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Information on available state, federal and private grants

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Questions?

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On the state level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now pre-qualify on the NYS Grants Reform website at grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees in order to apply for certain New York State grant solicitations. Potential not-for-profit applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process of registering and pre-qualifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

NYSERDA, Affordable Solar and Storage Predevelopment and Technical Assistance (Predevelopment Program)

The Predevelopment Program provides grants to address barriers to solar installations serving low-to-moderate income (LMI) households living in rental housing, multifamily buildings or other households not served by traditional on-site residential solar. Individual awards will not exceed \$200,000. Funding to proposals through this solicitation will offset costs for predevelopment and technical assistance work needed to implement solar installations for multifamily affordable housing and/or shared solar (Community Distributed Generation) installations that benefit LMI households.

- **Eligibility:** Applications must be submitted by or include the documented participation of any of the following: owners, providers or managers of regulated multifamily affordable housing, community land trusts, land banks or portfolios of single-family affordable housing; local government agencies; Community Development Corporations (CDC), Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) or other community organizations providing services to LMI households and/or demonstrating an LMI constituency; and prior recipients of Predevelopment Program grants seeking to replicate and expand upon the success from a prior completed Predevelopment Program project.
- **Funding:** Up to \$10.65 million is available with individual awards not to exceed \$200,000.
- **Deadline:** Continuous through December 31, 2024, or until depleted
- **Contact:**
Email: affordablesolar@nyserda.ny.gov
Website: www.nyserda.ny.gov/funding

NYSERDA, NY Green Bank, Paycheck Protection Program

NY Green Bank is a state-sponsored specialized financial entity working with the private sector to identify, address and alleviate market barriers preventing the widespread deployment of clean energy across New York State. As part of New York's support for businesses during this challenging time, NY Green Bank, a division of NYSERDA, has been approved to offer loans to eligible applicants under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). To qualify for a PPP loan, the applicants must satisfy NY Green Bank's mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York State and to sustain its momentum in meeting the climate and clean energy goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.



The loan proceeds must be used to cover payroll costs, and eligible mortgage interest, rent and utility costs over the 24-week period after the loan is made; and employee and compensation levels must be maintained. Completed applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis in the order they are received.

- **Eligibility:** At least 60% of the loan amount to be forgiven must have been used for payroll and payroll-related expenses. See the website and below for additional eligibility criteria. The following entities affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) may be eligible:
 - Any small business concern that meets SBA's size standards (either the industry based size standard or the alternative size standard), sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed persons;
 - Any business with a NAICS Code that begins with 72 (Accommodations and Food Services) that has more than one physical location and employs less than 500 per location; and
 - Any business, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 501(c)(19) veterans organization or Tribal business concern (sec. 31(b)(2)(C) of the Small Business Act) with the less than 500 employees or that meets the SBA industry size standard if more than 500.
- **Funding:** Eligible payroll costs are capped at \$100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee.
- **Deadline:** August 6, 2020
- **Contacts:** Trond Rokholt (Designated Contact 2) at 203-550-4006; or (iii) Lindsay Drogin (Designated Contact 3) at 212-971-5342, ext. 4111. Email: sba.loan@greenbank.ny.gov Website: https://portal.greenbank.ny.gov/CORE_Solicitation_Detail_Page?SolicitationId=a0rt000000uU2EhAAK

On the federal level...

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

The AFRI is the leading competitive grants program that provides funding for fundamental and applied research, education and extension projects in the food and agricultural sciences. In FY 2020, NIFA requests applications for the AFRI's Education and Workforce Development (EWD) Program containing six distinct program areas supporting education and training ranging from K-12 to post-doctoral levels. These six areas have individual proposal due dates and requirements listed in the request for applications. Of special interest may be the Agricultural Workforce Training (AWT) area which supports the training or retraining of workers at the community college level.

- **Eligibility:** Broad, consult the request for applications
- **Funding:** Up to \$500,000 for project periods up to five years.

- **Deadline:** September 24, 2020
- **Contact:** Dr. Ray Ali
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Reducing Cardiac Arrest Disparities Through Data Registries Initiative

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) announces the availability of funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 grant awards under the authority of Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act. OMH is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities and advance health equity.

