

funding opportunities

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disaster relief grants

Federal Grants

EDA FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Readiness and Implementation))

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 several 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; and (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. \$1,447,000,000 is available.

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State Grants

Renew NC Commercial District Revitalization (CDR) Program - Prescreening

(Forecasted Deadline: TBA, anticipated to launch in March; Prescreening recommended but not required)

Renew NC is offering a prescreening opportunity to help potential applicants, such as local governments or nonprofits, prepare for the upcoming launch of the Commercial District Revitalization (CDR) program. The CDR program will be available to help eligible local governments and non-profit organizations revitalize commercial districts damaged by Hurricane Helene. By facilitating the return of commercial districts and businesses to profitability, jobs will be created or retained within the western NC community, and residents will continue to have access to the products and services they need within their local community. The award range for the CDR program is \$500,000 to \$10 million. Eligible uses of funds under the Commercial District Revitalization program will include, but not be limited to: (1) Acquisition, demolition, site preparation, or rehabilitation of commercial structures carried out by a sub-recipient; (2) Assistance for small businesses for rehabilitation and physical improvements to their places of business; (3) Mixed-use projects involving commercial revitalization and housing components; and (4) Facade improvements to private or public structures in commercial areas.

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Renew NC Community Infrastructure (CI) Program - Prescreening

(Forecasted Deadline: TBA, anticipated to launch Spring 2026; Prescreening recommended but not required)

Renew NC is offering a prescreening opportunity to help potential applicants, such as local governments or nonprofits, prepare for the upcoming launch of the Community Infrastructure (CI) program. The CI program will be open to local governments in HUD- or State-identified MID areas. Competitive grant funding will support infrastructure projects that help Hurricane Helene-impacted communities rebuild and become more resilient to future natural hazards. The award range for the CI program is \$500,000 to \$15 million. Eligible uses of funds under the Community Infrastructure program will include, but not be limited to: (1) Flood control and stormwater management systems; (2) Restoration of infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer, streets, bridges); and (3) Restoration of public spaces, including parks and community centers.

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RenewNC Multi-Family Housing Program: Small Rental Rehabilitation Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

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NC Dept of Environmental Quality Western NC Recovery Grants Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

DEQ established the Western NC Recovery Grants Program to direct federal and state funding into rural communities impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Helene. We provide direct, free-of-charge grant writing support to rural towns, counties and regions to increase federal and state funding for projects within Western North Carolina, offering a comprehensive approach to long-term financial planning through grant strategies that leverage state funds. The Western NC Recovery team has hired grants staff to work directly with town, county or council of government staff on grant applications, offering customized support to each agency. If you already have a grant application selected or underway, we can provide support with either technical assistance (drafting portions of a grant application, reviewing and making recommendations, etc.) or full grant writing support. If you don't yet know which opportunity is right for you, then our support begins by learning more about your project and helping your organization select the programs that are most suited for the work. Then, we work with a designated member of your staff to develop a compelling grant narrative and source all the information that is required for each federal or state grant opportunity. We focus primarily on local governments in rural communities in the federal government's 39 Major Disaster-Declared counties across Western North Carolina. If you are a

nonprofit in an active partnership with a local government, we can also support you with funding research and grant support.

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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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RenewNC Workforce Housing for Ownership Program

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD)

The Workforce Housing for Ownership Program will fund development of workforce housing units for ownership. There is a distinct need within the HUD-Identified Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) counties for additional homeownership opportunities that are affordable to broader segments of the workforce to incentivize them to remain in western NC following Helene and to partially remedy inadequate housing production in past years across western NC. The term “workforce,” as used under this program, refers to households up to 80% of AMI. Qualified local governments, public, private, or non-profit organizations, and Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs)/Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs) may be eligible to apply for program funds.

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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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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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Federal Grants

***NEW* HUD Capital Improvements for At-Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled PHAs**

(Application Deadline: April 28, 2026)

The Capital Improvements for At-Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) program provides competitive awards to PHAs that are either in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise high risk. Funding is available for costs associated with public housing asset (capital) improvements. HUD expects to make approximately 5 awards ranging from \$250,000-\$3,000,000 from the funds available under this NOFO. Funding can be used to improve public housing performance in two core areas: (1) Physical Condition: Improve the physical condition of public housing. Successful applicants must demonstrate a comprehensive strategy on how the funds will provide residents access to safe, accessible, and decent public housing through improved public housing assets. (2) Management: Increase occupancy and reduce long-term vacancies through capital investment.

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HUD Choice ROSS Rapid Response Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling until January 25, 2027)

The ROSS Rapid Response Program (RRP) awards one-time assistance via a cost-reimbursable grant for service coordination and limited direct services for residents of HUD-assisted housing. The RRP utilizes a simplified application process to promote local leadership and flexibility in addressing urgent social needs caused by unanticipated emergencies. Examples of these emergencies can include but are not limited to: (1) Natural disasters (e.g., wildfires or hurricanes), (2) Public health crises (e.g., gun violence, community-level contamination or environmental hazards), and (3) Economic disruptions (e.g., closure of a major employment center that employs residents at the target site). To be eligible you must be a current or former ROSS grantee that has received ROSS funding since 2017. Awards range from \$150,000-\$250,000 based on anticipated number of people served.

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USDA Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants in North Carolina (Via State Office)

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

This program provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. The group members provide most of the construction labor on each other's homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project. Eligible applicants include: Government non-profit organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes, and Private non-profit organizations

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(Forecasted Deadline: TBD)

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SECU Foundation

(Application Deadline: April 30 and October 31, annually)

The SECU Foundation will promote local and community development by primarily funding high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare, and human services. The State Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors chartered the SECU Foundation to help identify and address community issues that are beyond the normal scope of State Employees' Credit Union. While individual members may not have a large impact, collectively and cooperatively the Foundation can go a long way toward helping solve problems in our neighborhoods, schools and our community at large. SECU Grant Programs include: (1) Capital – Funds projects that are tangible, permanent, and visible; Typically supporting construction or major renovation of a building or a facility; (2) Programmatic – Funds pilot programs or large-scale program expansions that provide regional or statewide services; and (3) Mission Development Grants – supporting smaller nonprofits with capacity building through organizational assessments, goal setting, and creating pathways for expansion. The Foundation generally seeks to fund projects that strengthen the partnership with North Carolina State employees.

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NEW Bank of America Nonprofit Grant Funding: Stable Housing

(Application Deadline: June 29, 2026)

Our priorities include basic needs, income creation, stable housing, empowered communities. All thriving communities start with meeting the individual basic needs of its members. That starts with ensuring certainty when it comes to shelter, food, and health. As basic needs are established, individuals can focus on development through mentoring, skill building, work experience and entrepreneurial growth. These activities enable the creation of income for both the individual, as well as those they serve and employ. Income creation and access to affordable housing allows individuals to find stability through stable housing in neighborhoods where connections are further strengthened. Stable, skilled, connected individuals contribute to the growth of empowered communities that give back to their neighborhoods, address systemic issues head on and ensure the longevity of where they call home. Organizations in Asheville, NC, are eligible to apply.

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Union Home Foundation

(Application Deadline: Quarterly)

The Union Home Foundation was established in 2015 as the charitable arm of Union Home Mortgage Corp. The Union Home Foundation's mission is to equip families with the tools and resources needed to achieve economic self-sufficiency. We work toward this mission primarily through our grantmaking process, focusing on our two pillars: financial literacy and housing. Since 2015, we have awarded over \$2 million to nonprofit organizations across the U.S.

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The Cannon Foundation

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (Inquiry Form))

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. Grants support human services, higher education, healthcare, and community. Eligibility is limited to nonprofits with at least five years of operating history and with significant operations in NC. Only capital and infrastructure projects will be considered

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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 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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NSF CyberAI Corps Scholarship for Service

(Application Deadline: April 3, 2026)

Government and the nation face a talent shortfall in artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity. The CyberAI Corps Scholarship for Service (CyberAI SFS) program welcomes proposals that address AI and cybersecurity education and workforce development. CyberAI refers to using AI in cybersecurity as well as providing security and resilience for AI systems. There are two tracks: Scholarship and Innovation. The Scholarship Track provides funding to establish, or to continue, scholarship for service programs with integrated AI and cybersecurity components (CyberAI). Scholarship recipients must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and work after graduation in the AI or cybersecurity mission of a government organization for a period of at least the length of the scholarship. The Innovation Track supports projects that enhance preparation of AI and/or cybersecurity professionals. Projects may expand existing educational opportunities, curricula, degree programs, educational pathways, methods and interventions, and partnerships among institutions of higher education, government, and employers.

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NIFA AFRI EWD - Predoctoral Fellowships

(Application Deadline: April 16, 2026)

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. The Predoctoral Fellowships Program Area Priority helps develop new scientists and professionals to enter research, education, and/or extension fields within the food and agricultural sciences within the private sector, government, or academia. The aim of these fellowships is to cultivate future leaders who can solve emerging agricultural challenges of the 21st century. NIFA is particularly interested in supporting fellows that address (1) agricultural production capability; (2) new markets for agriculture and forestry products; (3) value-added innovation; and (4) agricultural science policy leadership. The award maximum is \$180,000, limited to a total of \$60,000/year.

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NIFA AFRI EWD - Postdoctoral Fellowships

(Application Deadline: April 30, 2026)

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. The Postdoctoral Fellowships Program Area Priority helps to develop new scientists and professionals to enter research, education, and/or extension fields within the food and agricultural sciences within the private sector, government, or academia. The aim of these fellowships is to cultivate future leaders who can solve emerging agricultural challenges of the 21st century. NIFA is particularly interested in supporting fellows that address (1) agricultural production capability; (2) new markets for agriculture and forestry products;

(3) value-added innovation; and (4) agricultural science policy leadership. The award maximum is \$244,000.

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***NEW* ETA Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (Round 6)**

(Application Deadline: May 20, 2026)

Round 6 of the Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC or SCC6) grants will fund community colleges, with a singular focus on building program and system capacity for implementing and scaling access to short-term training opportunities through Workforce Pell Grants—i.e., promoting industry-driven strategies, worker mobility, and integration with the larger state workforce system (e.g., Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partners) for statewide impact. SCC6 aims to prioritize funding for statewide community college systems, or consortia of multiple community colleges, to support states to build capacity for the state-level workforce and education data sharing and data systems integration activities necessary to demonstrate effective outcomes for programs seeking eligibility for the newly authorized Workforce Pell Grants. SCC6 also presents an opportunity for community colleges to continue their strong engagement with industry, supporting coordination and alignment with employers to develop and/or enhance existing high-quality, short-term programs for the newly authorized Workforce Pell Grants. These programs must be portable and stackable along a career pathway, articulating into credit, while also meeting the hiring requirements of employers in in-demand industries. Eligible participants for SCC6 represent the broad population of community college students at distinct and varied points in their education and workforce pathways, including new entrants to the workforce, dislocated workers who have lost employment, and those currently working but seeking additional skills. Funding Range Per Award ranges from \$6,500,000–\$10,800,000.

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NIH Research Educational Program - Mentoring Activities & Networks (R25/UE5) and Research Experiences (R25)

(Forecasted Deadline: May 25, 2026)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Education Program supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this research education program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs; help recruit individuals with backgrounds in specific specialties or disciplines to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences; and foster a deeper understanding of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research and its implications. To accomplish this far-reaching goal, this opportunity will primarily support Mentoring Activities, including networks and programs, designed to enhance the quality of mentorship. Programs focused on mentoring activities may incorporate elements such as research, courses, outreach, curriculum and methods to prepare participants for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the nation.

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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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NIMH Short Courses for Mental Health Related Research

(Forecasted Deadline: May 25, 2026)

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) seeks to support innovative educational activities focused on proposed skill development courses for graduate/medical students, medical residents, postdoctoral scholars, and/or early-career investigators to advance its mission by continuing the NIMH Research Education Program. Applications should propose to develop, implement, and evaluate creative and innovative short courses that will provide education in state-of-the-art research skills (e.g., tools, techniques, and approaches). Applications are not being solicited at this time. This notice is being issued to provide potential applicants ample time to develop strong, responsive applications. Investigators with expertise and insights in the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative and interactive short courses for scientists interested in learning state-of-the-art skills needed to conduct cutting-edge mental health research are encouraged to consider applying to the NOFO.

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NIMH Mentoring Networks for Mental Health Research Education

(Forecasted Deadline: May 25, 2026)

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) seeks to advance its mission through the continuation of the NIH Research Education Program to support research education activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Specifically, this NOFO will support innovative educational activities with a primary focus on national or regional mentoring networks that enhance professional development and foster career trajectories towards independent mental health research. All proposed networks should provide significant new opportunities, and should comprise efforts substantially beyond any ongoing mentoring, networking, or research education within academic programs, institutions, or pre-existing networks; or educational collaborations among institutions. Applications are not being solicited at this time. This notice is being issued to provide potential applicants ample time to develop strong, responsive applications. Investigators with expertise and insights in mentoring networks within research education activities that contribute to the development of a skilled cadre of investigators are encouraged to consider applying to the NOFO.

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

(Application Deadline: May 27, 2026)

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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NIH Institutional Mentored Career Development Award (K12)

(Forecasted Deadline: June 12, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to support institutional career development awards designed to prepare newly trained clinicians who have made a commitment to independent research careers, and to facilitate their transition to more advanced support mechanisms, e.g., K08 and K23. The awards are made to institutions that select and then appoint scholars to the program.

