which support is being sought. If the project falls within the Foundation’s current program interests, the organization may be invited to submit a full application.

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The Oak Hill Fund

(Application Deadline: November 30, 2025 (LOI))

The Oak Hill Fund has a long history in the field of reproductive health and rights. We seek proposals to: (1) Provide, promote, or defend access to safe, affordable abortion and contraceptive services. (2) Educate policymakers and the public on the importance of access to abortion and contraception in the context of reproductive health, rights, and justice.

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The Norman Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

We support efforts that strengthen the ability of communities to determine their own economic, environmental and social well-being, and that help people control those forces that affect their lives. These efforts may: promote economic justice and development through community organizing, coalition building and policy reform efforts; work to prevent the disposal of toxics in communities, and to link environmental issues with economic and social justice; link community-based economic and environmental justice organizing to national and international reform efforts. The Foundation provides grants for general support, projects, and collaborative efforts. We also welcome innovative proposals designed to build the capacity of social change organizations working in our areas of interest. Priority is given to organizations with annual budgets of under \$1 million.

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The Just Trust

(Invitation Only, Introduction via Contact Form)

Our mission is to ensure that the next chapter of justice reform in America is nimble, adaptable, well-funded, and able to make progress through the shifting tides of politics and culture. By connecting diverse groups of donors with smart investments at the local, state and national level, we can help steward a generations-long effort for justice and safety into the lasting solutions communities want and deserve. We envision safe, thriving communities in every corner of the country, strengthened by the existence of a smaller, more humane justice system that prevents crime, centers safety, and fosters real accountability, rehabilitation, and healing. Grant making: We focus on state-level advocacy campaigns, and have a special focus on underfunded regions like the South and Appalachia. With a diverse set of well-funded advocates in every state – with people on the left and the right, with different strengths and capacities – there will always be someone ready to activate and keep the heat on this issue, regardless of who is in the White House or governors' mansions. The Just Trust also invests in news media, storytelling, and narrative change work in addition to advocacy efforts. We do this because you can't just change policy and hope it sticks, you also have to change hearts and minds.

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The Grove Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Grove Foundation envisions a world in which all people have the resources, respect, and sense of belonging to live and contribute fully as themselves, in safety, and with joy. The Foundation supports national, state, and community based groups throughout the U.S. The Foundation's interests include the following: (1) Civic Engagement - The Foundation seeks to ensure a healthy democracy where everyone participates and the people leading the work are representative of the communities they serve. The Foundation engages with historically under-represented communities through organizations led by people of color, that center equity, and are community-based. (2) Black-Led Power Building - The Foundation offers funding for Black-led organizations doing advocacy work that focuses specifically on Black people, with an emphasis on civic engagement and liberation. This U.S.-based initiative focuses on the South, including the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. (3) Immigrants - The Foundation funds a broad range of legal services, policy advocacy, organizing, and coalition building to protect and advance immigrant rights. (4) Reproductive Health, Rights & Justice – We support a wide range of movement organizations focused on comprehensive sex education, birth justice, abortion access, and more. (5) Safety Net - Invests in under-resourced people, families, and communities, facilitating access to resources to meet basic needs, attain education and career goals, and build power for systemic change toward economic and social justice. Emphasis is given to organizations with strong leadership, innovative and broad strategies, and a collaborative and coordinated approach to resources for maximum impact. The Grove Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals but welcomes exploratory meetings with organizations who share common goals.

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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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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. 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.

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The Collaborative for Gender + Reproductive Equity (CGRE) - State Power-Building Grants

(Introduction via Contact Form)

The Collaborative for Gender + Reproductive Equity (CGRE) is a one-of-a-kind community that creates the space for funders to learn together, amplify the impact of their giving, and accelerate change in five-year increments. We provide funding to unite advocates who are pioneering new approaches across issue silos to defend gender, reproductive, and racial equity and work towards a future where every person has the resources and autonomy to thrive. State Power-Building Grants - We provide flexible multi-year support to organizations and issue-based campaigns that build movement power and shift public opinion towards equity at the state level. We seek to support organizations in key states during and beyond urgent moments, so they are able to respond to threats in real time and continue their movement-building work into the future—supporting their communities in the ways they know best. To ensure leaders can build long-term power and sustain their programs beyond knee-jerk interventions, we provide multi-year support to state-based organizations and issue-specific campaigns—particularly those led by impacted communities, including women, gender-expansive individuals, and BIPOC communities—who are working towards a vision of equity that includes protecting and advancing economic opportunity, reproductive autonomy, racial justice, and a representative democracy.