- **Eligibility:** State, county, town and special district governments, institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, public housing/Indian housing authorities, nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and U.S. territories
- **Funding:** Five awards of \$50,000 to \$70,000
- **Deadline:** August 17, 2020
- **Contact:** Robin Fuller
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Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program (NLG-L)

This program supports projects that enhance the quality of library and archive services by advancing theory and practice. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices or collaborative approaches that can be widely used, adapted, scaled or replicated. All applications must designate one of the following project categories: Lifelong Learning, Community Catalysts or National Digital Infrastructures and Initiatives.

- **Eligibility:** Either a unit of state or local government or a private, nonprofit organization that has nonprofit status and be located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia or U.S. territories. Additional criteria is listed in the website.
- **Funding:** 40 awards for up to three years will be made with amounts varying by category: Planning Grants up to \$100,000; National Forum Grants up to \$150,000; Project Grants up to \$1,000,000 and Research in Service to Practice Grants up to \$750,000.
- **Deadline:** October 2, 2020
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On the private level...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize (the Prize) elevates the compelling stories of places where residents are working together to transform education, jobs, transportation, housing and more so better health flourishes for all. A Culture of Health recognizes that where we live—such as our access to affordable homes, quality schools, good jobs and reliable transportation—affects how long and how well we live.

Through the RWJF Culture of Health Prize application process, a community comes together to tell its inspiring stories of collaboration, action and results. Communities should understand they are applying for a prize and not a grant. The Prize recognizes work that has already been accomplished, so there is no required workplan or budget.

- **Eligibility:** A community must be a geographically defined jurisdiction in the U.S. that falls into one of the following categories:
 - County, parish, borough, city, town, village or other municipality with a publicly elected governing body;
 - Federally recognized tribe or a state-designated Indian reservation;
 - Native Hawaiian organization serving and representing the interests of Native Hawaiians in Hawaii; or
 - Region defined as geographically contiguous municipalities, counties and/or reservations.
- **Awards:** Up to 10 winning communities receive \$25,000 and a prize package of communications materials about their community, communications guidance and help in promoting their successes.
- **Deadline:** Oct. 15, 2020, 3pm ET
- **Contact:**
Phone: (608) 890-2045
Email: info@cohprize.wisc.edu
Website: www.rwjf.org/content/rwjf/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/2021-culture-of-health-prize.html

Robert Wood Johnson Evidence for Action: Approaches to Advance Gender Equity From Around the Globe

RWJF's Evidence for Action (E4A) program and Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions team seek to learn from programs, policies and practices ("interventions") that have been implemented in other countries to address gender equity, and to understand the extent to which these approaches

may be adapted for U.S. populations. The goal of this funding opportunity is to translate and adapt knowledge from around the world to the United States on approaches that can improve health or the determinants of health by improving gender equity.

- **Eligibility:** Only proposals that demonstrate clear applicability to the United States will be funded. Awards will be made to organizations, not individuals. Eligible organizations include academic institutions, public entities, private nonprofit organizations, government agencies and for-profit organizations that have a demonstrated history of administering grant awards and managing project funds. Projects must reflect a collaboration between U.S. and non-U.S.-based organizations. Collaboration is required, but only one organization may serve as the lead applicant.
- **Funding:** Up to \$1 million will be awarded for individual grants between \$100,000–\$250,000 each for up to 30 months.
- **Deadline:** August 26, 2020, 3pm ET
- **Contact:**
Email: evidenceforaction@ucsf.edu
Website: <https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/evidence-for-action-approaches-to-advance-gender-equity-from-around-the-globe.html>

Scholar awards...

Research Corporation for Science Advancement, Cottrell Scholars

The Cottrell Scholar Award honors and helps to develop outstanding teacher-scholars who are recognized by their scientific communities for the quality and innovation of their research programs and their academic leadership skills. The Cottrell Scholar Award provides entry into a national community of outstanding scholar-educators who produce significant research and educational outcomes.

- **Eligibility:** The Cottrell Scholar Award (CSA) is available to early career faculty at U.S. and Canadian research universities and primarily undergraduate institutions. Eligible applicants are tenure-track faculty who hold primary or courtesy appointments in chemistry, physics or astronomy departments that offer bachelor's and/or graduate degrees in the applicant's discipline.
- **Funding:** Cottrell Scholar Awards are for three-year projects in the amount of \$100,000 for the entire project.
- **Deadline:** August 15, 2020
- **Contact:** Program directors
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Website: <https://rescorp.org/cottrell-scholars/guidelines/>





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Introduction to Project Budgets:

This class will provide step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance of Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.

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www.candid.org/contact-us

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