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***NEW* NIH NLM Institutional Grants for Research Training in Biomedical Informatics, Data Science, and AI**

(Forecasted Deadline: September 25, 2026)

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) invites applications for innovative predoctoral and postdoctoral training programs that prepare the next generation of researchers in biomedical informatics, data science, and artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML). NLM emphasizes cutting-edge, forward-looking training experiences that equip trainees to address complex health and biomedical challenges through advanced computational approaches. Applications may propose the creation of new training programs or the renewal of existing NLM-supported programs. These programs are designed to meet the growing demand for researchers with deep expertise in biomedical computing, data science, and AI/ML, with clear relevance to health and biomedical research. Recognizing the inherently interdisciplinary nature of these fields, NLM seeks programs that integrate methods and perspectives across disciplines to advance biomedical informatics, data science, and AI/ML. 25 awards are anticipated, ranging from \$500,000-\$775,000.

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NSF Collaboratory to Advance Mathematics Education and Learning (CAMEL) for K-12

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Collaboratory to Advance Mathematics Education and Learning (CAMEL) for K-12 initiative aims to advance mathematics learning and education through purposeful collaboration that draws on the interdisciplinary Science of Learning (including neuroscience; cognitive, developmental, and social sciences; computer science; machine learning; engineering; and education research), deep experiences in education practice and teaching, and innovations in the use of data science, AI and technology. CAMEL consists of two phases. Phase I invites proposals for the creation of new research networks to support the generation of high value datasets that aim to advance math learning and education. These research networks must include researchers who study the basic science of learning, education practitioners, and data scientists. The high value dataset may come from either generating a new dataset or by increasing the value of an existing dataset. Phase II, open only to awardees of Phase I, establishes a “collaboratory,” which is a socio-technological platform that prioritizes community-building and capacity-building to sustain collaborative efforts to advance math learning and education in K-12.

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NSF STEM K-12

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The NSF STEM K-12 program in the Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL) in the Directorate for STEM Education (EDU) supports fundamental, applied, and translational research that advances STEM teaching and learning and improves understanding of education across the human lifespan and a range of formal and informal settings. Proposals submitted to the STEM K-12 program may focus on learning or instruction in any field(s) of STEM (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) and may involve a variety of contexts in which teaching and learning take place, including formal education (pre-K to 12) and informal learning environments. The program also supports projects that identify and address salient issues involved in translating research into educational practice for any STEM field, as well as projects that leverage insights from educational practice to drive fundamental research. Additionally, the program seeks proposals that explore how AI and other emerging technologies can be effectively leveraged to study and enhance STEM teaching and learning. Two- and four-year Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs); non-profit, non-academic organizations directly associated with educational or research activities; for-profit; State and Local governments, and Tribal Nations are eligible to apply. 40 awards are anticipated.

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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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NC Science Museums Grant Program

(Application Deadline: May 31, 2025)

The North Carolina Science Museums Grant program has a single-step application process. Applications for this current cycle will open May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for an award: (1) The museum must be a science center or museum or a children's museum that is physically located in the State; (2) The museum must be open, operating, and exhibiting science or science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education objects to the general public at least 120 days of each year for the past two or more years; (3) The museum must be a municipal or nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code; (4) The museum has on its staff at least one full-time professional person; and (5) The museum's governing body has adopted a mission statement that includes language that shows the museum has a concentration on science or STEM education.

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USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2026)

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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Lowe's Foundation Gable Grants Program

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD, opens March 2026)

The Lowe's Foundation Gable Grants program is a 5-year, \$50 million commitment to train 50,000 job-ready skilled tradespeople to build a stronger infrastructure that supports our communities for the long term. From 2023-2028, community and technical colleges across the country can apply for grants to recruit, train and employ the future skilled trades workforce. Grant awards are needs-based and range between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000.

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The Edward E. Ford Foundation Traditional Grant for Schools

(Application Deadline: April 1, 2026)

The Edward E. Ford Foundation seeks to improve secondary education by supporting U.S. independent schools and encouraging promising practices. We make Traditional Grants to eligible schools and Associations to help them grow and develop in pursuit of their own missions. These grants are made in response to requests that can range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and that must be matched by additional funds raised by the school at least 1:1.

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Imagine 2026 Signature Grant Program

(Application Deadline: April 9, 2026)

The Imagine Signature Grant Program (ISGP) seeks to amplify national, regional, or local non-profit organizations' efforts which align to the mission of ILF and meet one or more of the funding priority areas of focus identified by ILF. Imagine Learning, our primary sponsor, ignites learning breakthroughs with innovative and accessible digital-first K-12 products and services. Imagine Learning looks to empower student and educator potential. The Imagine Learning Foundation embraces and extends this mission by focusing on the powerful connection between the well-being of students and the people who support them outside of the classroom to bolster academic success. This year's theme highlights programs that intentionally build learning experiences through service activities that take place in homes, neighborhoods, and broader community spaces. These programs activate a student's full support ecosystem (families, caregivers, mentors, and community members) to create enriching environments beyond the classroom. Through service, students practice life skills, strengthen relationships, and connect what they learn in school to real needs around them. ILF expects to award a total of \$600,000 or more in grants to new and existing grantees, with individual grant amounts ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per grantee.

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Glass Foundation, Inc.

(Application Deadline: April 10, 2026)

Focus Areas include Child and Youth Development and Environmental Education and Preservation. The organization must be a charitable non-profit organization that is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 public charity. Projects must serve one or more of these Western North

Carolina counties: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, and/or Yancey. A Letter of Interest (LOI) is the first step in our online application process. Once reviewed, applicants will be notified about submitting a full proposal.

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***NEW* AccessLex Institute Bar Success Research Grant Program**

(Application Deadline: April 20, 2026 (LOI))

The Bar Success Research Grant Program funds well-designed and rigorous studies of the bar examination. Examples of focus include predictors of bar exam performance; bar exam test design and/or efficacy; and successful study or preparation methodologies. Proposals focusing on other relevant aspects of the bar exam are also welcomed. To be fundable, projects must: (1) Have a duration of 12–24 months and seek funding in the amount of \$150,000–\$300,000, and (2) Have a clear research design, using appropriate methodologies.

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***NEW* AccessLex Institute Bar Success Intervention Grant Program**

(Application Deadline: April 20, 2026 (LOI))

The Bar Success Intervention Grant Program provides funding to programs and interventions aimed at helping increase bar exam passage rates among populations most at-risk of not passing. The central goal of the Bar Success Intervention Grant Program is to increase the knowledge base about effective bar exam success programming that is scalable and replicable. To be fundable, programs must: (1) Have a duration of 12–24 months and seek funding in the amount of \$150,000–\$300,000, and (2) Focus on law students and graduates most at risk of not passing the bar exam and/or institutions with ultimate bar examination passage rates that fall below 70%.

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SECU Foundation

(Application Deadline: April 30 and October 31, annually)

The SECU Foundation will promote local and community development by primarily funding high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare, and human services. The State Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors chartered the SECU Foundation to help identify and address community issues that are beyond the normal scope of State Employees' Credit Union. While individual members may not have a large impact, collectively and cooperatively the Foundation can go a long way toward helping solve problems in our neighborhoods, schools and our community at large. SECU Grant Programs include: (1) Capital – Funds projects that are tangible, permanent, and visible; Typically supporting construction or major renovation of a building or a facility; (2) Programmatic – Funds pilot programs or large-scale program expansions that provide regional or statewide services; and (3) Mission Development Grants – supporting smaller nonprofits with capacity building through organizational assessments, goal setting, and creating pathways for expansion. The Foundation generally seeks to fund projects that strengthen the partnership with North Carolina State employees.

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United Engineering Foundation Grants Program

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2026 (Concept Paper))

The United Engineering Foundation advances the engineering arts and sciences for the welfare of humanity. It supports engineering and education by, among other means, making grants. Grants should be consistent with advancing engineering. The UEF gives between 5 and 10 grants per year totaling nearly \$800,000.

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Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2026 (Round 1); July 10, 2026 (Round 2))

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence recognizes outstanding skilled trades teachers and programs in public high schools in the United States. In 2026, we will award \$2 million in prizes overall: Five grand prize winners will each receive \$100,000, with \$70,000 going to the public high school skilled trades program and \$30,000 going to the eligible individual skilled trades teacher. Twenty prize winners will each be awarded \$75,000, with \$50,000 going to the public high school skilled trades program and \$25,000 going to the eligible individual skilled trades teacher. Eligible applicants are educators who teach skilled trades classes that emphasize the expert use of tools and materials to build, repair and maintain products and structures.

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Robinson Foundation

(Application Deadline: May 15, 2026)

Founded in 2016, the mission of the Robinson Foundation is to create meaningful impact through giving back to humanity with good nature and generous hearts. We do this as a family-operated foundation, where each member of our board is tasked with seeking out areas of need where our contribution can create real change in the lives of those affected. Areas of Interest include: Animal Welfare, Children & Families, Disaster Relief, Education, Medical Assistance, Poverty Relief, Religious & Spiritual Endeavors, and Veterans' Issues. Organizations considered for funding must be classified as qualified public charities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please note that the Foundation does not provide support for facilities or other capital projects.

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All Points North Foundation: Education Grants

(Application Deadline: June 1, 2026 (LOI))

All Points North Foundation is one of the few foundations focused on public middle school education, defined as grades six through eight. We recognize the vital importance of the middle school years in shaping the future of our nation's youth. All Points North Foundation seeks to measurably improve public middle school education in underserved communities, whether urban or rural, through two priorities: (1) Funding programs that prepare and retain middle school teachers in an ever-changing education climate and (2) Helping students grow both academically and socially/emotionally. The first step is to contact the funder. If invited, an LOI can be submitted. We consider grant requests that range between \$60,000 and \$100,000.

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The Kettering Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: July 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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Arthur Vining Davis Foundations – Private Higher Education

(Application Deadline: August 27, 2026 (LOI))

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

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The Edward E. Ford Foundation Traditional Grant for Schools

(Application Deadline: January 30 and April 1, 2027)

The Edward E. Ford Foundation seeks to improve secondary education by supporting U.S. independent schools and encouraging promising practices. We make Traditional Grants to eligible schools and Associations to help them grow and develop in pursuit of their own missions. These grants are made in response to requests that can range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and that must be matched at least 1:1 by additional funds.

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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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Brady Education Foundation

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (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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The Cannon Foundation

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (Inquiry Form))

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. Grants support human services, higher education, healthcare, and community. Eligibility is limited to nonprofits with at least five years of operating history and with significant operations in NC. Only capital and infrastructure projects will be considered

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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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Genesis Inspiration Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Genesis Inspiration Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2018 with a mission to connect youth to the transformative power of the arts. By improving access to arts education in under-resourced communities, we strive to enhance educational outcomes and spark inspiration in children nationwide. Since our inception, we have donated \$10 million to fund arts programming at museums, schools, and nonprofit cultural organizations, creating meaningful opportunities for children to explore their creativity and potential. Grants range from \$50,000-\$100,000. Interest forms for 2026 grants will begin being accepted on January 4, 2026.

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Stantec: Community Engagement Funding

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

At Stantec, community is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that when we come together, we can create lasting, meaningful change. That's why we're proud to invest in organizations that share our passion for building brighter futures. Stantec invests in organizations that share its commitment to creating lasting, meaningful change through four core areas: arts, education, environment, and health and wellness. There is a Stantec location in Asheville, NC.

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Tuttleman Foundation Grants

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Letter of Request))

The Tuttleman Foundation generally provides grants to 501(c)(3) organizations in the areas of education, community building, health care, arts and museums, basic human services, and spirituality. The Tuttleman Foundation typically awards grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) organizations. Funding is available for: general operations, capital campaigns, special projects, research and advocacy, and pilot projects.

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AJA Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

AJA Foundation seeks to help those who have done everything society asks of them, yet for whom access to essential resources and the probability for advancement that comes from them remain elusive at best and structurally impossible at worst. We know that the "playing field" of opportunity tilts substantially and unfairly towards those coming from advantage and that nobody succeeds on their own. AJA Foundation is dedicated to leveling the playing field by investing globally in organizations addressing what we see as fundamental human rights with a focus on equal access to clean water, quality education and essential healthcare.

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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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NEW EPA Region 4 Fiscal Year 2025 Wetland Program Development Grants

(Application Deadline: April 6, 2026)

Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) assist state, Tribal, territory (Insular Areas), local government agencies, and interstate or intertribal entities in developing or refining state, Tribal, territory or local programs that protect, manage and restore wetlands. The goals of the EPA's wetland program include increasing the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition. In pursuing these goals, the EPA seeks to develop the capacity of all levels of government to develop and/or refine effective, comprehensive programs for wetland protection and management. It is anticipated that up to 10 grants will be made under this announcement. The amount of funding is expected to be \$200,000 to \$600,000 per grant. This funding opportunity is for activities taking place within states, Tribes, and territories within EPA Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee) and Tribal lands located within those states. There are funding opportunities listed separately for other regions.

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NEW ETA Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training (RESTART) Initiative

(Application Deadline: April 15, 2026)

We expect to award \$81,000,000 in grant funds, of which at least \$30,000,000 will be awarded to national or regional intermediary organizations providing workforce services to youth/young adults, and we anticipate awarding a total of 20 awards ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$5,100,000.

RESTART supports the advancement of workforce readiness skills and the attainment of employment for ex-offenders across three populations: youth (ages 15-17 years old), young adults (ages 18-24 years old), and adults (ages 25 years old and above). Funds will be awarded to eligible entities to develop programs to train ex-offenders for high-need American jobs and assist them in being productive contributors to the U.S. economy.

