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On the state level…

All not-for-profit applicants must now prequalify 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 prequalifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL)

Technology jobs remain out of reach for many New Yorkers, most of whom lack access to quality training and educational opportunities for this new and evolving field. This Request for Proposal (RFP) seeks to support innovative training and education solutions to prepare and place New Yorkers in tech jobs and to enable new pathways for New Yorkers across the state to get training and connections to employment in one of New York State's fastest growing, highest paying sectors. The RFP seeks appropriately qualified entities to provide full-time, immersive occupational training and job placement in software engineering or web development. Programs must be designed to incorporate input from industry on needed skills and learning milestones, train individuals with little or no prior experience in information technology and connect these individuals to New York State jobs in software engineering, web development or related occupations approved by NYSDOL, which pay, at minimum, the region's entry-level wages for the occupations.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include private for-profit businesses, private not-for-profit businesses, public entities and training providers, including but not limited to colleges and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), that meet each of the following: 1) listed on the NYS Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) along with the proposed program of training, prior to training being delivered; 2) have two or more employees; and 3) be in good standing regarding compliance with registration with the NYS Department of State, Unemployment Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Disability Insurance laws, Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) laws and federal and state wage, labor safety and health laws.

- **Funding:** NYSDOL expects to award a minimum of five contracts under this RFP with funding of up to $5 million in state-level discretionary funding. NYSDOL may decide to award up to 10 contracts, depending upon the quality of submissions.

- **Deadline:** June 5, 2017.

- **Contact:** Christopher Myers
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  Website: https://labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/fundingopps/tech-workforce-rfp.pdf

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Comprehensive Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program RFA

The NYSDOH Bureau of Women, Infant and Adolescent Health have available funds to support comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services for low-income, uninsured and under-insured women and men of reproductive age in high-need communities. The overall goal is to improve the intendedness of pregnancy and improve birth outcomes for high-need women and families while reducing racial, ethnic and economic disparities in those outcomes.

- **Eligibility:** Governmental and not-for-profit health care facilities licensed through Article 28 of the New York State Public Health Law certified to provide Medical Services Primary Care, including Article 28 facilities with grant funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Act, are eligible to apply for funding. Eligible applicants must have a minimum of three years experience providing comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. A preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate a minimum of five years experience in the administration of a comprehensive high-quality family planning and reproductive health program in compliance with federal Title X program requirements.

- **Funding:** A total of $225 million is available for the five-year term of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2022.

- **Deadline:** June 19, 2017.

- **Contact:** Nicole Cunningham
  Email: fprfa@health.ny.gov
  Website: https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=3

On the federal level…

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

The purpose of this grant competition is to support efforts by state agencies and their community-based and faith-based partners to develop and implement simple SNAP application and eligibility determination systems or measures to improve access to SNAP benefits by eligible applicants. Applicants are encouraged to respond to the following priority areas: 1) modernization and innovation of office operations; 2) improved customer services; and 3) increased efficiencies in case management.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible responders include the 53 state agencies that administer SNAP, state or local governments, agencies providing health or welfare services, public health or educational entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks or other emergency feeding organizations.

- **Funding:** Up to $5 million may be allocated in FY 2017, and the anticipated number of awards range from six to 11.

- **Deadline:** June 19, 2017.

- **Contact:** Kimberly Shields, Grants Officer
  Email: Kimberly.Shields@fns.usda.gov
  Website: https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/fy2017-snap-process-and-technology-improvement-grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Division of Preservation and Access

The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage – from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence – and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering and using such materials. This program recognizes that finding solutions to complex problems often requires forming interdisciplinary project teams, bringing together participants with expertise in the humanities, in preservation and in information, computer and natural science. All projects must demonstrate how advances in preservation and access would benefit the cultural heritage community in supporting humanities research, teaching or public programming.

- **Eligibility:** U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt statuses are eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

- **Funding:** The award ceiling for a project is $350,000.

- **Deadline:** June 8, 2017.

- **Contact:**
  Phone: 202-606-8570 or 1-800-518-GRANTS
  Email: preservation@neh.gov
  Website: https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/research-and-development

On the private level…

American Humane, Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant

The Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant was established to provide financial assistance to agencies for animal shelter expansion or improvements. Grant money must be used to improve the quality of care given to animals such as animal environment enrichment, equipment for veterinary care, equipment for spay/neuter, kennel or cattery renovation or equipment that positively impacts the welfare of animals in the shelter.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be incorporated as a 501(c)(3).

- **Funding:** Grants may be up to $4,000.

- **Deadline:** These are rolling grants.

- **Contact:** Mark Stubis
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Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA)

CASANA is a nonprofit, publicly funded charity whose mission is to strengthen support systems for children with apraxia so that each child is afforded his or her best opportunity to develop speech and communication. To that end, CASANA is accepting applications for its 2017 iPads for Apraxia program. This program supports the role of the supervised use of iPads for children with apraxia with the aim of giving them a means to communicate and enhancing their speech practice.

- **Eligibility:** Children must be between the ages of 3 and 18 and live in the United States or Canada. They must also have a formal diagnosis of childhood apraxia from a speech language pathologist, currently be participating in speech therapy and families must meet financial eligibility guidelines. Priority is given to older children with significant speech issues, children with severe apraxia and/or children who live in communities that participated in the 2016 Walk for Children with Apraxia.

- **Funding:** Successful applicants will receive an iPad as a means to communicate and enhance their speech practice.

- **Deadline:** June 1, 2017. Applications will only be accepted through postal mail and must be postmarked June 1.

- **Address:** CASANA iPad Project, 416 Lincoln Ave., 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

- **Contact:** Michele R. Atkins
  Email: iPadsProject@apraxia-kids.org
  Website: http://www.apraxia-kids.org/casana-announces-2017-ipads-for-apraxia-application

Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Finding Grants
Classroom: June 30

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: June 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)
Classroom: June 15

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 www.foundationcenter.org.

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