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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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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 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.

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The Oak Foundation – Issues Affecting Women Program

(LOI accepted on a rolling basis; occasional RFPs published)

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.

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emerging strategies grants

Federal Grants

NIH Advancing Healthcare for Older Adults from Populations that Experience Health Disparities (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)

(Application Deadline: October 5, 2025)

The overarching aim of this NOFO is to identify and understand best practices to engage older adults and their caregivers in providing appropriate care that is central to the attainment of optimal physical and mental health and wellbeing of older adults and the reduction of health disparities in this population. Projects should focus on one or more NIH-designated health disparity populations. Applications proposing approaches which consider multi-level determinants of health (e.g., patient, clinician, health care system, community) to address health disparities while optimizing the health and well-being of older adults from populations that experience health disparities are encouraged. This initiative will support research in outpatient, inpatient, institutional-based long term care settings, home-based care, and emergency care facilities serving older adults. In addition, research that involves a partnership with relevant agencies (such as area agencies on aging, state units on aging, senior services, advocacy organizations for older adults, faith-based services) that offer home and community-based services for the older adult such as home-delivered meals, case management, companionship programs, are welcome. This initiative is not solely focused on clinical health outcomes. Research on intermediary measures of non-clinical outcomes (e.g., trust, self-efficacy, self-autonomy, empowerment, safety, and resilience) are of interest.

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NSF Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation

(Application Deadline: November 21, 2025)

The Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program invests in the Nation's colleges and universities to aid student success to create a new generation of STEM discoverers for the national STEM enterprise. The program takes a comprehensive approach to the STEM Learning Ecosystem to impact STEM student development and retention. LSAMP is an alliance-based program, whereby a group of institutions of higher education (IHEs) work together to diversify the nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce by increasing the number of STEM baccalaureate and graduate degrees awarded to persons from LSAMP populations. LSAMP populations are defined as persons from groups underrepresented in the STEM enterprise: Blacks and African-Americans, Hispanic and Latino Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. The LSAMP program provides funding to alliances that implement comprehensive, evidence-based, innovative, and sustained strategies that ultimately result in the graduation of well-prepared, highly competitive students from LSAMP populations who pursue graduate studies or careers in STEM, while also supporting knowledge generation, knowledge utilization, assessment of program impacts, dissemination activities and dissemination of scholarly research into the field.

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ACF FY25 Street Outreach Program

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD)

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.

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WayOUT

(Forecasted Deadline: May 2026)

By serving as a conduit for donors and our grant recipients, wayOUT is able to assist in raising the national profile of these organizations and bring attention to the immediate and direct needs of LGBTQ+ youth. Areas of focus from our Grant Recipients include: General LGBTQ+ Youth Services & Programs, School Based Resources, Mental Health & Suicide Prevention, Housing & Homelessness, LGBTQ+ Competent Healthcare, Transgender Youth Support & Services, At-risk Intersectional LGBTQ+ Youth of Color, Mentoring, Tutoring & Career Building, and LGBTQ+ Affirming Transitional Foster Services. Here's what we're looking for in a partner organization: U.S.-based organization that serves youth (aged 11-25 years) from sexual and/or gender minorities; Youth served are experiencing multiple forms of oppression; e.g., marginalization based on both economic status and sexual identity; Youth served are geographically distant from life-saving resources and located in state or locality with higher levels of intolerance or hostility toward LGBTQ+ people; Services focus on resolving critical issues faced by LGBTQ+ youth in their communities; e.g., suicide prevention, mental health programming, transgender support and services, homelessness, LGBTQ+ competent healthcare, HIV/AIDS services, etc.; Established access to funding but with programmatic funding needs; Organization or leader with track record of proven success; and Services have a measurable impact.

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Third Wave Fund – Mobilize Power Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Mobilize Power Fund is a rapid response fund that resources gender justice organizations to adapt or pivot their work when met with unanticipated, time-sensitive opportunities or threats to their movement building work and organizing conditions. The Mobilize Power Fund prioritizes organizations that are responding to specific incidents or changes of circumstances that have occurred in the last six months. This can include rapid response mobilizations, healing justice work, conflict resolution/conflict transformation, community accountability, mutual aid, direct actions, emergency safety, security, and defense needs, and more. This fund prioritizes groups and organizations who are experiencing an unanticipated incident. Because of this, organizations applying on behalf of a budget shortfall or preplanned events or ongoing programming will not be prioritized.