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***NEW* USDA Forest Service 2026 Community Wood Energy and Wood Innovation Program**

(Application Deadline: April 22, 2026)

The intent of the Community Wood is to support forest health and stimulate local economies by expanding renewable wood energy use and innovative wood products manufacturing capacity. The Forest Service solicits proposals for projects that will achieve the following: (1) Expand thermally led community wood energy or innovative wood product opportunities; (2) Improve Forest health; and (3) Stimulate local economies. This funding opportunity is intended for shovel-ready projects that will not require additional funding or time to complete after the award period. All awards are based on funding availability. The Forest Service plans to award up to \$6 million in total awards under this announcement. The maximum for each award is \$1 million to pay for up to 35% of total capital costs. The Forest Service may consider awarding up to \$1.5 million (for up to 50% of total capital costs) for a proposal that warrants special consideration, especially for projects located in areas of high unemployment.

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***NEW* USDA Forest Service 2026 Wood Innovations Grant Funding**

(Application Deadline: April 22, 2026)

This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities to: 1) Reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forestlands; 2) Reduce costs of forest management on all land types; 3) Promote economic and environmental health of communities. The intent of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets. Projects can include, but are not limited to: (1) Completing requirements, such as engineering designs, cost analyses, and permitting necessary, in the later stages of commercial construction projects that use wood as a primary building material and in the later stages of wood energy project development to secure financing. Early phase project development proposals will not be competitive. (2) Developing manufacturing capacity, other necessary wood products infrastructure, and markets for wood products that support forest ecosystem restoration. (3) Showcasing quantifiable environmental and economic benefits of using wood as a sustainable building material in an actual commercial building and the projected benefits achieved if replicated across the United States based on commercial construction market trends. (4) Establishing statewide wood utilization teams and statewide wood energy teams. Only proposals from States without an existing (or former) team will be considered. (5) Developing a cluster of wood energy projects in a geographic area or specific sector (e.g., prisons, hospitals, universities, manufacturing sector, or industrial sector). (6) Overcoming market barriers and stimulating expansion of wood energy in the commercial sector. The award maximum is \$300,000.

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***NEW* USDA Forest Service 2026 Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance**

(Application Deadline: April 22, 2026)

The USDA Forest Service is announcing funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide financial assistance to facilities that procure and process byproducts (timber and biomass) generated from ecosystem restoration/forest management projects in areas at risk of unnaturally severe wildfire or insect or disease infestation. The intent of this funding is to substantially decrease the cost (increase revenue) of restoration/forest management projects on federal and Tribal lands through targeted facility investment outcomes that increase market

opportunities and value of byproducts (timber and biomass) produced from these projects. Funding priority for financial assistance is to entities seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or improve a sawmill or other wood-processing or energy facility that utilizes byproducts (timber and biomass) generated from projects (i.e. timber sales, stewardship contracts, or stewardship agreements) on federal or Tribal lands identified as at risk for fire, insect, or disease and a high priority for ecological restoration. To be eligible for funding, the project facility must be in close proximity to and procure a substantial quantity (approximately 50%) of raw materials from federal or Tribal lands. Awards are anticipated to range from \$50,000-\$1,00,000.

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UPDATED Rural Business-Cooperative Service Value-Added Producer Grant (Application Deadline: April 22, 2026)

The objective of this grant program is to assist viable Agricultural Producers, Agricultural Producer Groups, Farmer and Rancher Cooperatives, and Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Businesses in starting or expanding value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of Value-Added Agricultural Products. Grants will be awarded competitively for either planning or working capital projects directly related to the processing and/or marketing of value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the end goals of the program. All proposals must demonstrate economic viability and sustainability to compete for funding. 190 awards are anticipated, with an award maximum of \$200,000.

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NEW NCDOT IMD Multimodal Planning Program (Application Deadline: April 13, 2026)

Communities throughout North Carolina have begun to place more emphasis on providing facilities for travel options beyond single-occupancy vehicle travel. A desire for better modal choices, the demand for more walkable and bikeable communities, and a focus on smart growth initiatives have combined to highlight the need for better, more complete multimodal, bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems. Comprehensive planning documents are an integral part of developing these systems and can guide both local and state efforts to improve conditions for multimodal connections and bicycling and walking. To encourage the development of comprehensive local bicycle plans and pedestrian plans, the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) and the Transportation Planning Division (TPD) created a matching grant program to fund plan development. The following local government entities are eligible to apply for multimodal planning grants: (1) Any North Carolina municipality is eligible to apply for a bicycle, pedestrian, or multimodal planning grant; (2) Municipalities less than 10,000 in population are also eligible to apply for a project acceleration study; (3) Counties with population less than 100,000 may either apply for County-wide plan, OR apply on behalf of incorporated or unincorporated communities within their jurisdiction for a bicycle, pedestrian or multimodal planning study; and (4) As of the 2025 program cycle: universities and colleges are eligible to apply for multimodal plans and bicycle and/or pedestrian plans.

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Renew NC Commercial District Revitalization (CDR) Program - Prescreening

(Forecasted Deadline: TBA, anticipated to launch in March; Prescreening recommended but not required)

Renew NC is offering a prescreening opportunity to help potential applicants, such as local governments or nonprofits, prepare for the upcoming launch of the Commercial District Revitalization (CDR) program. The CDR program will be available to help eligible local governments and non-profit organizations revitalize commercial districts damaged by Hurricane Helene. By facilitating the return of commercial districts and businesses to profitability, jobs will be created or retained within the western NC community, and residents will continue to have access to the products and services they need within their local community. The award range for the CDR program is \$500,000 to \$10 million. Eligible uses of funds under the Commercial District Revitalization program will include, but not be limited to: (1) Acquisition, demolition, site preparation, or rehabilitation of commercial structures carried out by a sub-recipient; (2) Assistance for small businesses for rehabilitation and physical improvements to their places of business; (3) Mixed-use projects involving commercial revitalization and housing components; and (4) Facade improvements to private or public structures in commercial areas.

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Renew NC Community Infrastructure (CI) Program - Prescreening

(Forecasted Deadline: TBA, anticipated to launch Spring 2026; Prescreening recommended but not required)

Renew NC is offering a prescreening opportunity to help potential applicants, such as local governments or nonprofits, prepare for the upcoming launch of the Community Infrastructure (CI) program. The CI program will be open to local governments in HUD- or State-identified MID areas. Competitive grant funding will support infrastructure projects that help Hurricane Helene-impacted communities rebuild and become more resilient to future natural hazards. The award range for the CI program is \$500,000 to \$15 million. Eligible uses of funds under the Community Infrastructure program will include, but not be limited to: (1) Flood control and stormwater management systems; (2) Restoration of infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer, streets, bridges); and (3) Restoration of public spaces, including parks and community centers.

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NCDHHS DCDEE Child Care Resource and Referral Services Program

(Application Deadline: April 6, 2026)

The purpose of this Request for Application is to provide technical assistance to early care and education programs according to NC's technical assistance framework: North Carolina's Professional Development Framework for Continuous Quality Improvement and develop a professional development learning community (PLC) to increase the management skills for current and aspiring child care directors and serve as a resource hub for families receiving child care. Up to four (4) awards of up to \$2,000,000 per year will be made under this RFA to provide services in each of the regions of North Carolina (1 award per region). This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing with knowledge of North's Carolina's early childhood education mixed delivery system and expertise in developmentally and culturally appropriate practices for young children birth – 12 years of age. Applicants must have extensive knowledge and expertise in providing intensive coaching and consultation to the child care workforce and supporting families in seeking child care solutions.

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NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2026)

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) provides matching grants to local governments to assist with public park and recreation projects. A local government can request a maximum of \$500,000 with each application. North Carolina counties and incorporated municipalities are eligible for PARTF grants. Public authorities, as defined by N.C. General Statute 159-7, are also eligible if they are authorized to acquire land or develop recreational facilities for the general public. Local governments can apply to acquire land for parks and build recreational facilities for use by the public. A PARTF grant can also be used to protect the natural and scenic resources or renovate older park facilities. A project must be located on a single site.

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One NC Small Business Program: SBIR/STTR 2025-2026 Matching Funds Program Solicitation

(Application Deadline: June 30, 2026)

The Match Program is designed to award matching funds to North Carolina (the “State”) companies who have been awarded a Small Business Innovation Research Program or Small Business Technology Transfer Program (the “Federal SBIR/STTR Program”) Phase I award. Companies compete for funding under this federal program by submitting proposals in response to solicitations issued by participating federal agencies. The Federal SBIR/STTR Program provides for funding competitions in two phases that are relevant to the North Carolina program: Phase I - to conduct feasibility research (typically, Phase I awards range from \$50,000-\$250,000); and Phase II - to expand and develop Phase I results and develop commercially viable innovations (typically, Phase II awards range from \$500,000-\$1.5M or more).

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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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USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2026)

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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USDA SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households in North Carolina

(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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NEW LinkedIn Future of Work Fund

(Application Deadline: March 15, 2026)

Our Future of Work Fund is focused on supporting organizations using AI innovation to expand economic opportunity across a wide variety of use cases - from helping young adults overcoming barriers prepare for and navigate their career to helping them access job opportunities and succeed once in the workforce. Eligible applicants include: legally registered nonprofit, charity, or equivalent not-for-profit organization in the country of operation, recognized by the appropriate governing authority. U.S.-based organizations must hold 501(c)(3) status. Applicants must demonstrate a workforce development focus with programs, services, and/or influencing systems that help people access, prepare for, and/or succeed in an AI-powered workforce; and a clear use of AI innovation to expand economic opportunity and/or commitment to prepare young adults to succeed in an AI-powered workforce. We prioritize organizations supporting young adults overcoming barriers who are actively entering or soon-to-be entering the workforce, typically between the ages of 18-24. Furthermore, we are focused on supporting young adults most likely to experience unemployment and/or under-employment, including but not limited to individuals from low-income backgrounds and individuals skilled through alternative routes.

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***NEW* Lowe's Community Impact Grants**

(Application Deadline: March 20, 2026)

We all dream of ways to improve our communities – a bucket list of project ideas to help make the places we love better and stronger. Whether it's revitalizing a community center, upgrading a food pantry or improving a park where neighbors gather, these projects start with ideas from people who know their communities best. Any type of project that involves the physical improvement or renovation of a community space is eligible. Lowe's is focused on revitalizing spaces that help make communities better places to live and work – whether that is a food pantry, a park, a local firehouse or a place for veterans to gather. All grants must go to a local nonprofit, school or city/municipality that is willing and able to take on the project. Nominations are being accepted until March 20, 2026.

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Truist Foundation

(Application Deadline: March 31, 2026)

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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Bank of America Nonprofit Grant Funding: Empowering Communities

(Application Deadline: June 29, 2026)

Our priorities include basic needs, income creation, stable housing, empowered communities. All thriving communities start with meeting the individual basic needs of its members. That starts with ensuring certainty when it comes to shelter, food, and health. As basic needs are established, individuals can focus on development through mentoring, skill building, work experience and entrepreneurial growth. These activities enable the creation of income for both the individual, as well as those they serve and employ. Income creation and access to affordable housing allows individuals to find stability through stable housing in neighborhoods where connections are further strengthened. Stable, skilled, connected individuals contribute to the growth of empowered communities that give back to their neighborhoods, address systemic issues head on and ensure the longevity of where they call home. Organizations in Asheville, NC, are eligible to apply.

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Nasdaq Philanthropic Foundation: Economic Opportunity Grant

(Application Deadline: July 31, 2026 (Expression of Interest))

The Economic Opportunity Grant Program allows us to fund and help scale programs that align with the Foundation's mission while adapting to market conditions and community needs. The Nasdaq Foundation's Economic Opportunity Grant Program drives impact through five key areas—regional revitalization and rural wealth building, access to capital, employee and community ownership, financial literacy, and investor identity. Grant requests will be accepted from: Organizations designated as tax-exempt according to §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and a for-profit business or consultant acting on behalf of a qualified tax-exempt entity or through a fiscal sponsor that is tax-exempt.

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The J.W. Couch Foundation: Historical Preservation

(Application Deadline: September 25, 2026)

We believe in preserving our history so that we can understand and educate the importance of community. Historic places affect our identity and have a direct impact on our well-being. You must be a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization to apply.

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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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Waste Management Charitable Giving

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We work with local leaders, organizations and partners on initiatives that support meaningful community engagement. Focus areas include: Environmental Stewardship, Sustainability Education, Community Vitality, and Workforce Development.

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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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Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) - Community Grant Program

(Forecasted Deadline: March 17, 2026)

Cooperative agreements under the ADPI funding Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), are intended to support and promote the development and expansion of dementia-capable home and community-based service (HCBS) systems in States and Communities. Cooperative agreements under Option B (36 month cooperative agreements) are available to private and/or public community-based organizations (CBO) that are able to: 1) demonstrate their operation within an existing dementia-capable HCBS system dedicated to the population that they serve; and 2) articulate opportunities and additional services in the targeted gap areas that would enhance and strengthen the existing system. Option B cooperative agreements are designed to aid community-based HCBS providers in addressing three specific service gaps in existing dementia-capable HCBS systems for persons living with or those at high risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) and their caregivers: (1) Provision of effective supportive services to persons living alone with ADRD in the community; (2) Improvement of the quality and effectiveness of programs and services dedicated to individuals aging with intellectual and developmental disabilities with ADRD or those at high risk of developing ADRD; and (3) Delivery of behavioral symptom management training and expert consultations for family caregivers.

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NEW BJA FY25 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program

(Application Deadline: March 19, 2026 (Grants.gov); March 26, 2026 (JustGrants))

This NOFO supports state, local, and Tribal governments to implement comprehensive and collaborative reentry strategies to increase the likelihood of successful reentry for adults leaving prison, jail, or supervision, and establish or expand a program or service ("intervention") to reduce recidivism. The goal of the program is to implement a plan for comprehensive approaches to reentry that reduce recidivism and enhance public safety. Objectives include: (1) Identifying a target population of people preparing to re-enter society after a period of incarceration or supervision that drives recidivism rates; (2) Implementing a reentry program that addresses identified factors that inhibit successful reentry in collaboration with state or local government agencies, non-profit organizations, or other stakeholders; and (3) Assessing the impact of the reentry program by tracking outcomes for those in the target population and identify patterns in the factors driving success or failure. 4 awards are anticipated of up to \$1,000,000.

