



GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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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 the Energy to Lead Competition. The competition challenges student-led coalitions at colleges and universities to develop and implement plans that advance clean energy on their campuses and in local communities in new ways. Teams are invited to submit plans for projects that demonstrate innovations in project design, business model, innovative partnerships and/or curriculum integration. Applicants are encouraged to think of unique ways to plan, fund and implement projects to increase impact, student leadership and involvement and community engagement. This solicitation is seeking commercially viable technologies.

- **Eligibility:** All 2- and 4-year colleges and universities in New York State are eligible to apply. Proposals must be submitted by a staff or faculty member currently employed by the respective institution.
- **Funding:** 3 separate \$1,000,000 awards will be granted.
- **Deadline:** April 4, 2016
- **Contact:** Lindsay Holle
Email: REVCampusChallenge@nyserda.ny.gov
Website: nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/REV-Campus-Challenge



Preservation League of New York State/NYS Council on the Arts

The Preservation League of New York State is seeking applications for the 2016 Preserve New York Grant Program. This program provides support to identify, document and preserve New York's cultural and historic buildings, structures and landscapes. Specifically, this opportunity funds historic structure reports, cultural landscape reports, building condition reports and cultural resource surveys. Preference will be shown to projects that advance the neighborhoods and downtowns that qualify for the NYS Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, continue the use of historic buildings for cultural, interpretive and artistic purposes, and identify and preserve architecture and landscapes designed after World War II. Projects must be discussed with League Preservation staff before receiving an application. Applications are not available online. The Preservation League of New York State is a private, not-for-profit organization that works to protect and enhance the Empire State's historic buildings, landscapes and neighborhoods. The Preserve New York Grant Program is a partnership program with the New York State Council on the Arts.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and units of local government are eligible to apply. Groups may apply for site-specific reports only if they own the site or have at least a six-year lease by the application deadline.
- **Funding:** Grants are likely to range between \$3,000 and \$15,000.
- **Deadline:** April 11, 2016
- **Contact:** Frances Gubler
Phone: (518)462-5658 ext. 10
Email: fgubler@preservenys.org
Website: preservenys.org/preserve-new-york.html

On the federal level...

National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health are now accepting applications for the Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program. Grants will support problem-based, solution-oriented research centers that consist of multiple integrated projects representing both the biomedical and environmental science and engineering disciplines, as well as cores tasked with administrative, community engagement, research translation, training and research support functions.

- **Eligibility:** Institutions of higher education are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Up to 10 awards of up to \$1,750,000 will be granted.
- **Deadline:** April 11, 2016
- **Contact:** Michelle L. Heacock, Ph.D.
Phone: (919) 541-7824
Email: heacockm@niehs.nih.gov
Website: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-es-15-019.html

On the private level...

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking applications for its Pilot Research Grants. These one-year grants will fund high-risk projects to quickly test novel ideas. Applications for studies related to multiple sclerosis that may serve to advance the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's mission of stopping multiple sclerosis' progression, preventing multiple sclerosis, restoring function and improving quality of life are welcome.

- **Eligibility:** Researchers who have completed their postdoctoral training are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Up to \$44,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants.
- **Deadline:** April 6, 2016 and quarterly thereafter
- **Contact:** Claude Schofield, Ph.D.
Phone: 212-476-0449
Email: claude.schofield@nmss.org
Website: nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Pilot-Research-Grants

Ben & Jerry's Foundation

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation is seeking applications for the Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program. The Ben & Jerry's Foundation defines organizing as collective action from the bottom up that challenges the status quo, demands change in policy and practice, educates communities about root causes and advocates and agitates for systemic and just solutions. The Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program supports organizations that share and embody a theory of change in which social justice movements are built from the ground up and grassroots groups come together across sectors and constituencies to work for the common principles of human rights and justice for all. Applications will only be accepted online through the website listed below.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations with budgets under \$500,000 are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Up to \$25,000 will be awarded per grant.
- **Deadline:** April 15, 2016
- **Contact:**
Phone: (802) 846-1500
Website: benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/

Scholars Awards...

The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

The Entertainment Software Association Foundation is now accepting applications for their Scholarship Program. This program was established to assist women and minority students pursuing degrees leading to careers in computer and video game arts. Scholarships are offered for full-time undergraduate study at accredited four-year colleges and universities.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be women or minority students pursuing degrees leading to careers in computer and video game arts, enrolled or enrolling in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university and maintain a grade-point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- **Funding:** Up to 30 scholarships of \$3,000 will be awarded annually; 15 to graduating high school students and 15 to current college students.
- **Deadline:** April 1, 2016
- **Contact:**
Phone: (202) 903-2317
Email: esafinfo@theESA.com
Website: esafoundation.org/scholarship.asp



Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Finding Grants:

Webinar: April 20

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:

Webinar: April 6

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 (Proposal Budgeting Basics):

Webinar: April 13

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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