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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.

NYS Energy Research and Development Authority

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking applications for their Renewable Heat NY Program, which represents a long-term commitment to assist the high-efficiency and low-emission biomass heating industry expand in New York State. Knowledgeable designers, energy auditors, inspectors and other code enforcement officials are needed to ensure safe and well-operating systems. This solicitation strives to obtain the services of at least one individual or team to provide trainings statewide on high-efficiency, low-emission biomass equipment and to provide technical reviews of biomass system designs.

- **Eligibility:** Any individuals or groups with the technical skills, knowledge and training experience to successfully implement this effort are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Up to \$300,000 will be awarded through this request for proposals.
- **Deadline:** January 21, 2016
- **Contact:** Roseanne Viscusi
Email: roseanne.viscusi@nyserda.ny.gov
Website: nyserda.ny.gov/Funding-Opportunities/Current-Funding-Opportunities/RFP-3165-RHNY-Training



NYS Department of Health

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is accepting proposals for its Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative for Underserved Communities. Research has demonstrated that providing caregivers with an array of support services alleviates caregiver burden, enhances the quality of life for the caregiver and individual with Alzheimer's disease, delays institutional placement and lowers health care costs. The goal of this initiative is to fund innovative models to reach caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, either or both of whom are members of underserved communities, by recognizing and addressing the need for culturally competent support initiatives and stress-reduction strategies. Applicants are expected to engage in intensive outreach efforts, conduct intake assessments, provide referrals and implement caregiver support services.

- **Eligibility:** Community nonprofit organizations, government agencies or established partnerships between the two types of organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants should have a demonstrated capacity to serve individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their caregivers.
- **Funding:** Each successful applicant will be awarded up to \$100,000 per year through a five-year contract with NYSDOH.
- **Deadline:** January 12, 2016
- **Contact:** Elizabeth Berberian
Phone: (518) 486-6562
Email: alzrfa@health.ny.gov
Website: health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1509221136/index.htm

On the federal level...

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation seeks proposals for their Decision, Risk and Management Sciences grant program. The Decision, Risk and Management Sciences program supports scientific research directed at increasing the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations and society. Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, doctoral dissertation research improvement grants and workshops are funded in the areas of judgment and decision

making, decision analysis & decision aids, risk analysis, perception & communication, societal & public policy decision making, management science and organizational design. The program also supports small grants that are time-critical and small grants that are high-risk and of a potentially transformative nature.

- **Eligibility:** Universities and colleges, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations and unaffiliated individuals are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Awards will be determined based on the quality and quantity of applications submitted.
- **Deadline:** January 18, 2016
- **Contact:** Robert E. O'Connor
Phone: (703) 292-7263
Email: roconnor@nsf.gov
Website: nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5423

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation is accepting proposals for its Exploiting Parallelism and Scalability grant program (XPS). One main driver of continued performance improvements is ending, as semiconductor technology faces fundamental physical limits. XPS aims to support groundbreaking research leading to a new era of parallel computing, which will require collaborative efforts among researchers representing different areas and new concepts, theories and foundation principles. XPS seeks transformative proposals on new and visionary approaches to re-evaluate and possibly redesign the traditional computer hardware and software stack for today's heterogeneous parallel, concurrent and distributed systems.

- **Eligibility:** Universities and colleges, nonprofit organizations, state and local governments and unaffiliated individuals are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Approximately three to five exploratory awards for up to three years and up to \$300,000 per award will be granted. 13-16 full-size awards for up to four years and up to \$1,000,000 per award are anticipated, subject to availability of funds.
- **Deadline:** January 19, 2016
- **Contact:** Anindya Banerjee, CISE/CCF
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Scholars Awards...

Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College is soliciting proposals for its Dissertation Fellowship Program in Retirement Research. The program's purpose is to promote the next generation of retirement income and policy research scholars and to improve the quality of scholarship in Social Security and retirement income and policy studies. Applicants must demonstrate that their dissertation focuses on Social Security and retirement income and policy, macroeconomic analyses of Social Security, wealth and retirement income, program interactions, international research or demographic research.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants must be enrolled in a qualified doctoral program at a U.S. university, have completed all coursework for a Ph.D. by the time funding would start, have a dissertation advisor and/or committee, and have the chair of the dissertation committee confirm that he/she has read and approved the research methodology for the proposal. Doctoral candidates from all academic disciplines are encouraged to submit a proposal.
- **Funding:** Up to three grants of \$28,000 will be awarded.
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2016
- **Contact:** Marina Tsiknis
Phone: (617) 552-1092
Email: tsiknis@bc.edu
Website: crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/

Russell Sage Foundation

The Russell Sage Foundation is now accepting applications for funding through its program on social inequality. The Russell Sage Foundation's program on social inequality supports innovative research on whether rising economic inequality has affected social, political and economic institutions, and the extent to which increased inequality has affected equality of opportunity, social mobility and the intergenerational transmission of advantage. Successful applicants may focus their research interests on economic well-being, equality of opportunity and intergenerational mobility, the political process and the resulting policies, psychological and/or cultural change, education, labor markets, child development and child outcomes, neighborhoods and communities, families, family structure and family formation and other forms of inequality.

- **Funding:** A maximum of \$150,000 (including overhead) will be awarded per project over no more than two years. Presidential Awards, with a maximum budget of \$35,000 (no overhead allowed) are also available.
- **Deadline:** January 5, 2016
- **Contact:** James Wilson, Program Director
Email: programs@rsage.org
Website: russellsage.org/research/funding/social-inequality





Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Finding Grants

Classroom: January 12

In this newly revised class, attendees will learn what funders want in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

Introduction to Proposal Writing

Classroom: January 19

This newly revised class will provide attendees with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation.

Introduction to Project Budgets

Classroom: January 19

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

In addition: Classes are held at the Foundation Center, located at:

32 Old Slip, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10005

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For additional training opportunities, to register, or for more information, call (212) 620-4230 or visit foundationcenter.org.

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