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***NEW* BJA FY25 Strengthening Community Supervision Agency Operations** (Application Deadline: March 19, 2026 (Grants.gov); March 26, 2026 (JustGrants))

This NOFO will support state, local, and tribal community supervision agencies to develop more effective probation and parole programs and improve supervision outcomes by strengthening operations to prevent recidivism and reduce violent crime. The goal is to strengthen supervision agencies' capacity to reduce recidivism by enhancing both external partnership collaboration and internal workforce capabilities by (1) increasing collaboration with justice, health, and non-profit organizations to address needs of people on supervision to reduce crime committed by and improve outcomes for people under supervision and (2) supporting the recruitment, training, retention, and wellness of supervision agency staff to perform critical public safety functions. 7 awards are anticipated of up to \$1,000,000.

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***NEW* OJJDP FY25 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children**

(Application Deadline: March 30, 2026 (Grants.gov); April 6, 2026 (JustGrants))

This NOFO will provide funding to develop or expand programs in juvenile and adult detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents and their children to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behaviors, future involvement in the juvenile justice system, and recidivism; and support responsible parenting that leads to healthy child development, resiliency, and improved interactions among incarcerated parents and their minor children, family, and community members. State governments, county governments, city or township governments, federally recognized Native American Tribal governments, and other units of local government are eligible to apply. 5 awards are anticipated, each up to \$750,000.

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***NEW* OJJDP FY25 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program**

(Application Deadline: March 30, 2026 (Grants.gov); April 6, 2026 (JustGrants))

This NOFO will provide funding to support states, units of local government, and federally recognized Native American Tribal governments in partnership with interested persons (including federal corrections and supervision agencies), service providers, and community-based organizations to provide (1) comprehensive reentry services for moderate- to high-risk youth before, during, and after release from confinement, and (2) support transitional services to assist youth to successfully reenter the community. There are two grant categories. Category 1: Improving Youth Reentry - Category 1 will provide funding to states, local governments, and Tribal governments in partnership with interested persons (including federal corrections and supervision agencies), service providers, and nonprofit organizations to provide comprehensive reentry services for moderate to high-risk youth before, during, and after release from confinement. Category 2: Strengthening Community-Based Youth Reentry Programs - Category 2 will provide funding to nonprofit organizations to support transitional services to assist in the successful reintegration of youth into the community. 18 awards are anticipated of up to \$750,000.

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***NEW* BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative**

(Application Deadline: March 30, 2026 (Grants.gov); April 6, 2026 (JustGrants))

This funding opportunity seeks to address firearm-related crime through the establishment and expansion of Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs). This initiative is a partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to assist local law enforcement in utilizing intelligence and technology, swiftly identifying crime guns and their sources, and effectively prosecuting perpetrators. Category 1 supports local law enforcement agencies with established CGICs to enhance their operational effectiveness. Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong track record of using ballistic evidence to solve violent crimes—including documented NIBIN inputs, leads generated, firearms recovered, and arrests made that directly improved public safety in their communities. 3 awards of up to \$300,000 are anticipated to fund the expansion of an existing CGIC. Category 2 supports law enforcement agencies establishing CGICs for the first time to strengthen their ability to combat violent firearms crimes. Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear strategy for partnering with ATF to create a comprehensive system for collecting, analyzing, and acting on ballistic evidence and firearms intelligence. 3 awards of up to \$700,000 are anticipated to fund the implementation of a new CGIC.

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***NEW* BJA FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative**

(Application Deadline: March 30, 2026 (Grants.gov); April 6, 2026 (JustGrants))

This NOFO supports comprehensive service networks addressing untreated mental illness and substance use at the intersection of mental health, substance use, and justice systems. This initiative supports coordinated, direct intervention efforts across public safety, justice, mental health, and substance use agencies to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment through civil commitment, institutional treatment, and step-down approaches from pre-arrest through reentry, using accountability measures that ensure compliance with treatment plans. Specifically, this NOFO provides funding to enhance an entity or network of entities providing services in four core areas: (1) Crisis Stabilization Centers, (2) Treatment Services, (3) Housing Access, and (4) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems and Technology Modernization. Applicants must demonstrate that at least one justice agency and one mental health agency will support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs described in an attached memorandum of understanding (MOU) or letter of intent. 14 awards are anticipated of up to \$3,000,000.

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HRSA Technology-enabled Collaborative Learning Program

(Forecasted Deadline: April 3, 2026)

The Technology-enabled Collaborative Learning Program will support the use of technology-enabled collaborative learning to improve retention of health care providers and increase access to health care services in rural and underserved areas. Nine awards are expected, with an award maximum of \$475,000.

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HRSA Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Leadership, Education and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways Training Program

(Forecasted Deadline: April 4, 2026)

The MCH Leadership, Education, and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways (LEAP) Training Program establishes pathway programs that aim to expand the MCH workforce. These programs increase access to healthcare and public health services for maternal and child health (MCH) populations, including in rural or other underserved communities. Eligible applicants include public institutions of higher education, non-profit private institutions of higher education, and Native American tribal governments and organizations that are public or private nonprofit institutions of higher learning. 6 awards are expected of up to \$155,000.

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HRSA Improving Access to Dental Services for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders

(Forecasted Deadline: April 13, 2026)

The purpose of the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Quality Improvement Fund: Improving Access to Dental Services for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders (QIF-DNDD) is to increase access to preventive dental and additional dental services and improve dental health outcomes for children with neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs), including children with autism spectrum and developmental disorders. You can apply if you are a Health Center Program award recipient with an active H80 award. Through this one-time investment, health centers will build upon existing evidence-based models to pilot innovative approaches to increase access to dental services for children with NDDs, advance the skills and knowledge of your workforce to support access to services, and improve patient outcomes. 25 awards are expected.

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CDC Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Suicide Among Youth and Young Adults (R01)

(Forecasted Deadline: April 13, 2026)

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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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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HRSA Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant (NRSA)

(Forecasted Deadline: April 17, 2026)

The National Research Service Award (NRSA) program supports the training of postdoctoral researchers in biomedical, behavioral, and health services research. Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and administered in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the program aims to develop a skilled research workforce to advance scientific knowledge in primary care. Under HRSA, the NRSA program provides support to train postdoctoral health care professionals who are planning to pursue careers in biomedical and behavioral health research related to primary care. As the nation's population grows and ages, the need for well-trained primary care researchers to study the complex array of issues facing the primary care workforce gains greater importance. The NRSA Institutional Research Training Grants administered by HRSA are awarded to eligible institutions to develop or enhance postdoctoral research training opportunities for individuals who are planning to pursue careers in primary care research. 12 awards are expected of up to \$500,000.

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HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Planning

(Forecasted Deadline: April 27, 2026)

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Planning supports organizations in rural communities to build the partnerships and foundational capacity needed to develop, implement and sustain a comprehensive system of substance use disorder (SUD) and related services. This program is intended for rural communities that may find the logistics or requirements of larger, more complex federal grant programs to be barriers to accessing start-up support. Funding will serve as a critical first step to creating SUD service systems that make care easy to access, strengthen the behavioral health workforce, and have strong community buy-in. It will help prepare communities to provide sustainable prevention, treatment, recovery, and other supportive services. 40 awards are expected of \$100,000.

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CDC Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)

(Application Deadline: April 28, 2026)

Applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Community-based Coalition Enhancement Grants to Address Local Drug Crises Grants (CARA Local Drug Crises Grants) as an enhancement to current or formerly funded Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program recipients. The purpose of this program is to

prevent and reduce the use of opioids and methamphetamines and the misuse of prescription drugs among youth ages 12-18 in communities throughout the United States. Eligible applicants are community-based coalitions addressing opioid, methamphetamine, and/or prescription drug use/misuse by local youth. Applicants must document rates of misuse of opioids or use of methamphetamines that are higher than the national average over a sustained period. The maximum funding request is estimated at \$75,000, with 50 awards anticipated.

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HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C Capacity Development Program

(Forecasted Deadline: May 1, 2026)

The purpose of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part C Capacity Development program is to strengthen organizational capacity to increase capacity to develop, enhance, or expand access to high quality HIV primary health care services for low-income people with HIV. The proposed activity should be of a short-term nature and should be completed by the end of the one-year funding opportunity period of performance. Activities fall under two categories: HIV Care Innovation and Infrastructure Development. The maximum funding request is estimated at \$150,000, with 60 awards anticipated.

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ACL Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership

(Forecasted Deadline: May 1, 2026)

The purpose of this grant program is to improve the health and well-being of individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) by streamlining access to critical resources, services, and supports for people who have sustained a TBI as well as leveraging resources for sustainability. Supported activities may include information and referral services for people with TBI and their caregivers, resource facilitation, outreach and awareness to communities about TBI, and brain injury screenings and trainings to community stakeholders and paraprofessionals. Funds may also support activities that promote comprehensive services and trainings for population with a higher prevalence of people impacted by brain injury, such as veterans, youth, individuals in the criminal legal system, and aging populations. Eligible applicants include public, state, and private institutions of higher education; Federally recognized Native American tribal governments, State governments, and County governments; and nonprofits non-higher education without 501(c)(3) and with 501(c)(3). 31 awards are expected, with an award maximum of \$300,000.

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HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems SEED Project: Scaling Effective Early Childhood Systems Development (ECCS SEED)

(Forecasted Deadline: May 1, 2026)

The purpose of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems SEED Project: Scaling Effective Early Childhood Systems Development (ECCS SEED) is to address the root causes of chronic disease in early childhood by improving families' access to health care, screening kids early for physical and mental health needs, and connecting parents to services that enable them to provide for their children. The ECCS SEED Project will partner with states and communities to support evidence-based strategies that improve access to quality care for prenatal-to-age-5 (P-5) families

and promote healthy child development and family well-being. 8 awards are expected of up to \$875,000.

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***UPDATED* HRSA Telehealth Nutrition Services Network Grant Program**

(Forecasted Deadline: May 6, 2026)

The Telehealth Nutrition Services Network Grant Program will support telehealth networks that improve access to quality health care services through telehealth technology. This program will focus on chronic disease prevention and chronic disease management through comprehensive telehealth nutrition services. This NOFO will have a statutory funding preference for an eligible entity which meets one of the following criteria: (1) The eligible entity is a rural community-based organization or another community-based organization. (2) The eligible entity proposes to use Federal funds made available through such a grant to develop plans for, or to establish, telehealth networks that provide mental health care, public health services, long-term care, home care, preventive care, case management services, prenatal care, labor care, birthing care, or postpartum care. (3) The eligible entity demonstrates how the project to be carried out under the grant will be coordinated with other relevant federally funded projects in the areas, communities, and populations to be served through the grant. (4) The eligible entity demonstrates that the project involves a telehealth network that includes an entity that-(i) provides clinical health care services, or educational services for health care providers and for patients or their families; and (ii) is-(I) a public library; (II) an institution of higher education; or (III) a local government entity. (5) The eligible entity proposes a project that promotes local and regional connectivity within areas, communities, or populations to be served through the project. 18 awards are expected of up to \$300,000.

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HRSA Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND)

(Forecasted Deadline: May 9, 2026)

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the quality of care for children and youth with autism/developmental disabilities (DD) by training health and related professionals to meet their needs across the lifespan. LEND programs train health and other professionals to screen, diagnose, and provide services for children and youth with autism/DD. 60 awards are available of up to \$710,000.

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HRSA Rural Residency Planning and Development Program

(Forecasted Deadline: May 15, 2026)

The Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) program improves and expands rural health care access. It does this by developing new, accredited, sustainable rural residency programs, including rural track programs (RTPs). Newly created rural physician residency programs increase training and ultimately practice in rural areas to address physician shortages. The RRPD program provides start-up funding to create new rural residency programs in qualifying medical specialties. Long-term sustainability funding must come from viable and stable sources, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and other public or private sources. Qualifying medical specialties

are: Family medicine, Internal medicine, Preventive medicine, Psychiatry, General surgery, Obstetrics, and gynecology. For this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), rural residency programs: (1) Are accredited physician residency programs, (2) Train residents in clinical training sites that are physically located in a rural area as defined by HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) for greater than 50 percent of their total time in residency, and (3) Focus on preparing physicians to practice in rural communities. 14 awards are expected of up to \$750,000.

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HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Impact

(Forecasted Deadline: May 18, 2026)

The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)–Impact funds rural communities to drive measurable improvements in access to integrated, coordinated treatment and recovery services for substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD). Its long-term aim is to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with SUD and enable sustained recovery and well-being. The program supports: (1) New or expanded evidence-based SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services in rural areas; (2) Coordination across health and supportive social services to enable sustained, long-term recovery; (3) A larger, more responsive workforce to address SUD-related needs; and (4) Multi-sector community networks to strengthen and sustain local service delivery. The focus of RCORP-Impact is on reducing the impact of opioid misuse on rural America. However, HRSA recognizes that people who misuse opioids often struggle with other substances as well, including alcohol. Therefore, RCORP-Impact supports a comprehensive approach to address all SUD, including OUD, within a continuum of mental, behavioral, and related social supports. 80 awards are expected of up to \$750,000.

