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Information on available state, federal and private grants

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On the State Level...

NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), Infant Toddler Regional Resource Centers Funding

This funding is dedicated to proposals from qualified not-for-profit organizations in each of the seven regions across NYS for Infant Toddler Regional Resource Centers, which will act as lead infant/toddler agencies to address the unique needs of the infant/toddler population. The criteria for the funding includes promoting an understanding of the importance of and strategies for improving the quality of care for infants and toddlers and support for their caregivers, thereby increasing opportunities for the historically underserved infant and toddler population and their caregivers.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities

■ **Deadline:** September 10, 2024, 4 PM

■ **Total Funding Available:** \$41.4 million

■ **Contact Email:** funding@ocfs.ny.gov

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

◆ <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/>

◆ <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/RFP1104/RFP1104-Infant-Toddler-Regional-Resource-Centers.pdf>

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Enhanced Step-Down Program - Mental Health and Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities Funding

This funding is for programs for adults with co-occurring mental health and intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The programs must include a specialized model of critical time intervention and transitional housing to support safe discharges from inpatient units and emergency departments. OMH intends to award five programs throughout the state serving: New York City, Western New York, Central New York, Hudson River and Long Island.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, not-for-profits

■ **Deadline:** September 25, 2024, 2 PM

■ **Total Funding Available:** \$74.6 million

■ **Contact:** Amanda Szczepkowski

■ **Contact Email:** OMHLocalProcurement@omh.ny.gov

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2024/esdp/index.html>

◆ https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2024/esdp/esd_mh_idd_rfp.pdf



NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Funding

This funding assists municipalities in expanding or improving local waste reduction and recycling. Eligible projects include costs for recycling coordination, education, planning and promotion for recycling and waste reduction to increase public awareness of, and participation in, local recycling programs.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, tribal organizations
- **Deadline:** October 31, 2024, 3 PM
- **Total Funding Available:** \$5 million
- **Contact:** Rebecca Vaughan
- **Contact Email:** RecyclingGrants@dec.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/waste-management/grants>

On the Federal Level...

National Science Foundation (NSF), Workplace Equity for Persons with Disabilities in STEM and STEM Education Funding

This funding supports fundamental, applied and translational research that advances knowledge and practice about diverse, equitable, inclusive and accessible STEM and STEM education workplaces and postsecondary training environments for persons with disabilities. Proposals should focus on one or more of the following three research themes:

- ◆ studying barriers and solutions to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility in STEM and STEM education workplaces and training settings for persons with disabilities
 - ◆ applying intersectional social identity perspectives to investigate characteristics and conditions of STEM and STEM education workplaces and training environments that limit and/or improve diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities
 - ◆ conducting use-inspired and solution-oriented translational research about diverse, equitable, inclusive and accessible STEM and STEM education workplaces and training settings for persons with disabilities
- **Eligible Applicants:** For-profit organizations: U.S.-based commercial organizations, including small businesses, with strong capabilities in scientific or engineering research or education and a passion for innovation; non-profit, non-academic organizations: independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations located in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activities; state and local governments: state educational offices or organizations and local school districts; institutions of higher education (IHEs) - two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and

having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Special instructions for international branch campuses of US IHEs: if the proposal includes funding to be provided to an international branch campus of a US institution of higher education (including through use of subawards and consultant arrangements), the proposer must explain the benefit(s) to the project of performance at the international branch campus, and justify why the project activities cannot be performed at the US campus; Tribal Nations: an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the secretary of the Interior acknowledges as a federally recognized tribe pursuant to the federally recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. §§ 5130-5131

- **Deadline:** September 17, 2024, 5 PM
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$5 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 20
- **Award Ceiling:** \$1.5 million
- **Award Floor:** \$100,000
- **Contact:** Christopher Atchison
- **Contact Email:** catchiso@nsf.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/348261>
 - ◆ http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf23593