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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.

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American Psychological Foundation: Direct Action Visionary Grants

(Application Deadline: October 31, 2025 (LOI))

The American Psychological Foundation’s Direct Action Visionary Grants seek to fund innovative interventions, based on psychological knowledge, that directly address pressing needs of communities in the United States. Grants will be awarded up to \$60,000. Projects should serve marginalized communities, end prejudice and stigma, prevent violence, and explore mind-body health connections. APF is particularly interested in supporting communities and populations dealing with prejudice, bias, intolerance, and all forms of bigotry including racism, antisemitism, homophobia, and misogyny. Examples of supported projects include evaluation of the implementation of an evidence-based intervention in a specific community, bringing an evidence-based intervention to a community in need, and translation of psychological knowledge into a form that can be easily distributed to and understood by a community in need. Project applicants may be individuals or organizations and are not required to be psychologists or mental health professionals; however, an expert in the relevant evidence-based foundation used for the project must be centrally involved.

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Leonard-Litz LGBTQ+ Foundation

(Application Deadline: December 15, 2025)

The Leonard Litz Foundation supports partner organizations that are improving the lives of the LGBTQ+ community through life-affirming services. The Foundation seeks grant proposals for programs that address one or more of the following focus areas; Health and Wellness, Crisis Intervention, Racial Justice, Advocacy and Community Engagement, Social Assistance and Programming. Preference will be given to organizations located in the northeast U.S.

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E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation

(Application Deadline: January 31, 2026)

The Foundation will consider funding public charities’ projects and programs (e.g., conferences, resources, etc.) offering support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons of faith, or endeavoring to insure faith communities’ understanding, affirmation, and inclusion of such persons.

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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.

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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.

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Zegar Family Foundation

(Invitation Only, Introduction via Email)

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.

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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 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.

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Indian Land Tenure Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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.

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The Commonwealth Fund

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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

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FINRA Investor Education Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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.

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The Collaborative for Gender + Reproductive Equity (CGRE) - State Power-Building Grants

(Introduction via Contact Form)

The Collaborative for Gender + Reproductive Equity (CGRE) is a one-of-a-kind community that creates the space for funders to learn together, amplify the impact of their giving, and accelerate change in five-year increments. We provide funding to unite advocates who are pioneering new approaches across issue silos to defend gender, reproductive, and racial equity and work towards a future where every person has the resources and autonomy to thrive. State Power-Building Grants - We provide flexible multi-year support to organizations and issue-based campaigns that build movement power and shift public opinion towards equity at the state level. We seek to support organizations in key states during and beyond urgent moments, so they are able to respond to threats in real time and continue their movement-building work into the future—supporting their communities in the ways they know best. To ensure leaders can build long-term power and sustain their programs beyond knee-jerk interventions, we provide multi-year support to state-based organizations and issue-specific campaigns—particularly those led by impacted communities, including women, gender-expansive individuals, and BIPOC communities—who are working towards a vision of equity that includes protecting and advancing economic opportunity, reproductive autonomy, racial justice, and a representative democracy.

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The Collaborative for Gender + Reproductive Equity (CGRE) - Judicial Strategy *(Invitation Only, Introduction via Prospective Funder Interest Form)*

The Collaborative for Gender + Reproductive Equity (CGRE) is a one-of-a-kind community that creates the space for funders to learn together, amplify the impact of their giving, and accelerate change in five-year increments. Judicial Strategy - CGRE supports efforts that utilize state courts to advance gender, reproductive, and racial equity. We push to ensure that state courts are a strong and fair safeguard for reproductive rights and gender equity and reflect the diversity of the communities they serve. CGRE's judicial strategy supports organizations and leaders working to develop new pathways for advancing gender, reproductive, and racial equity through the power of state courts. State courts are a major and under-resourced opportunity. This informs our focus, ensuring that state courts are positioned to enshrine rights at the state level and advance an equity agenda.