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HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D - Women, Infants, Children and Youth Grant Supplemental Funding

(Forecasted Deadline: May 19, 2026)

The purpose of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part D program is to provide family-centered care in outpatient or ambulatory care settings to low-income women (25 years and older) with HIV, infants (up to 2 years of age) exposed to or with HIV, children (ages 2 to 12) with HIV, and youth (ages 13 to 24) with HIV. The RWHAP Part D funding is intended to improve access to coordinated and comprehensive HIV medical care and support services. The services often include case management, behavioral health, nutrition services, and referrals to specialty care. The purpose of this supplemental funding is to strengthen organizational capacity to respond to the changing health care landscape and increase access to high quality family-centered HIV primary health care services for low-income women, infants, children and youth (WICY) with HIV. Activities fall under two categories: HIV Care Innovation and Infrastructure Development.

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HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D - Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth (WICY) Existing Geographic Service Areas

(Forecasted Deadline: May 19, 2026)

The purpose of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part D program is to provide family-centered care in outpatient or ambulatory care settings to low-income women (25 years and older) with HIV, infants (up to 2 years of age) exposed to or with HIV, children (ages 2 to 12) with HIV, and youth (ages 13 to 24) with HIV. The RWHAP Part D funding is intended to improve access to coordinated and comprehensive HIV medical care and support services). The services often include case management, behavioral health, nutrition services, and referrals to specialty care. As the only component of the RWHAP that supports services for affected individuals not living with HIV, Part D may fund services when the primary purpose is to enable the affected individual to participate in the care of a person with HIV, to directly remove barriers to care for the person with HIV, or to promote family stability.

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NIMH Mentoring Networks for Mental Health Research Education

(Forecasted Deadline: May 25, 2026)

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) seeks to advance its mission through the continuation of the NIH Research Education Program to support research education activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Specifically, this NOFO will support innovative educational activities with a primary focus on national or regional mentoring networks that enhance professional development and foster career trajectories towards independent mental health research. All proposed networks should provide significant new opportunities, and should comprise efforts substantially beyond any ongoing mentoring, networking, or research education within academic programs, institutions, or pre-existing networks; or educational collaborations among institutions. Investigators with expertise and insights in mentoring networks within research education activities that contribute to the development of a skilled cadre of investigators are encouraged to consider applying to the NOFO.

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HRSA Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program

(Forecasted Deadline: May 27, 2026)

The Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) program helps improve mental and behavioral health for children and youth by giving pediatric primary care providers quick access to tele-consultation, training, and care coordination support. Eligible applicants are state, county, city, township, and special district governments, including the District of Columbia, domestic territories, and freely associated states, as well as Native American tribal governments and Native American tribal organizations. 22 awards are expected of up to \$445,000.

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NIH Pilot and Feasibility Studies in Preparation for Substance Use and HIV Prevention Intervention and Services Research Trials

(Forecasted Deadline: October 2, 2026)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse seeks to support pilot and feasibility studies in preparation for efficacy, effectiveness and/or services research trials. Topics may include: 1) developing interventions to prevent substance use, misuse or progression to disorder, 2) substance use prevention, treatment or recovery services research, including comorbid pain, medical and mental

health disorders, 3) HIV eradication research, including implementation science, prevention, treatment and recovery in substance use settings/populations. Projects may address information gaps, strengthen stakeholder partnerships, or pilot test interventions. Activities might include intervention development/adaptation; assessing intervention or service model acceptability and feasibility; and development of measures, materials, or methods for the future trial. Preliminary data is not required. A well-defined theory of change or logic model is expected. Applicants must engage relevant end users in study design, execution, and interpretation (e.g., policymakers, state and local decision makers, practitioners, individuals with lived/living experience, families, youth, and community members).

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SAMHSA Assisted Outpatient Treatment

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post January 30, 2026)

The purpose of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program is to implement AOT in communities to support adults with serious mental illness who meet state-specific criteria for AOT. Eligibility is statutorily limited to States, counties, cities mental health systems (including state mental health authorities), mental health courts, or any other entity with authority under the law of the state in which the applicant grantee is located to implement, monitor, and oversee AOT programs. 16 awards are expected, and \$10,000,000 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post February 17, 2026)

The purpose of Project AWARE is to develop a sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services. Award recipients should build collaborative partnerships with the State Education Agency, Local Education Agency, Tribal Education Agency, the State Mental Health Agency, community-based providers of behavioral health care services, school personnel, community organizations, families, and school-aged youth. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. 37 awards are expected, and \$56,170,333 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Implementing Zero Suicide in Health Systems

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post February 17, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to implement the Zero Suicide intervention and prevention model for adults within a health system(s). The Zero Suicide model is a comprehensive, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention and grant recipients will be expected to implement all seven elements of the Zero Suicide framework: Lead, Train, Identify, Engage, Treat, Transition, and Improve. Eligibility is statutorily limited to community-based primary care or behavioral health care settings; emergency departments; State mental health agency (or State health agency with mental or behavioral health functions); public health agency; territory of the United States; or Indian tribe or tribal organization. 31 awards are expected, and \$16,110,545 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Children's Mental Health Initiative

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post February 17, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to provide resources and services that improve mental health outcomes for children and youth, birth through age 21, at risk for or with serious emotional disturbances, and their families. Eligibility is statutorily limited to states and territories; governmental units within political sub-divisions of states (e.g., counties); and federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations. 22 awards are expected, and \$43,353,763 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative - Community Treatment and Service Centers

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post February 27, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to increase access to and provide effective trauma-focused treatment and services to children, adolescents, and their families who have experienced traumatic events. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. There is \$40,200,000 in estimated total program funding and 67 awards are expected.

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SAMHSA Providers Clinical Support System - Universities

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post March 3, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to expand and ensure that graduate-level healthcare students receive substance use disorder (SUD) education early in their academic careers and prepare them to identify and treat SUD in mainstream healthcare upon graduation. Students will gain a basic knowledge of strategies to identify, assess, intervene, and treat addiction, as well as support recovery and address SUD stigma. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. 4 awards are expected, and \$1,200,000 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post March 16, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to implement suicide prevention and intervention programs for individuals, 25 years of age or older. This is accomplished by taking a broad-based public health approach to suicide prevention through enhanced collaboration with key community stakeholders, raising awareness of available suicide prevention resources, and implementing lethal means safety. Eligibility is statutorily limited to a community-based primary care or behavioral health care setting, an emergency department, a State mental health agency (or State health agency with mental or behavioral health functions), public health agency, a territory of the United States, or an Indian tribe or tribal organization. 5 awards are expected, and \$2,000,000 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post March 16, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to support a comprehensive public health and evidence-based approach that: (1) enhances behavioral health services for all college students, including those at risk for suicide, depression, serious mental illness (SMI)/serious emotional disturbances (SED), and/or substance use disorders that can lead to school failure; (2) prevents and reduces suicide and mental and substance use disorders; (3) promotes help-seeking behavior and reduces stigma; and (4) improves the identification and treatment of at-risk college students so they can successfully complete their studies. Eligibility is statutorily limited to private and public non-profit institutions of higher education. 54 awards are expected, and \$6,879,776 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA CCBHC Improvement and Advancement Grant

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post March 31, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to transform community behavioral health systems so they may provide comprehensive, coordinated behavioral health care by (1) enhancing and improving CCBHCs that meet the CCBHC Certification Criteria; (2) providing a comprehensive range of outreach, screening, assessment, treatment, care coordination, and recovery supports based on a needs assessment with fidelity to the CCBHC Certification Criteria; and (3) supporting recovery from mental illness and/or substance use disorders by providing access to high-quality mental health and substance use services, regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The CCBHC-IA program supports CCBHCs that have been certified by their states or that participated in a previous CCBHC-Expansion award to further expand or improve their CCBHC services. Eligibility is statutorily limited to community-based behavioral health non-profit organizations, or organizations that are either (a) part of a local government behavioral health authority; or (b) operated under the authority of the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, or tribal organization; or (c) an Urban Indian Organization pursuant to a grant or contract with the Indian Health Service under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. 94 awards are expected, and \$94,000,000 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Community Programs for Youth and Young Adults at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post March 31, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to provide trauma-informed, evidence-based interventions to youth and young adults (up to 25 years of age) who are at clinical high risk for psychosis. Eligibility is statutorily limited to public entities, which includes State governments and territories; governmental units within political subdivisions of a state (e.g., county, city, town), and Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations. 11 awards are expected, and \$7,000,000 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Planning, Development and Implementation Grant

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post March 31, 2026)

The intent of CCBHC-PI is to fund newly established CCBHCs. The purpose of this program is to transform community behavioral health systems so they can provide comprehensive and coordinated behavioral health care by: (1) assisting organizations in the planning for the development and implementation of a new CCBHC that meets the CCBHC Certification Criteria; (2) providing a comprehensive range of outreach, screening, assessment, treatment, care coordination, and recovery supports based on a needs assessment that aligns with the CCBHC Certification Criteria; and, (3) supporting recovery from mental illness and/or substance use disorders (SUDs) by providing access to high-quality mental health and SUD services, regardless of an individual's ability to pay. Eligibility is statutorily limited to community-based behavioral health non-profit organizations, or organizations that are either (a) part of a local government behavioral health authority; or (b) operated under the authority of the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, or tribal organization; or (c) an Urban Indian Organization pursuant to a grant or contract with the Indian Health Service under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. 94 awards are expected, and \$94,000,000 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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SAMHSA Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD; estimated to post April 15, 2026)

The purpose of this program is to implement and evaluate new AOT programs and identify evidence-based practices to reduce the incidence and duration of psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness, incarcerations, and interactions with the criminal justice system while improving the health and social outcomes of individuals with a serious mental illness (SMI). Eligibility is statutorily limited to States, counties, cities mental health systems (including state mental health authorities), mental health courts, or any other entity with authority under the law of the state in which the applicant grantee is located to implement, monitor, and oversee AOT programs. 14 awards are expected, and \$7,256,090 in total program funding is estimated to be available.

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State Grants

***NEW* NC DHHS Rural Organizations Orchestrating Transformation for Sustainability Hubs**

(Application Deadline: March 13, 2026 (Notice of Intent to Apply); April 2, 2026 (Full Application))

The North Carolina Rural Health Transformation Program (NCRHTP) focuses on key initiatives, including promoting innovation, strategic partnerships, infrastructure development, and workforce investment. It advances community-designed, community-led solutions to address the unique needs of rural North Carolina and improve the health and well-being of its residents. To support this approach, NCRHTP will establish North Carolina Rural Organizations Orchestrating Transformation for Sustainability (NC ROOTS) Hubs. An NC ROOTS Hub is a regional lead organization responsible for coordinating rural health transformation efforts within a defined region of North Carolina. Each Hub Lead will manage program funding, convene and align partners, and oversee initiatives that improve health outcomes, expand access to care, and strengthen system

sustainability within its assigned Medicaid region. Eligible applicants must have at least three (3) years of physical presence in and experience delivering programs within North Carolina and sufficient capital and the fiduciary capacity to cover program costs before receiving the grant funds.

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***NEW* NC DOA Division for Women and Youth Grants**

(Application Deadline: May 8, 2026)

The NC Division for Women & Youth provides grants to qualifying NC agencies that provide domestic violence (DV), sexual assault (SA), or family violence prevention and services. New applicants may submit a full application for DV and SA funding for a one-year award (no renewal option).

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USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2026)

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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RWJF Global Learning to Reimagine Health Knowledge Systems for Equity and Wellbeing

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD, to be released March 2, 2026)

The goal of this funding opportunity is to learn and produce health equity solutions inspired by other countries that face similar health equity challenges that we face in the U.S. The focus of this call for proposals is building a more inclusive and equitable health knowledge system that is resilient in times of crisis and beyond.

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Elevance Health Foundation Patient Safety Prize

(Application Deadline: March 17, 2026 (Registration); April 7, 2026 (Full Application))

Elevance Health Foundation's inaugural Patient Safety Prize will award a total of \$5 million to proven solutions that boost patient safety for communities across the United States. Building on its long-standing commitment to improve lives and communities, the Elevance Health Foundation recently launched a new initiative: Community Action Leadership. This initiative brings together external thought leaders from across a range of disciplines. Through their collective expertise and resources, the Foundation is addressing large-scale community health needs and incentivizing action for change. The inaugural Community Action Leadership challenge focuses on patient safety. The Patient Safety Prize invites pioneering solutions in three key areas: (1) Empowering Health Literacy for Safer Patient Care, (2) Innovating to Eliminate Medication Errors; and (3) Promoting Fall-Free Futures. The Patient Safety Prize welcomes applications from nonprofit and for-profit entities located within the United States and U.S. territories.

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Sun Life Health Access Heroes Grant Program

(Application Deadline: March 31, 2026)

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

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The Fullerton Foundation

(Application Deadline: April 1, August 1, December 1; annually)

The Fullerton Foundation's goal is to improve quality of life in North Carolina and South Carolina, primarily through investments in healthcare and medicine. The Foundation provides project support. Applying organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

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The Sephardic Foundation on Aging – Combating Social Isolation of Older Adults

(Application Deadline: April 23, 2026 (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 Combating Social Isolation of Older Adults, will open on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 9am ET and will remain open until Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 5pm ET. Select LOI applicants will be invited to submit a full application. Grant awards are expected to be announced in September 2026.

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Newman's Own Foundation – Food Justice for Kids Prize

(Application Deadline: April 28, 2026)

The Food Justice for Kids Prize is an open call for innovative organizations across the United States working to ensure all children can access, learn about, and engage with nutritious, culturally relevant food at school and in communities. The Prize will award grants up to \$100K over two years and is open to nonprofits, Tribes, schools, and school districts in the United States that support kids in any of the following areas: learning about healthy food, eating nutritious school meals, and engaging with Indigenous foods.

