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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 Department of Health

The New York State Department of Health is seeking applications for the HIV, STD, HCV Prevention and Related Services for Women with a Focus on Communities of Color grant program. The purpose of this funding is to identify service providers to develop and/or enhance comprehensive HIV/STD/HCV programs through the implementation of proven high-impact prevention strategies and innovative interventions for HIV positive and high-risk negative women, with a focus on communities of color. The overall goal of this program is to prevent new infections, increase testing and screening services, increase the number of women who know their HIV/STD/HCV status, identify infected individuals to ensure access to early, high-quality medical care and prevention services, increase access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and risk-reduction services, facilitate access to prevention services, including pre-exposure prophylaxis linkage and support services and facilitate access to essential supportive services.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and Article 28-licensed facilities are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Approximately \$4,015,922 will fund between 15 and 30 grants across New York State.
- **Deadline:** May 4, 2016
- **Contact:** Nkechi Oguagha
Email: womensrfa@health.ny.gov
Website: health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1602220255/index.htm



On the federal level...

National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are now accepting applications for the Innovative Molecular Analysis Technology Development for Cancer Research and Clinical Care program. This program encourages Small Business Innovation Research grant applications from small business concerns proposing research for commercial development of novel cancer-relevant technologies. The proposed research projects are expected to focus on the development of highly innovative technologies that improve molecular and/or cellular analysis of cancer with a significant likelihood for either overcoming persistent challenges or obstacles or opening entirely new fields for cancer research or clinical care. Applications should specify milestones relevant to both the development and commercialization of these technologies.

- **Eligibility:** Only small business concerns, as defined by NIH, are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded for Phase I projects. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.
- **Deadline:** May 27, 2016
- **Contact:** Amir Rahbar, PhD, MBA
Phone: 240-276-5230
Email: rahbaram@mail.nih.gov
Website: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-327.html

US Department of Justice

The United States Department of Justice is seeking applications for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative. This program will fund rigorous research to produce practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students. The initiative is focused on K-12 public schools and charter schools and is concerned with all forms of interpersonal violence that occur on school property during or outside of school hours, on the way to and from school or school-sponsored events, on school-sponsored modes of transport or during school-sponsored events. Interpersonal violence includes both minors and adults who perpetrate violence, are victims of violence or are witness to violence. Funding is available in four categories: Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe, Causes and Consequences of School Violence, Shorter Term Studies on School Safety and Longitudinal Studies of School Safety. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review previously funded projects.

- **Eligibility:** States, local governments, federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning and certain qualified individuals are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Funding varies by category: Grants ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million will be awarded to qualified Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe applicants, grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$1 million will be awarded to qualified Causes and Consequences of School Violence applicants, grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$700,000 will be awarded to qualified Shorter Term Studies on School Safety applicants and grants of up to \$5 million will be awarded to qualified Longitudinal Studies of School Safety applicants.
- **Deadline:** May 27, 2016
- **Contact:** U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 800-851-3420
Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
Website: nij.gov/topics/crime/school-crime/pages/school-safety-initiative.aspx

On the private level...

Farm Aid

Farm Aid is accepting applications for their grant program. Farm Aid provides grants within three program areas: Helping Farmers Thrive, Taking Action to Change the System and Growing the Good Food Movement. Helping Farmers Thrive grants fund organizations that provide farmers with tools and resources to get started on the land, access new markets, transition to one or more sustainable farming practices, produce renewable fuels and stay on the land in the face of financial crisis and natural disasters. Taking Action to Change the System grants fund

organizations that promote fair farm policies and grassroots organizing campaigns to defend and bolster family farm agriculture and promote their interests on a local, regional or national level. Growing the Good Food Movement grants fund organizations that are creating programs that build local regional food systems, connecting farmers directly to consumers and creating new markets for family farmers.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Awards generally fall in the range of \$3,000 to \$10,000.
- **Deadline:** Letters of Inquiry are due May 1, 2016.
- **Contact:** Farm Aid
Phone: (617) 354-2922
Email: grants@farmaid.org
Website: farmaid.org/our-work/grants/

Alternatives Research and Development Foundation

Alternatives Research and Development Foundation (ARDF) is seeking applications for the Alternatives Research Grant Program. The mission of ARDF is to fund and promote the development, validation and adoption of non-animal methods in biomedical research, product testing and education. Proposals must significantly reduce or replace laboratory animals and have scientific merit. Preference will be shown for projects that use pathway-based approaches, as exemplified by the National Academy of Sciences 2007 report, "Toxicity Testing in the Twenty-first Century: A Vision and A Strategy," and for projects that utilize in-silico or in-vitro methods with human cells or tissue. Applicants must state their intention if patents, copyrights or intellectual property rights are expected to be secured from work sponsored by the ARDF, in which case ARDF expects to retain an interest, financial and otherwise, in the work product.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education and research institutions are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Awards of up to \$40,000 are available.
- **Deadline:** May 2, 2016
- **Contact:** Alternatives Research and Development Foundation
Phone: 215-887-8076
Email: grants@ardf-online.org
Website: ardf-online.org

Scholars Awards...

The Retirement Research Foundation

The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF) is now accepting applications for their Responsive Grants program, which are meant to fund projects that have a regional or national impact for older Americans. Advocacy grants will fund projects that advance policy issues of critical importance to our nation's seniors (such as economic security, health care and housing,) use clearly focused and strategic efforts to address systemic problems, and forge partnerships with organizations to achieve better use of resources and to share knowledge. Professional Education and Training grants will fund projects that increase the knowledge and skills of professionals and paraprofessionals who serve older adults and expand the capacity and number of professionals and paraprofessionals prepared to meet the growing demands of an aging population. Research grants will fund projects that seek causes and solutions to significant problems facing older adults through the support of applied and policy research for which federal funding is not available.

- **Eligibility:** Organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; OR nonprofit organizations that are not required to have a 501(c)(3) designation, such as state-funded universities, are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF) does not make any suggestions regarding proposal budgets. Applicants are encouraged to develop realistic budgets that include all of the expenses needed to effectively implement the project. Visit RRF's website at rrf.org/about-rrf/grant-awards to review the past three years of grant awards.
- **Proposal Deadline:** May 1, 2016
- **Contact:** The Retirement Research Foundation
Phone: 773-714-8080
Email: info@rrf.org
Website: rrf.org/grants/responsive-grants



Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Finding Grants:

Classroom: May 3

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: May 10

Webinar: May 18

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):

Classroom: May 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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