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The Laughing Gull Foundation - LGBTQ+ Equality *(Invitation Only, Introduction via Contact Form)*

We envision a U.S. South where LGBTQ+ people can safely and authentically pursue full lives, free of discrimination. To achieve this, LGF employs multiple strategies and invests in everything from direct services to direct action. We recognize that racism pervades the LGBTQ+ community just as it does every aspect of American culture and life. Therefore, LGF prioritizes support for solutions that are led by and center Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. Our funding priorities include Community Organizing, Direct Services, and Policy Advocacy.

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American Institute of Bisexuality *(Application Deadline: Rolling)*

The American Institute of Bisexuality encourages, supports, and assists research and education about bisexuality through programs likely to make a material difference and enhance public

knowledge, awareness, and understanding about bisexuality. Grants are made throughout the U.S. Grants can range up to \$60,000.

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The Oak Foundation – Human Rights

(LOI accepted on a rolling basis; occasional RFPs published)

Since 1948 the international community has developed an extensive body of laws and principles to protect human rights. The laws provide all of us with the tools to live full lives with access to justice. But, there remains a gulf between human rights rhetoric and the lived experience of so many people. We seek to close that gap. We provide core, project, and seed funding in multi-year grants to organizations that work on five key priorities. We support efforts that ensure: justice for victims of international crimes; detention as a last resort and zero-tolerance for torture; full dignity for LGBTQI people; a healthy information sphere; and strong human rights movements.

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other sector grants

Federal Grants

NEH Public Humanities Projects

(Application Deadline: September 10, 2025)

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Public Programs is accepting applications for the Public Humanities Projects program. This program supports projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life through in-person exhibitions and historic site interpretations. Projects must focus on one of the following areas: American Military History and Valor, The American Dream and Economic Freedom, American Exceptionalism in World Affairs, or the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The program supports projects in two categories—exhibitions and interpretive programs at historic sites—and offers two funding levels (planning and implementation).

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USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Foundational and Applied Science Program

(Application Deadline: Varies depending on program area priority, ranging from October 2 – November 13, 2025)

AFRI is America's flagship competitive grants program that provides funding for fundamental and applied research, education, and extension projects in the food and agricultural sciences. In this RFA, NIFA requests applications for the six AFRI priority areas through the FAS Program for FY 2026. The goal of this program is to invest in agricultural production research, education, and extension projects for more sustainable, productive, and economically-viable plant and animal production systems. In 2026, applications are sought in the following priority areas: (1) Plant health

and production and plant products; (2) Animal health and production and animal products; (3) Food safety, nutrition, and health; (4) Bioenergy, natural resources, and environment; (5) Agriculture systems and technology; and (6) Agriculture economics and rural communities. In FY 2026, this RFA solicits Standard Grants, Workshop Grants, and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants, whereas project types solicited in this RFA are Research, Extension, Education, and Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension projects. Awards range from a maximum of \$50,000 for Workshop and Equipment Grants to \$750,000 for Integrated Projects.

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Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences 2025 (ROSES-2025)

(Application Deadline: Varies by Program Element; Full 2-Step Proposals Due No Earlier than September 8, 2025)

Approximately 35 proposal opportunities comprise this "ROSES" Solicitation that supports a wide range of research relevant to NASA's Science Mission Directorate including: theory about what will be observed; the development of technology to make observations to test those theories; collection of samples and data from land, sea, air and space; analysis of samples and data collected; laboratory measurements of samples and fundamental parameters to compare to data; and modeling using the data, resulting in a better understanding of the real-world implications of all of the above, for e.g., effects of natural disasters on Earth and the exploration of space.

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NSF Cyberinfrastructure for Sustained Scientific Innovation (CSSI)

(Application Deadline: December 1, 2025)

The CSSI program continues to emphasize integrated CI services, quantitative metrics with targets for delivery and usage of these services, and community creation. The CSSI program anticipates three classes of awards: (1) Elements: These awards target small groups that will create and deploy robust services for which there is a demonstrated need, and that will advance one or more significant areas of science and engineering; (2) Framework Implementations: These awards target larger, interdisciplinary teams organized around the development and application of services aimed at solving common research problems faced by NSF researchers in one or more areas of science and engineering, and resulting in a sustainable community framework providing CI services to a diverse community or communities; and (3) Transition to Sustainability: These awards target groups who would like to execute a well-defined sustainability plan for existing CI with demonstrated impact in one or more areas of science and engineering supported by NSF. Up to 20 Elements awards, up to 10 Framework Implementations awards, and up to 5 Transition to Sustainability awards are anticipated, subject to the availability of funds and quality of proposals received.