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SECU Foundation

(Application Deadline: April 30 and October 31, annually)

The SECU Foundation will promote local and community development by primarily funding high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare, and human services. The State Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors chartered the SECU Foundation to help identify and address community issues that are beyond the normal scope of State Employees' Credit Union. While individual members may not have a large impact, collectively and cooperatively the Foundation can go a long way toward helping solve problems in our neighborhoods, schools and our community at large. SECU Grant Programs include: (1) Capital – Funds projects that are tangible, permanent, and visible; Typically supporting construction or major renovation of a building or a facility; (2) Programmatic – Funds pilot programs or large-scale program expansions that provide regional or statewide services; and (3) Mission Development Grants – supporting smaller nonprofits with capacity building through organizational assessments, goal setting, and creating pathways for expansion. The Foundation generally seeks to fund projects that strengthen the partnership with North Carolina State employees.

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***NEW* Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials: Career Development Award**

(Application Deadline: May 4, 2026)

The Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials: Career Development Award (Winn CDA) is a rigorous 2-yr program designed to train early-career investigator-physicians to design and implement clinical trials that engage more communities. The purpose is to ensure that all the populations impacted by the disease being studied are reflected in research so that treatments developed are safe and effective for all who will use them. The scholars accepted into the prestigious Winn CDA program demonstrate excellence in care and research as well as profound dedication to ensuring the latest medical advances reach the communities that need them most. Through structured education and mentorship, Winn CDA Scholars become community-oriented clinical trialists who have the skills and expertise to transform the ways that communities conduct research and deliver care. Current Winn CDA clinical research areas include cancer, cardiovascular and cardio-metabolic disease, and neuropsychiatry. The Winn Career Development Award (Winn CDA) provides \$120,000 annually for two years, intended to cover a portion of the scholar's salary — approximately 40% of their time — allowing them the protected space needed to fully engage in the program's intensive training and research activities.

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The Duke Endowment: Health Care Program

(Application Deadline: May 15 and November 15, annually (pre-application))

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 is able to 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. In his Indenture of Trust, our founder focused Health Care funding to 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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TD Charitable – Capacity Building Fund

(Application Deadline: May 15, 2026)

Nonprofit organizations are the backbone of our communities, providing essential services like job training, arts programs and housing assistance. Capacity Building Grants provide funding to help strengthen and increase the impact of organizations on the communities they serve. These grants support work around three key issues: tactics, talent and tools: Tactics—investments in strategy that can include program design or implementation, creation or expansion of a strategic plan, or succession planning; Talent—investments in people that can include hiring new staff, professional development or skill development for existing staff or leadership development for board members; Tools—investments in infrastructure that can include technology improvements, program evaluation tools, program supplies/materials, or other capital purchases. We have a preference for projects and organizations that align to one or more of the TD Ready Commitment drivers: (1) Financial Security: Helping build financial confidence for the future; (2) Vibrant Planet: Protecting and restoring our environment; (3) Connected Communities: Increase access to the opportunities people need to participate and feel a sense of belonging in their community; and (4) Better Health: Supporting innovative solutions for equitable healthcare. Initiatives must be located in a TD Bank, N.A. metro market area.

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Robinson Foundation

(Application Deadline: May 15 and October 15, 2026)

Founded in 2016, the mission of the Robinson Foundation is to create meaningful impact through giving back to humanity with good nature and generous hearts. We do this as a family-operated foundation, where each member of our board is tasked with seeking out areas of need where our contribution can create real change in the lives of those affected. Areas of Interest include: Animal Welfare, Children & Families, Disaster Relief, Education, Medical Assistance, Poverty Relief, Religious & Spiritual Endeavors, and Veterans' Issues. Organizations considered for funding must be classified as qualified public charities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please note that the Foundation does not provide support for facilities or other capital projects.

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***NEW* Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood**

(Application Deadline: May 31, 2026 (LOI))

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood is an incubator of promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy through 7 years, in the United States. Welfare is broadly defined to support, acculturation, societal integration and childcare. Grants are only made if a successful project outcome will likely be of significant interest to other professionals, within the grantee's field of endeavor, and would have a direct benefit and potential national application. The Foundation provides funding in the following areas: (1) Parenting Education, (2) Early Childhood Welfare, and (3) Early Childhood Education and Play.

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The Centene Charitable Foundation

(Application Deadline: May 31, 2026)

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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Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine – Neuroscience

(Application Deadline: May 31, 2026)

We support programs and initiatives that assist patients and caregivers impacted by Alzheimer's Disease, Major Depressive Disorder, Schizophrenia, and Schizoaffective Disorder, prioritizing: (1) Recovery-focused programs, including initiatives on quality of life, coping, housing, social isolation, employment, and wellness; (2) Early intervention programs; (3) Programs supporting access, continuity of care, and relapse prevention; (4) Inclusive programs addressing healthcare disparities and the stigma associated with mental illness; (5) Crisis intervention programs; and (6) Education and programs addressing mental health and the criminal justice system. Initiatives may be for patients, caregivers/families, peers, policy makers, community leaders, or the broader community

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The Delta Dental Foundation – General Grants

(Application Deadline: June 1, 2026)

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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Dunkin' Connecting Joy

(Application Deadline: June 4, 2026)

Dunkin' Connecting Joy helps bring comprehensive gaming programs to hospitals nationwide. Gaming is not only a wonderful activity for kids of all ages and abilities, it can help provide them with a sense of normalcy and connection while hospitalized, providing positive distraction from their ongoing care. These grants support hospitals with equipment, staffing, connectivity, and other relevant needs so that kids can enjoy gaming experiences at their bedside and even play with family and friends back home. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be a children's hospital, general hospital with dedicated pediatric department, or nonprofit organization serving children battling illness within geographic proximity to Dunkin' locations. Organizations can apply for a variety of support options including: (1) Pediatric Gaming Technology Specialist, (2) Systems and connectivity, and (3) Virtual programming that connects pediatric and teen patients with other patients their age. The grants are structured for single- or multi-year programming not to exceed three years. Grant amounts vary but typically range from \$25,000-\$65,000 per year. Grants do not exceed \$150,000.

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Dunkin' Dogs for Joy

(Application Deadline: June 4, 2026)

The Dogs for Joy™ program has funded over 50 in-resident dogs at hospitals across the country. A facility dog is professionally trained to work in a healthcare setting. Unlike volunteer dogs that visit a hospital or medical center for a short time, facility dogs are at the hospital every day with their handlers. In most cases they are used exclusively for clinical work. The dogs can physically interact with patients to provide comfort and love. They're trained to help with tasks like teaching kids how to take medication, keeping them calm during medical interventions and providing incentives to get out of bed to walk. These dogs serve as a source of happiness and provide a sense of normalcy for patients. To be eligible, applicants must be a children's hospital or general hospital with a dedicated pediatric department and be within geographic proximity to Dunkin' locations. Grant amounts vary but typically range from \$50,000-\$60,000 for year one and \$15,000-\$25,000 for years 2 and 3 (for one dog). Grants do not exceed \$150,000.

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Dunkin' Joyful Spaces

(Application Deadline: June 4, 2026)

Hospitals and health centers are typically sterile environments that don't provide a sense of normalcy for pediatric patients and their loved ones. Dunkin' Joyful Spaces help by creating and revitalizing places within these environments for kids and their families to escape the traditional hospital setting while undergoing care. These kid friendly spaces include community gardens, playgrounds, playrooms and more. To be eligible, applicants must be a children's hospital, community health center, or general hospital with a dedicated pediatric department and be within geographic proximity to Dunkin'. The grants are structured for single- or multi-year programming not to exceed three years. Grant amounts vary but typically range from \$25,000-\$65,000 per year. Grants do not exceed \$150,000.

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CareQuest: Grants in Oral Health

(Application Deadline: June 4 and November 9, 2026 (Concept Note))

We drive oral health transformation through grantmaking that creates systemic change and advances health equity in the following categories: Policy & Advocacy, Community Capacity & Voice, Care Delivery, and Research. Proposals should be led by, or strongly informed through trusted relationships with, communities that have historically been affected by oral health inequities.

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NEW The Duke Endowment: Health Care Program

(Application Deadline: June 15 and December 15, annually (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 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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Infinite Hero Foundation

(Application Deadline: June 15, 2026 (LOI); September 15, 2026 (Full Application))

Since our inception in 2012, Infinite Hero Foundation has awarded more than \$5.7 million dollars in funding and support to 51 different military service organizations offering innovative and effective programs or treatments for service-related mental and physical injuries. Program grants up to \$100,000 per cycle, per year will be considered based alignment with Infinite Hero's mission and goals, on need, and an approved budget. Infinite Hero funds must be applied directly to program costs and cannot be used for fundraising or administrative overhead.

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Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards

(Forecasted Deadline: July 2026 (expected to be announced Spring 2026))

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

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American Legion Child Well-being Foundation (CWF)

(Application Deadline: July 15, 2026)

The primary purpose of the American Legion Child Well-being Foundation (CWF) is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth; to aid in research, programs, and activities that benefit the welfare of children and youth. The American Legion Child Well-being Foundation awards grants for one calendar year. All grant projects must be completed between January 1 - December 31 of the award year. Grants are awarded only to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations. Grants must have the potential to help children nationally or at least in a large geographic area.

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The Kettering Family Foundation

(Application Deadline: July 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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Jennie K Scaife Charitable Foundation

(Application Deadline: August 1 and February 1, annually)

The Jennie K. Scaife Charitable Foundation's areas of focus include the following: (1) The Beneficial Interaction between Humans and Animals and Animal Welfare; (2) Issues concerning Women's & Children's Health, Safety, and Welfare; and (3) Early Intervention and Addiction Prevention. All grant requests forwarded to the Jennie K. Scaife Charitable Foundation should align with at least one of these focus areas.

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John William Pope Foundation – Human Services

(Application Deadline: August 3, 2026)

The John William Pope Foundation's philanthropic vision is rooted in improving the well-being of North Carolinians through the advancement of individual freedom and personal responsibility. We will consider proposals for general operating or project-specific support. Human Services: To contribute to an environment of opportunity, the Pope Foundation makes grants to nonprofits addressing a full spectrum of needs, including hunger, health, housing, job training, and more. The Pope Foundation believes that independent initiatives, not government interventions, are critical to addressing the root causes of social challenges like generational poverty, underemployment, homelessness, and substance abuse.

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NextGen Thriving

(Application Deadline: To be announced early 2026)

NextGen Thriving empowers historically marginalized youth by equipping them with job-related skills and expanding their horizons through new training opportunities. It is our desire to spark a revival that allows each life touched to not only dream, but attain a brilliant future — in their lives, community and the world. NextGen Thriving awards grants for projects and programs in alignment with our mission and values – across the U.S. We review grant applications annually with awards ranging from \$10,000-\$150,000.

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***NEW* The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger Zero Waste**

(Application Deadline: Quarterly)

The foundation's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Innovation Fund is designed to provide strategic grant funding for solutions to end hunger and waste at national and local levels. We support nonprofits, innovators and community-based organizations that help: (1) Meet critical transportation needs for food banks and partner agencies. (2) Operate mobile pantry programs to improve food access in underserved communities. (3) Increase access to, and enrollment in, SNAP benefits. (4) Provide breakfast after the bell for students at school. (5) Serve homeless men and women who want to gain skills, stabilize their lives and find permanent housing. (6) Improve nutrition education and access to healthier foods.

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Warren Alpert Foundation Grants Program

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (LOI))

The focus of The Warren Alpert Foundation is to improve the health of the public through grants and programmatic activities progressing towards attaining or perfecting medical treatments or cures through basic research, translational and outcomes research as well as through health education. The Warren Alpert Foundation accepts grants for medical research, medical education, and in some cases general education and basic human services grants. Prospective applicants applying for funding over \$25,000 must first submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI).

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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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The Cannon Foundation

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (Inquiry Form))

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. Grants support human services, higher education, healthcare, and community. Eligibility is limited to nonprofits with at least five years of operating history and with significant operations in NC. Only capital and infrastructure projects will be considered

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***NEW* TMCity**

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

TMCity supports promising new innovations in neurocognitive research and medicine, transforming our approach to mental health. TMCity welcomes proposals from organizations working in our focus area, including but not limited to: (1) Academic or research institutions such as schools of medicine, nursing, social work, public health, and rehabilitation; (2) Community-based organizations engaged in activities and/or providing services related to mental health care and treatment; (3) Direct health care providers, such as hospitals, nursing-facilities and senior living, rehabilitation specialists, homecare agencies; and (4) New companies developing technology solutions in this space. The most crucial element of an application will be ensuring your request addresses our Foundation's focus in neurocognitive healthcare and treatments for brain-related ailments. Awards range from \$25,000 - \$250,000.

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The Robin McGraw Revelation and Dr. Phil Foundation: When Georgia Smiled

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

When Georgia Smiled provides grants for programs that help domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual traffic victims live healthy, safe and joy-filled lives by providing shelter, support, education, counseling and healing as well as organizations that seek to provide a strong foundation for the social, emotional, educational and spiritual well-being of children, providing them with access to critically needed services, including safe and loving homes, hunger relief, medical and mental health services, education and job training. Additionally, we support the importance of family reunification and adoption. Priority is given to organizations affecting change in the foster care system to improve outcomes and create positive experiences for children.

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The Milbank Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

The Milbank Foundation was created in 1995 to pursue Jeremiah Milbank's vision of integrating people with disabilities into all aspects of American life. The Foundation's current priorities include: (1) Consumer-focused, community-based initiatives that empower people with disabilities and foster independence and self-sufficiency; (2) The rehabilitation and re-integration of veterans, especially veterans with disabilities; (3) Helping seniors to age in the place of their choice through non-institutional, community-based health and social services; (4) Market-oriented, patient-centered health care reforms across the country; and (5) Programs that address mental health issues and aim to prevent substance abuse and suicide, especially among young people.