US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative Weed Management Areas Program Funding

This funding will help to detect, prevent, eradicate and/or control invasive plant species to promote ecological resiliency, watershed stability and biological diversity on federal, state and other public or private lands in the Great Lakes Basin.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs); Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs), or similar organizations within the U.S. Great Lakes Basin (parts of MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, PA and NY) can apply
- **Deadline:** September 18, 2024, 6 PM
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$1 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 25
- **Award Ceiling:** \$100,000
- **Award Floor:** \$25,000
- **Contact:** Erin Barton
- **Contact Email:** erin.barton@usda.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354852>
 - ◆ <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r9/workingtogether/grants/?cid=FSEPRD898821>

US Dept. of Labor, Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants

These grants will help build community colleges' capacity to meet the skill development needs of employers and equitably support students in obtaining good jobs in in-demand industries.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- **Deadline:** September 24, 2024, 11:59 PM
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$65 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 15
- **Award Ceiling:** \$5.75 million
- **Award Floor:** \$1.5 million
- **Contact:** Sarah Medley
- **Contact Email:** SCC5_FOA-ETA-24-23@dol.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355057>

US Dept. of Commerce, Good Jobs Challenge Funding

These grants will support regional workforce training systems in designing and implementing activities for established sectoral partnerships that place program participants in good jobs and advance industries in the federal key technology focus areas.

- **Eligible Applicants:** City or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); state governments; county governments; special district governments; district organization of an Economic Development Administration (EDA)-designated Economic Development District (EDD); Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; state, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state
- **Deadline:** September 27, 2024, 4:59 PM
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$25 million
- **Number of Awards:** 8
- **Award Ceiling:** \$8 million
- **Contact Email:** GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov

■ Links to Additional Information:

- ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355670>
- ◆ <https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs/american-rescue-plan/good-jobs-challenge>

US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Funding

REAP funding helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and helps meet the nation's critical energy needs. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- ◆ assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- ◆ ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to rural development (RD) programs and benefits from RD funded projects
- ◆ reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

- **Eligible Applicants:** Small businesses that must meet Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards; agricultural producers
- **Deadline:** September 30, 2024
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** Approximately \$1 billion
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 9,000
- **Award Ceiling:** \$1 million
- **Contact:** Gary Pereira
- **Contact Email:** gary.pereira@usda.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/347523>
 - ◆ <http://www.rd.usda.gov/ny>
 - ◆ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/31/2023-06376/notice-of-solicitation-of-applications-for-the-rural-energy-for-america-program-for-fiscal-years>

US Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS), Ryan White HIV/AIDS Emergency Relief Grants

These grants provide direct financial assistance to an eligible metropolitan area (EMA) or transitional grant area (TGA) that has been severely affected by the HIV epidemic. Grant funds assist eligible jurisdictions to develop or enhance access to comprehensive, high quality, community-based care for people with HIV.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Others, see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" in the links below for further information
- **Deadline:** October 1, 2024
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$654 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 52
- **Contact:** Chrissy Abrahms Woodland





- **Contact Email:** CAbrahmswoodland@hrsa.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354642>

US Dept. of Defense (DOD), Tick-Borne Disease, Idea Development Award Grants

These grants support innovative research that could lead to significant advancements that will accelerate progress toward reducing the burden of Lyme disease and/or other tick-borne diseases and conditions and improve patient care, and/or the quality of life for military service members, veterans and their families, as well as the American public.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Unrestricted
- **Deadline:** October 3, 2024
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$3.6 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 5
- **Contact:** CDMRP Help Desk
- **Contact Email:** help@eBRAP.org
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353715>

On the Private Level...

Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, Project-Based Grants

Project-based grants will assist individuals who produce exhibitions, events and publications which foster the development and exchange of diverse and challenging ideas about architecture and its role in the arts, culture and society. Two types of grants are offered to individuals:

- ◆ **Production and Presentation Grants:** assist individuals with the production-related expenses that are necessary to take a project from conceptualization to realization and public presentation. These projects include, but are not limited to, exhibitions, installations; film/video/new media web initiatives, public programs and publications
- ◆ **Research and Development Grants:** support research-related expenses such as travel, documentation, materials, supplies and other development costs

All projects must have clearly defined goals, work plans and budgets.

- **Eligible Applicants:** See more information in the “links to additional information” below
- **Inquiry Form Deadline:** September 15, 2024
- **Award Amounts:** Range from \$5,000-\$20,000 for Production and Presentation Grants, Research and Development grants do not exceed \$10,000
- **Contact Email:** info@grahamfoundation.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <http://www.grahamfoundation.org/>
 - ◆ http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs/
 - ◆ http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs/?mode=individual

Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund)

This fund awards research grants, education grants and scholarships to advance the fields of arboriculture and urban forestry. Science-based tree care enhances the beauty, safety and livability of our communities and helps to protect the people who care for our urban forest.

- **Eligible Applicants:** See more information in “links to additional information” below
- **Letter of Inquiry Deadline:** September 15, 2024
- **Award Amounts:** Vary
- **Contact Email:** hhupke@treefund.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://treefund.org/about>
 - ◆ <https://treefund.org/researchgrants>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Evidence for Action (E4A), Research to Advance Racial Equity Grants

These grants support research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being and equity outcomes. This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, influencing individuals’ options and behaviors. Research should center on the needs and experiences of communities exhibiting the greatest health burdens and be motivated by real-world priorities.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Organizations must be based in the United States or its territories to be eligible. Submissions from teams including U.S. and international members are eligible, but the lead applicant must be based in the United States. Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are either institutes of higher education, public entities, or nonprofits tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations. Other types of nonprofit and for-profit organizations are also eligible to apply
- **Deadline:** November 27, 2024, rolling
- **Award Amounts:** Vary
- **Contact Link:** <https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/contact-us.html>
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/active-funding-opportunities/2021/evidence-for-action--innovative-research-to-advance-racial-equity.html>
 - ◆ <https://www.rwjf.org/>
 - ◆ <https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/active-funding-opportunities.html>

Scholar Awards...

Sages Education & Research Foundation, Surgical Methods Research

These grants help advance a vision of a world in which all operative procedures in health care are accomplished with the least possible physical trauma, discomfort and loss of productive time for the patient. Grants will be awarded for work to advance laparoscopic, endoscopic and other minimal access surgical methods by supporting reproducible scientific research and outcome studies, graduate and postgraduate education and public information

- **Eligible Applicants:** 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) organizations that seek support for programs or projects that align with the foundation's mission, goals, or objectives
- **Deadline:** September 9, 2024, 5 PM PT
- **Estimated Total Funding Available:** \$500,000-\$600,000
- **Award Ceiling:** \$100,000
- **Award Floor:** \$1,000
- **Contact Email:** foundation@sages.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.sagesfoundation.org/>
 - ◆ <https://www.sagesfoundation.org/guidelines/>

National Endowment for the Humanities, Dynamic Language Infrastructure – Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) Fellowships

This funding supports scholars pursuing research on documentation and analysis of one or more endangered languages. DLI-DEL fellowships provide recipients with time for fieldwork to record languages; digital archiving; transcription and annotation; linguistic and ethnographic analysis of findings; and preparation of print or digital research publications. Anticipated products may include, but are not limited to, lexicons, grammars, databases, peer-reviewed articles and monographs.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Individuals
- **Deadline:** September 11, 2024
- **Estimated Total Funding Available:** \$300,000
- **Award Ceiling:** \$60,000
- **Award Floor:** \$40,000
- **Contact Email:** delfel@neh.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/348718>
 - ◆ <https://www.neh.gov/program/dli-del-fellowships>

The Gates Scholarship (TGS), Last-Dollar College Scholarships for Outstanding Minority Students

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year the scholarships are awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum

potential. Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the methodology used by a scholar's college or university. The cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and transportation, and may include other personal costs.

- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
 - ◆ be a high school senior
 - ◆ be from at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American and/or Hispanic American
 - ◆ be Pell-eligible
 - ◆ be a US citizen, national, or permanent resident
 - ◆ be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
 - ◆ plan to enroll full-time in a four-year degree program at a U.S. accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university
- **Deadline:** September 15, 2024
- **Number of Awards:** 300
- **Award Amount:** 100% of tuition, scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the FAFSA, or the methodology used by the students' college or university
- **Contact Link:** <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/contact-us>
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>
 - ◆ <https://www.fastweb.com/student-news/articles/the-gates-scholarship-program>

Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grants

These grants support early-career scholars and promote diversity in the social sciences, including racial, ethnic, gender, disciplinary, institutional and geographic diversity.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Early-career scholars (anyone who is currently an assistant professor or adjunct assistant professor, as well as lecturers who received the Ph.D. after January 1, 2014) are eligible to apply
- **Deadline:** October 22, 2024
- **Number of Awards:** Vary
- **Award Amounts:** Up to \$35,000 for individuals
- **Contact Link:** <https://www.russellsage.org/about/contact-us>
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.russellsage.org/research/pipeline-grants-competition>





Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Youth Scholarships

These scholarships are dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation

1.) Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Youth Scholarships

- **Eligible Applicants:** Must be students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law
- **Deadline:** October 31, 2024
- **Grand Prize Award:** \$35,000, paid directly to the recipient's American university, college, or vocational/technical school
- **Other Award Amounts:** \$1,000-\$21,000
- **Contact Email:** youthscholarships@vfw.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Voice-of-Democracy-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20240809T150321Z>
 - ◆ <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>
 - ◆ <https://vfwny.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>

2.) Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest

- **Eligible Applicants:** Patriot's Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law
- **Deadline:** October 31, 2024
- **Estimated Total Awards:** \$55,000
- **Award Amounts:** \$500-\$5,000
- **Contact Link:** youthscholarships@vfw.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Patriots-Pen-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?v=1&d=20240318T134132Z&la=en>
 - ◆ <https://vfwny.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>

Soroptimist Live Your Dreams Awards

Women who have financial need have the potential to receive up to \$16,000 to help offset their college tuition costs, purchase books, get transportation, or find reliable childcare in order to afford a post-secondary education.

■ Eligible Applicants Must be Women Who:

- ◆ provide the primary financial support for self and dependents. Dependents can include children, spouse, partner, siblings and/or parents
- ◆ have financial need
- ◆ are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program
- ◆ are motivated to achieve an education and career goals
- ◆ reside in one of Soroptimist International of the Americas' member countries/territories (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Taiwan, United States of America, Venezuela)
- ◆ have not previously been the recipient of a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity or Live Your Dream Award
- ◆ do not have a graduate degree
- ◆ are not a Soroptimist member, an employee of Soroptimist International of the Americas or immediate family members
- **Deadline:** November 15, 2024
- **Award Amounts:** Vary, \$1,000-\$16,000
- **Contact Email:** siahq@soroptimist.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>
 - ◆ <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/index.html>

Links to State and Federal Grants



- **NYS Grants Gateway has transitioned to NYS Grants Management**

<https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/>

- **Grants.gov**

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants/>

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<https://learning.candid.org/event-calendar/>

Introduction to Foundation Directory Online

This class provides learning opportunities designed to develop skills, practices and behaviors that best prepare people working in the social sector for success.

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This class will provide an introduction to finding grants for nonprofits, including what funders are looking for, and a hands-on guided online research session.

Introduction to Proposal Writing

This class provides a standard overview of how to write a proposal for a foundation grant and includes a hands-on personalized session in developing a proposal outline.

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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