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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.

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NSF Science of Science: Discovery, Communication and Impact (SoS:DCI) program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Science of Science: Discovery, Communication and Impact (SoS:DCI) program is designed to advance theory and knowledge about increasing the public value of scientific activity. Science of Science draws from multiple disciplinary and field perspectives to advance theory and research about scientific discovery, communication and impact. SoS:DCI welcomes proposals applying rigorous empirical research methods to advance theory and knowledge on: (1) The social and structural mechanisms of scientific discovery. (2) Theories, frameworks, models and data that improve our understanding of scientific communication and outcomes. (3) The societal benefits of scientific activity and how science advances evidence-based policy making and the creation of public value.

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NSF The Research on Research Security Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

NSF is committed to securing the nation's research enterprise as part of its core mission. The Research on Research Security (RoRS) program will advance the understanding of the full scope, potential, challenges, and nature of the research on research security field through scholarly evidence. Collectively, the research that RoRS funds will foster a broad community that builds collaborations between the STEM research community, research security researchers, and research security practitioners. Interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged, and proposers should address how they will leverage the range of expertise, theories, and methods of the team to engage in evidence-based research on research security. Proposers are encouraged to identify collaborators across a wide range of sectors, and to consider projects in collaboration with international partners that share U.S. concerns with research security, when appropriate. RoRS encourages the following types of proposals to help build the emerging field of research on research security: Conferences and Workshops, Planning Grants, and Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER).

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State Grants

The Governor's Highway Safety Program

(Application Deadline: January 31, 2026)

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

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Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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

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Foundation Grants

The Shubert Foundation Inc.

(Application Deadline: October 15, 2025 (Dance, Arts Related, and Shubert Scholars application); December 4, 2025 (Theatre application))

The Shubert Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and advancing the live performing arts in the United States, with a particular emphasis on theatre and a secondary focus on dance. The Foundation's Board of Directors believes that the most effective way to encourage the artistic process is by providing the general operating support that reinforces the structure that nurtures its development. Accordingly, the Foundation does not earmark its awards; all allocations are unrestricted. Although our primary emphasis is on theatre, with a secondary focus on dance, we do also offer some awards to arts-related organizations and MFA programs that help support their growth and advancement.

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State Justice Institute

(Application Deadline: Quarterly, upcoming deadline November 1, 2025)

SJI was established by federal law in 1984 to improve the quality of justice in state courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common issues faced by all courts. To fulfill this mission, SJI awards grants that benefit the nation's judicial system and the public it serves. Current priority investment areas include: (1) opioids and other dangerous drugs and behavioral health disparities; (2) promoting access to justice and procedural fairness, including self-represented litigation, language access, and procedural fairness; (3) reducing disparities and protecting victims, the underserved, and vulnerable populations, including human trafficking, rural justice, and guardianship, conservatorship, and elder issues; (4) advancing justice reform, including criminal, juvenile, and family and civil justice reform; and, (5) transforming courts, including emergency response and recovery, cybersecurity, technology, and training, education, and workforce development. Grant types include: project grants, technical assistance grants, curriculum adaptation and training grants, strategic initiatives grants, and education support program grants.

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Arnold Ventures - Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

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

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Esther & Harold Mertz Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (pre-application form))

The Esther and Harold Mertz Foundation is committed to providing support to qualified organizations that focus on true charity. We describe charity as the highest form of love; the unselfish love of one's fellow man. Our mission is to show kindness and compassion toward those in need of aid in a manner which will provide hope, restore their independence and bring happiness and gratitude into their lives. The Foundation offers support to (1) a variety of educational organizations, especially schools affiliated with Faith-based organizations; (2) organizations that run programs which supply healthy and wholesome activities and training for all ages, but especially children and young adults in low-income areas; (3) organizations dedicated to the improvement of medical services in communities lacking adequate medical resources (including, but not limited to low-income areas, and locations affected by natural disasters) through the purchase of equipment, the funding of health programs and clinics, or the establishment of facilities that can provide these services; and (4) Faith-based programs generally run by churches and other non-denominational non-profit organizations, but are centered on providing help for all

aspects of wellness: Spiritual, Emotional, Intellectual, Vocational, Environmental, Social and Physical, through the teachings of God's word.

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