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Abbott Professional Medical Education & Fellowship Grants

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Abbott supports medical education grants that advance scientific knowledge and improve patient wellness through two programs: Professional medical education grants and Fellowship program grants. Professional Medical Education Grants: Our grants support healthcare institutions, professional associations and societies, and continuing education providers in producing independent medical education events. Areas of interest include cardiovascular disease, cardiac arrhythmia, electrophysiology, heart failure and structural heart therapies. Fellowship Program Grants: Abbott provides funding for medical institutions to administer their own fellowship programs in the areas of cardiovascular disease, cardiac arrhythmia, electrophysiology, heart failure and structural heart therapies.

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Ollie Hinkle Heart Foundation Technology Grant

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Our mission is to improve outcomes in pediatric heart care by collaborating with innovators on cutting edge advancements. We achieve this by: leveraging prediction for early recognition, using precision for personalized care, and protecting quality of life through prevention. Eligible applicants must have an immediate or near future impact, defined as clinically approved or available for clinical use within the next 3-5 years. Funding cannot be used for standard/baseline technology for an inpatient or procedural area serving pediatric cardiac population or for cellular research.

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Stealth Biotherapeutics

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We support programs and initiatives that offer health care providers and patient communities access to educational information on disease awareness, therapeutic management, and scientific advancements in our areas of therapeutic interest. Funds are awarded to educate broad audiences and may not be used to educate a sole individual. Grants are provided for Independent Medical Education, including, educational programs and activities for healthcare professionals provided by independent entities such as hospitals, academic centers, societies/associations or medical education companies, with a goal of improving the management of disease and patient health and safety. Independent Medical Information may be delivered via live presentations, written enduring materials, online courses, and conference symposia from organizations (e.g. hospitals, universities, societies, medical-education companies).

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Zimmer Biomet Foundation, Inc.

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

In 2018, the Zimmer Biomet Foundation, Inc. was established as the philanthropic arm of Zimmer Biomet in order to address the needs of our global community. As an independent, philanthropic and non-profit organization, the Zimmer Biomet Foundation improves the quality of life for our communities by providing resources to help: (1) Build Healthy Communities, (2) Advance STEM Education, (3) Provide Disaster Relief, and (4) Advance Global Inclusion.

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Baxter Contributions Management Program

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

For nearly a century, we have made a meaningful difference in global healthcare while creating lasting value for the communities we serve. Baxter's Contributions Management Program (CMP) supports both U.S. and Canada not-for-profit Healthcare Organizations (HCOs) that enhance healthcare delivery, advance medical science (Canada only), increase access to patient care, and foster understanding and education of therapeutic and disease states that Baxter serves. Only Canadian and U.S.-based healthcare and patient-related organizations may submit funding requests through this platform.

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Stantec: Community Engagement Funding

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

At Stantec, community is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that when we come together, we can create lasting, meaningful change. That's why we're proud to invest in organizations that share our passion for building brighter futures. Stantec invests in organizations that share its commitment to creating lasting, meaningful change through four core areas: arts, education, environment, and health and wellness. There is a Stantec location in Asheville, NC.

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The Brees Dream Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The Brees Dream Foundation is committed to advancing research in the fight against cancer and providing care, education, and opportunities for children in need.

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The GATE Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The mission of The GATE Foundation is to support the efforts and services that nurture and protect the well being of family and community. Focus Areas include: Creates affordable housing for low-to-moderate income families; Provides shelter for those in crisis; Provides youth activity programs to reduce crime in communities (excludes athletic associations); Offers food, nourishment & clothing to those in need; Protects our communities; Provides assisted or independent living for the disabled or elderly; Ensures access to quality health care/health education programs. The organization should: Have programs that assist in the nurturing and/or protection of individuals, families and communities; Foster collaborative efforts that leverage the community investments made by the GATE Foundation; or Provide services to individuals, families or communities in which we conduct business.

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Moderna Charitable Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

In 2022, our company launched the Moderna Charitable Foundation, as an extension of the societal impact we made with our COVID-19 vaccine, to address the ongoing needs of communities affected by the pandemic. Today, we continue to be committed to creating long-lasting change for a healthier world, by investing in: HEALTH: Building resilient health ecosystems by promoting public health and access to quality healthcare; SCIENCE: Closing the opportunity gap for the next generation by advancing STEM education and innovation; COMMUNITY: Strengthening local communities, particularly where we live and work, by addressing systemic barriers faced by underserved populations. Across all these areas, we seek partner organizations that challenge the status quo and drive systems change through social innovation and novel uses of technology.

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Gilead

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We work with patient advocates, nonprofits and healthcare professionals across all our therapeutic areas of focus to improve care through partnerships and community engagement. We are inspired by the work that our grantees do every day to improve access and eliminate barriers to healthcare while advancing education among patients and healthcare professionals. We support projects in North America across all our therapeutic areas — HIV, liver diseases, oncology and inflammatory and respiratory diseases.

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Labcorp Charitable Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We believe every person deserves equitable care and education. In 2020, Labcorp established a private charitable 501(c)(3) foundation to advance our desire to bring quality healthcare access to all by supporting education and our local communities. Common grant opportunities include: Supporting food pantries and meal programs, Providing healthcare and patient services for underserved populations, Encouraging STEM programming, and Advocating for healthy lifestyles through ongoing medical research and screenings.

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Tuttleman Foundation Grants

(Application Deadline: Rolling (Letter of Request))

The Tuttleman Foundation generally provides grants to 501(c)(3) organizations in the areas of education, community building, health care, arts and museums, basic human services, and spirituality. The Tuttleman Foundation typically awards grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) organizations. Funding is available for: general operations, capital campaigns, special projects, research and advocacy, and pilot projects.

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AJA Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

AJA Foundation seeks to help those who have done everything society asks of them, yet for whom access to essential resources and the probability for advancement that comes from them remain elusive at best and structurally impossible at worst. We know that the “playing field” of opportunity tilts substantially and unfairly towards those coming from advantage and that nobody succeeds on their own. AJA Foundation is dedicated to leveling the playing field by investing globally in organizations addressing what we see as fundamental human rights with a focus on equal access to clean water, quality education and essential healthcare.

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The Tony Robbins Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

The Tony Robbins Foundation is a nonprofit organization created to empower individuals and organizations to make a significant difference in the quality of life of people often forgotten. We're dedicated to creating positive changes in the lives of youth, seniors, the hungry, homeless and the imprisoned population, all who need a boost envisioning a happier and deeply satisfying way of life. The Tony Robbins Foundation provides monetary donations to various organizations around the world. Funding requests are evaluated on an ongoing basis. We look for organizations that align with our mission to empower individuals and organizations to make a significant difference in the quality of life of those often forgotten.

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Foundation for Grieving Children, Inc.

(Application Deadline: Rolling (introductory email))

The Foundation for Grieving Children, Inc. provides grants to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and programs which: (1) assist, counsel, educate and comfort children and families who have experienced the death of a loved one; (2) educate bereavement, healthcare, education, social service, business, criminal justice and other professionals and society to the needs of the bereaved.

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Bob Woodruff Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

We provide funding for programs that serve the military and veteran community. We focus on programs that improve the health and well-being of service members, veterans, their families, and caregivers, and that: (1) Improve social determinants of health; (2) Decrease barriers to physical and mental healthcare; (3) Increase access to programming that fosters a healthy lifestyle; and (4) Enhance opportunities for veterans to thrive after service. To submit an application, your organization and program must provide direct services to the military and veteran population. If your organization would like feedback on whether your program is a good fit for a grant, consider submitting a brief proposal before completing an application. We'll provide feedback to all prospective applicants within two months, pending volume of requests.

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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 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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NEW Windcall Residency

(Application Deadline: March 20, 2026)

The Windcall Institute has awarded Residencies for over three decades, offering lifetime changing experiences to over 700 community and labor organizers from around the country and all sectors of the social justice movement. The Windcall Residency is a nine-month experience that provides you with a highly supportive environment in three phases, including one or three week residential retreats that removes most of the outside pressures and internal constraints that inhibit organizers' renewal, and allows space for exploring the practices that can lead to long-term sustainability in the movement.

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***NEW* Wildseeds Grants**

(Application Deadline: March 27, 2026)

The Wildseeds Grants program funds community organizations, strategists and media makers working to uplift frontline stories, build power, and embolden transformative food and farm systems change. We do this all in an effort to grow deeper roots with our grantee partners by making sure they have the infrastructure, communications skills, and strategic support they need to thrive now and forever. Applicants must be working on initiatives that directly affect change within food and agricultural systems (e.g. land sovereignty, food security, inclusive economy, water and soil stewardship, climate justice, labor organizing, sustainable/regenerative/reindigenized practices and healing traditions); operating from a deeply shared understanding of structural and institutional racism in the food and farm system and actively works to advance racial equity and justice; and focus on one or more of the following priorities: Cultural Organizing; Inclusive Economic Models & Community-Controlled Systems; Reclaiming Democracy; Promoting Indigenous and Ancestral Foodways and Agricultural Practices. We prioritize organizations led by those who are directly engaged in and impacted by food and farm practices, including farmers, farm workers, fisherpeople, and food system workers; direct at least 75% of our funds to BIPOC-led and serving organizations (organizations whose highest leadership are BIPOC and whose staff, Board, and people served are 51%+ people of color); and support organizations taking on corporate consolidation and power in food and agriculture while actively working to advance racial justice.

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***NEW* Barbara McDowell Social Justice Center: Special Impact Litigation Grant**

(Application Deadline: March 31, 2026)

The Barbara McDowell Social Justice Center (“Center”) Special Impact Litigation Grants support nonprofit organizations pursuing high impact litigation that seeks systemic change and advances for social justice. The Center will partner with selected organizations by providing both financial resources and legal collaboration to strengthen high-impact cases. These Special Impact Litigation Grants will supplement the Center’s Annual Grant Program and are being made because of the urgency of the current threats to social justice and civil rights.

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***NEW* Impact Fund: Immigration Rapid Response Grants**

(Application Deadline: May 30, 2026)

We provide expedited funding for impact litigation brought on behalf of the immigrant community and their allies. Our funding supports legal challenges to unlawful or unconstitutional acts, practices, or policies, including the following: DHS/ICE misconduct, Unlawful or unconstitutional DHS/ICE responses to lawful protest, Unlawful or unconstitutional federal immigration policies and practices, Unlawful or unconstitutional federal immigration-related operations and acts, Unlawful or unconstitutional detention center conditions, and Related unlawful or unconstitutional policies, practices, and acts by other state and federal actors.

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Barbara McDowell Social Justice Center

(Application Deadline: June 15, 2026 (LOI); August 1, 2026 (Full Application))

The Barbara McDowell Social Justice Center makes grants for social justice litigation. Grants are only made for a specific social justice legal case, including the filing of an appeal. Grant funds are to be used for case-related expenses including attorney time, filing fees, and expert witness expenses. Grant funds may not be used for travel expenses associated with the case. Grants are not made for criminal cases, claim(s) by an individual(s), or an amicus brief.

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The Oak Hill Fund

(Application Deadline: July 30, November 30, and March 30, annually (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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Clif Family Foundation – Open Call Grants

(Application Deadline: August 1 and March 1, annually)

The Mission of the Clif Family Foundation is to aspire to transform food systems, revitalize the environment, and enhance community health. The priorities of the Clif Family Foundation include regenerative and organic farming, food production workers' health and safety, climate justice, healthy food access, inclusive outdoor access, and indoors and outdoors safe from pollution. The typical open call grant ranges up to \$50,000 and supports general operating costs. Priority is given to applicants with operating budgets under \$8MM and that operate at the grassroots level to implement change at the local, state, or national stage.

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Nathan Cummings Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

There are two types of funding opportunities: grants and program-related investments (PRIs). Both grant and PRI proposals must align with our interconnected goals of racial, economic, and/or environmental justice (REEJ). Proposals that align and intersect with REEJ and our place-based initiatives, which include the U.S. South, are especially encouraged. Most of our grants range from about \$50,000 – \$250,000. We anticipate most PRIs will range from \$250,000 to \$750,000, typically to be repaid within three to seven years.

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Vision Maker Media: Native Youth Media Project

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

Vision Maker Media's Native Youth Media Project works in partnership with Native youth organizations to mentor and train Native youth in storytelling skill sets for short-format media. This partnership between Vision Maker Media and Native organizations and communities will work together to strengthen Native youth's story development for short-format media. Youth may produce short-format videos around such topics as science, health & wellness, climate & environment, education, art, culture, history, language, and empowerment. Finished videos are

expected to be shared in a community engagement activity that is determined by the partner organization. The call for Native Youth Media Project partners is directed towards existing Native youth programs of 2-years or more, working with youth ages 13-21 years, in Native organizations and communities. Vision Maker Media is accepting applications with up to \$25,000.00 in funding support from Vision Maker Media for existing Native American youth programs.

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National Children's Alliance – Equipment & Technology Support

(Application Deadline: Rolling Until June 30, 2026, or Funding Exhausted)

NCA, under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), will administer over 15 million in federal funds for the establishment, improvement, and expansion of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) through this request for proposals (RFP). Awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and eligible organizations include: Accredited CAC, Associate/Developing CAC, Affiliate CAC, Satellite CAC, Non-Member Multidisciplinary Teams or entities in the process of establishing a CAC. The goal is to support the work of the CACs by purchasing or upgrading the necessary equipment including hardware, software, and related services (installation, etc.).

