



GRANTS ACTION NEWS

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 Clean Energy On-the-Job Training (OJT) program. This OJT program pairs clean energy businesses with workers who may require specialized training to do their job. It is open to any New York State business that manufactures, installs or maintains eligible clean energy technologies, including solar thermal, heat pump and biomass systems, and also has a current Partnership Agreement or contract agreement in good standing with NYSERDA.

- **Eligibility:** Businesses that have a current Partnership Agreement or contract agreement in good standing with NYSERDA and who manufacture, install or maintain eligible clean energy technologies.
- **Funding:** Up to \$200,000 may be awarded to eligible businesses on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2015
- **Contact:** NYSERDA
Email: PON2033@nyserda.ny.gov, with "PON 2033 Intent to Apply" in the subject line.
Website: labor.ny.gov/businessservices/ojt.shtm

On the federal level...

National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are accepting applications for their Detection of Pathogen-Induced Cancer research grant program. Over 20% of cancers worldwide are known to be associated with microbial pathogens, including bacteria and viruses. The scientific community currently lacks sufficient knowledge to explain why only a fraction of individuals who are exposed to carcinogenic pathogens will develop cancer. This funding opportunity is meant to encourage research projects focusing on the interactions of carcinogenic pathogens with the human microbiome and the host for the detection of pathogen-induced cancer. It is also meant to encourage research to assess molecular signatures associated with



risk and early detection of pathogen-induced cancer and chronic inflammation associated with progression to invasive cancer.

- **Eligibility:** Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, businesses, government entities and other community organizations are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. The number of awards granted is contingent upon NIH appropriations.
- **Deadline:** December 11, 2015
- **Contact:** Jacob Kagan, Ph.D.
Phone: (240) 276-7027
Email: kaganj@mail.nih.gov
Website: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-190.html

US Department of Health and Human Services

The US Department of Health and Human Services is seeking applications for its Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Organ Donation program. This grant program intends to reduce the gap between the demand for organ transplants and the supply of organs from deceased donors by identifying successful strategies that can serve as model interventions. Proposed interventions should be designed to increase organ donation registration among people over 50, family discussions and knowledge about donation among adolescents, consent of parents for donation of a deceased minor's organs, or knowledge about the opportunities for, risks and benefits of living organ donation. Funds under this announcement may not be used to support projects that promote living organ donation. The aim is to foster more immediate and widespread use of successful interventions and ultimately increase availability of organs for transplant.

- **Eligibility:** Public entities and nonprofit organizations are eligible to receive funds under section 377A(b) of the Public Health Service Act. Eligible applicants may include federally designated organ procurement organizations, state and local governments, Indian tribal governments, nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education.
- **Funding:** Up to 11 awards will be granted, with amounts averaging between \$250,000 and \$450,000 per year.
- **Deadline:** December 15, 2015
- **Contact:** Rita Maldonado, MPH
Phone: (301) 443-3622
Email: rmaldonado@hrsa.gov
Website: hrsa.gov/grants/index.html or organdonor.gov/dtcp/programs.html

On the private level...

American Psychological Foundation

The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is now accepting applications for the Pearson Early Career Grant opportunity. This grant encourages early-career clinicians to work in an area that the APF has deemed to be an area of critical societal need including, but not limited to, clinical work involving serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, incarcerated or homeless individuals and children with serious emotional disturbance. APF encourages applications from individuals who represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability and sexual orientation.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a psychologist with an Ed.D., Psy.D. or Ph.D. from an accredited university and be no more than ten years postdoctoral.
- **Funding:** Applicants are eligible for one \$12,000 annual grant and an additional \$1,500 to cover the recipients' travel costs to attend the American Psychological Association Convention.
- **Deadline:** December 31, 2015
- **Contact:** Samantha Edington, Program Officer
Phone: (202) 336-5843
Email: sedington@apa.org
Website: apa.org/apf/funding/pearson.aspx?tab=1

New York Council for the Humanities

The New York Council for the Humanities is accepting applications for their Vision Grants. Vision Grants are designed to help groups brainstorm, connect, research, strategize and design engaging public humanities programs. Projects that use civic engagement, critical inquiry debate, discussion or historical framing to address contemporary issues are encouraged. This program aims to support emerging and established community partnerships, infuse program design with humanities themes and methodologies and encourage experimentation. Some examples of humanities themes include women's rights, environmental justice, gender diversity and immigration. Proposals must identify one advisor to the project with humanities expertise, and the scope must be designed with the general public in mind. The Council also welcomes projects that target specific populations like veterans, low-income populations or tween/teens.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are tax-exempt organizations with an office or address in New York State. Applicants must see a council grants webinar, attend a grants

workshop, review recently awarded projects or discuss eligibility concerns and specific proposal ideas with grant staff to ensure preparedness for the application process.

- **Funding:** Awards amounts may be up to \$1,500.
- **Deadline:** Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Application materials must be received at least three months prior to the start of the proposed project.
- **Contact:**
Phone: (212) 233-1131
Email: grants@nyhumanities.org
Website: nyhumanities.org/grants/vision

Scholars Awards...

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Foundation

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Foundation is accepting applications for the Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Awards. The award is granted annually to encourage talented young jazz composers during the earliest stages of their careers. The Herb Alpert Foundation makes annual contributions to a range of programs in the fields of the arts, arts education and compassion and well-being.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are composers who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States or enrolled students with valid student visas for the US who have not reached their 30th birthday by December 31, 2015. Works which are set to a text protected by copyright must include permission of the author of the text (or the author's representative).
- **Funding:** Both the number of award recipients and the monetary distribution of the prize reside within the discretion of the panel, comprised of ASCAP composer members.
- **Deadline:** December 1, 2015
- **Contact:**
Cia Toscanini, Vice President,
Concert Music
Phone: (212) 621-6329
Email: jazz@ascap.com
Website: ascapfoundation.org/programs/awards/herb-alpert-composer.aspx

American Association of University Women

The American Association of University Women is accepting applications for their Career Development Grants program. This program is meant to provide assistance to women who, through additional higher education, technical training or participation in

professional development institutes are making career changes, seeking to advance in current careers or reentering the workforce. Primary consideration is given to women of color, women pursuing credentials in nontraditional fields and women who do not currently hold an advanced degree. Grants will provide support for coursework toward degree programs other than a doctorate or for specialized training in technical or professional fields.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are US citizens or permanent residents who earned their bachelor's degree before June 30, 2011 and do not hold a graduate or professional degree. Applicants must either plan to enroll or be enrolled in courses or activities at a regionally accredited two- or four-year college or university or a technical school that is fully licensed and/or accredited by the US Department of Education. Coursework must be a requirement for professional employment or advancement.
- **Funding:** Award granted will be between \$2,000 and \$12,000.
- **Deadline:** December 15, 2015
- **Contact:** American Association of University Women
Phone: (866) 795-4892
Email: aauw@applyists.com
Website: aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/





Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Finding Grants

Webinar: December 2

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

Introduction to Proposal Writing

Classroom: December 16

Webinar: December 9

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

Introduction to Project Budgets

Classroom: December 16

Webinar: December 10

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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