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Impact Fund

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (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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The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation

(Application Deadline: Quarterly (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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Kathryn McQuade Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling)

The foundation will support qualified organizations that focus on: (1) Women and children's rights, safety, health, education, and training; (2) Animal rights and safety for domestic and endangered species; and (3) Environmental improvements and innovations. To apply, the recipient must be a qualified 501(c)(3) organization or a qualified Sponsor organization that is a 501(c)(3). The Foundation will target grants in the range of \$5,000 to \$50,000, but will consider grant applications for other amounts.

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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 Block Foundation

(Application Deadline: Rolling (LOI))

The Harris and Frances Block Foundation seeks equitable solutions to social and environmental problems, working with small and emerging organizations to improve our communities and impact the world. The Block Foundation supports small grassroots not-for-profit organizations with grants that work to foster just and sustainable communities. We focus our grantmaking in the geographical locations of our Board of Trustees: Vermont, North Carolina, Virginia, and New York City. We make grants that are large and small, not exceeding \$35,000. The Foundation focuses on Environmental Issues (Environmental Education, Environmental Justice) and Food & Farm Initiatives (Farm and Garden Programs, Farmworker's Rights, and Food Justice).

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The Grove Foundation

(Invitation Only, Welcomes Exploratory Meetings)

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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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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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

Foundation Grants

Weyerhaeuser Family Fund Youth Initiative

(Forecasted Deadline: April 22, 2026 (First-come, First-served – opens April 1st)

The goal of the Youth Initiative is to support direct service programs that promote resilience, stability, and psycho-social health for youth ages 14 to 21 who have experienced trauma because of exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Priority will be given to programs that serve youth segments that historically have less access to services, including BIPOC youth, youth from rural communities, youth involved with state systems, refugees, LGBTQ youth, and those who have experienced sexual exploitation. The average first year grant award for the Youth Initiative in 2025 was \$30,000.

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Sparkplug Foundation

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2026 (LOI); May 22, 2026 (Full Application))

Sparkplug funds work by members of a community for their community -- work that aims to create justice by making systemic change and/or shifting power. Or in other words, we fund projects that are created, run by, and meet the needs of people with shared lived experience who face the same types of oppression, discrimination, violence, or barriers, who live in the same area, or who have a shared vision and aspirations for the future. For example, We DO fund projects created and led by LGBTQ youth to change policies that affect them, but we DON'T fund programs that provide social services for LGBTQ youth. We consider grant applications for amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

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WayOUT

(Application Deadline: May 9, 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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The Trans Justice Funding Project

(Application Deadline: May 16 and August 17, 2026)

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

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***NEW* National Performance Network Creation & Development Fund**

(Application Deadline: May 18, 2026)

The Creation & Development Fund supports the creation, development and mobility of new artistic work that advances racial and cultural justice and results in live experiential exchange between artists and community. The fund provides a framework for relationships to develop, over time, among diverse artists, arts organizations, and communities. Through the investment of commissioning funds from arts organizations and NPN direct subsidies, each project is eligible for multi-level support. Artists apply for the Creation Fund with a team consisting of at least two arts organizations (co-commissioners) led by a NPN National Partner. Each commissioner contributes a \$2,000–\$3,000 cash match and agrees to present the work once it has been created.

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***NEW* Ecolab Foundation**

(Forecasted Deadline: TBD, scheduled to open late May 2026)

Ecolab supports programs and initiatives that protect people and nature in the communities in which we live and work, aligning with Ecolab's Environmental Justice position. Focus areas include: youth & education, city & community development, environment & conservation, and arts & culture. Organizations serving Asheville, NC are eligible to apply.

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Leonard-Litz LGBTQ+ Foundation

(Application Deadline: June 15, December 15, and March 15, annually)

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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Looking Out Foundation

(Application Deadline: July 1 and January 15, annually)

Grants to organizations are made to tax-exempt public charities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Program interests include, but are not limited to: LGBTQIA2S+ support, disadvantaged youth, public health, women, the environment, the arts, the hungry and the unhoused. The average grant allocation is between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

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E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation

(Application Deadline: July 15 and January 31, annually)

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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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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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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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 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

NEA Research Grants, FY 2027

(Application Deadline: March 23, 2026 (Grants.gov); April 2, 2026 (NEA Applicant Portal))

The National Endowment for the Arts offers two funding opportunities for research projects: (1) Research Grants in the Arts support research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of

the arts in American life. Research Grants in the Arts applications have a funding level of \$20,000-\$100,000. (2) NEA Research Labs funds long-term research agendas that include multiple empirical studies and the dissemination of various products or services for promoting public knowledge about the arts and their contributions to American life. Each Lab must include an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Research Labs applications have a funding level of \$100,000-\$300,000. Both require a 1:1 Cost-share.

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***NEW* Dept of Veterans Affairs Veterans Legacy Grants Program**

(Application Deadline: March 27, 2026)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) is awarding grants up to a maximum of \$400,000 per recipient through the Veterans Legacy Grants Program (VLGP). Grant recipients would provide tools for the public to learn about the histories of Veterans interred in national cemeteries and state, territorial, and Tribal Veterans cemeteries. There is special interest in highlighting the histories of Veterans who have significant connections to their local communities. 10 awards are anticipated, ranging from \$50,000-\$400,000.

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

(Application Deadline: Varies by Program Element; Closes August 31, 2026)

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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Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants (2026)

(Application Deadline: April 10, 2026)

The Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants program (NAE) assists eligible Native Communities in sustaining and improving library services with their communities. As information needs change, Tribal libraries must be able to serve as knowledge and resource centers to benefit their users and the wellness of their communities. The NAE program supports Native Communities across the country to address their individual information needs and priorities. 25 awards are anticipated between \$50,000-\$150,000.

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EPA Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings

(Application Deadline: April 15, 2026)

This program provides grants to states, federally recognized Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies, and non-profit organizations for the assessment, prevention, control, or abatement of wildfire smoke hazards in community buildings and related activities. These grants

are intended to support activities that will reduce indoor exposure to pollutants in wildfire smoke and, in turn, reduce the public health burden of wildfire smoke exposure. This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to improve public health protection against smoke from wildfires by enhancing preparedness in community buildings. The EPA is soliciting applications for projects that support smoke readiness planning, outreach and training for smoke readiness, indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring, deployment of portable air cleaners, identification and preparation of cleaner air spaces or shelters, significant improvements to buildings such as upgrading and repairing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units or systems and weatherization. Activities may include research, demonstrations, technical assistance, training, education and/or outreach components. Applications must focus on assisting public buildings or buildings that serve the public.

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NIFA Veterinary Services Grant Program

(Forecasted Deadline: April 16, 2026)

Veterinarians play significant roles in assuring food and fiber animal health, food safety and security, public health, and producer profitability, especially in rural areas of the United States where most livestock production occurs. The VSGP, Assistance Listing 10.336, and its companion Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), authorized by the National Veterinary Medical Services Act (NVMSA), were established to address concerns that long-term uneven distributions in the veterinary workforce have left some rural communities with insufficient access to food/large animal veterinary services. The objectives of the VSGP are to develop, implement, and sustain food animal veterinary services and relieve veterinarian shortage situations in the United States, which includes Insular Areas (see Appendix III of this NOFO for a definition of “Insular Area”), and to provide education, extension, and training programs for the food animal veterinary workforce. Awards are anticipated to range from \$75,000 to \$300,000.

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NEA Grants for Arts Projects 1, FY 2027

(Application Deadline: July 9, 2026)

Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides project-based funding for organizations in the areas of Arts Education, Challenge America, Dance, Design & Our Town, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Museums, Music, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Visual and Media Arts. Funded activities may include a wide range of arts projects described in the application guidelines. Awards require a 1:1 cost share. We welcome applications from first-time and returning applicants; from organizations serving rural, urban, suburban, and tribal communities of all sizes; and from organizations with a range of operating budgets. Eligible applicants include: nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; and Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. Funding in this category is not available for individuals, fiscally sponsored entities, commercial/for-profit enterprises, State Arts Agencies (SAA), or Regional Arts Organizations (RAO).

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NSF Trailblazer Engineering Impact Award

(Application Deadline: July 24, 2026)

The NSF Trailblazer Engineering Impact Award (TRAILBLAZER) program supports individual investigators who propose novel research projects with the potential to innovatively and creatively address new areas of fundamental or applied research, catalyze development of new industries or capabilities that increase the leadership position for the country, and/or make significant progress towards addressing a national need or grand challenge, particularly in current priority areas including, but not limited to, artificial intelligence (AI), bioengineering, quantum engineering, robotics, and nuclear engineering. TRAILBLAZER will support engineers and scientists who leverage their distinctive track record of innovation and creativity to pursue new research directions that are distinct from their previous or current research areas. All funded TRAILBLAZER projects will form an NSF TRAILBLAZER cohort, and principal investigators will be expected to participate in an annual meeting.

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

(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

NC Trails Safety and Education Grant

(Application Deadline: April 2, 2026)

The Division of Parks and Recreation, the North Carolina Trails Program and the North Carolina Trails Committee value trail projects that are legal, safe, managed and provide connectivity, reasonable public access and parking. The Recreational Trails Program Safety and Education Grant is administered on WebGrants.

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NC Trails Recreational Trails Program Grant

(Application Deadline: September 4, 2026)

These sustainable, "shovel-ready" projects leverage local funds to meet recreational trail and trail-needs, to provide low infrastructure economic development opportunities through natural resource tourism. The RTP Grant Program is a reimbursement and matching grant program. A grantee must first pay for approved project deliverables and then will be reimbursed by the State for approved costs. The RTP's matching requirement is a 25% minimum for every RTP dollar received by a grantee.

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NC Trails Connecting Communities to State Trails Grants (CCST)

(Application Deadline: October 8, 2026)

A portion of CTP are funds (\$1.9 million) for connecting eligible local governments to state trails. North Carolina municipalities with less than 25,000 in population and located within 6 miles of an existing or planned segment of a state trail are eligible for CCST grants. Two or more local governments may apply jointly, with one serving as the primary sponsor. Recipients will be selected in Winter/Spring 2027.

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USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

(Application Deadline: September 30, 2026)

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

***UPDATED* National Park Foundation: Park Partner Capacity Building Grant**

(Application Deadline: April 2, 2026)

This funding opportunity provides nonprofit organizations, with an existing long-term philanthropic, cooperative, or cooperating association agreement with the NPS, a chance to focus on their organizational strength and sustainability. Some may identify their greatest organizational need to be board or staff development, strategic planning, a new website or membership program, while others may be ready to focus on community engagement, a major gifts program, a new strategic partnership opportunity with their NPS site, or more. Proposals should consider how implementing this project will enable the organization to be a stronger partner to its national park site(s), and lead to impact beyond the one-year grant cycle. Projects should be directly related to building the internal operational and fundraising capacity of the organization. All grant requests should be for \$25,000 - \$100,000.

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Berea College Folk Arts and Cultures Initiative

(Application Deadline: April 13, 2026 (Grant Inquiry Form); April 20, 2026 (Full Application))

The Berea College Appalachian Fund supports nonprofit organizations working to improve the quality of life in central Appalachia. The Appalachian Fund will post information about the 2027 Folk Arts and Cultures grant application process in late winter or spring 2026. The application covers activities taking place July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

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Environmental Research & Education Foundation: Research Grants

(Application Deadline: May 1, 2026 (Pre-Proposal))

EREF is one of the largest sources of private research funding in North America related to sustainable materials management. Our grants program has provided millions of dollars in funding to cutting edge research institutions to help address the many challenges that exist. EREF's strategic priorities are: Climate Change Impacts/Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Emerging Contaminants, and Advancing Materials Circularity & Recycling.

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VIA Art Fund Artistic Production Grants

(Application Deadline: May 21, 2026 (LOI); July 23, 2026 (Full Application))

VIA Art Fund's Artistic Production Grants are awarded twice annually to individual artists, nonprofit organizations, and institutions to support new artistic commissions that take place outside museum or gallery walls, within the public realm, or in nontraditional exhibition environments. Individual artists or producing organizations seeking production funding must have a confirmed exhibition venue or presenting partner. Artistic Production funding ranges from \$25,000 to \$100,000 (can be lower than \$25,000) per project, with grants at the upper levels of funding reserved for permanent or long-term installations, or newly commissioned works that may be gifted to a U.S. public

collection. Artistic Production Grants are awarded to projects that best exemplify our three core values of Artistic Production, Thought Leadership, and Public Engagement.

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Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

(Application Deadline: June 1, 2026)

The Birthday Offering funds one to five capital improvement projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000. To qualify, a program must: (1) have a clearly defined purpose that meets basic human needs. The purpose must be in accordance with mission goals and policies of the Presbyterian Church (USA); (2) provide a form of aid that has been requested or identified to meet the needs of the people served; and (3) be a creative project less than three years old or an existing project moving in a new direction. A proposal must provide a written endorsement from a Presbyterian Women's group of a local church, PW in the Presbytery coordinating team, or a PW in the Synod coordinating team.

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Decorative Arts Trust Prize for Excellence and Innovation

(Application Deadline: June 30, 2026)

To further the Decorative Arts Trust's mission to foster appreciation and study of the arts, the Trust established the \$100,000 Decorative Arts Trust Prize for Excellence and Innovation. The Prize funds outstanding projects that advance the public's appreciation of decorative art, fine art, architecture, or landscape. The Prize is awarded to a nonprofit organization in the United States for a scholarly endeavor, such as museum exhibitions, conservation and preservation projects, and online databases. The Trust's selection committee aims to recognize impactful and original projects that advance scholarship in the field while reaching a broad audience. Nominations should be submitted to thetrust@decorativeartstrust.org by June 30.

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State Justice Institute

(Application Deadline: Quarterly)

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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AV 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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