



GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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Questions?



On the State Level

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Wellness & Healing in Communities Grants

These grants will support a qualified applicant to build and sustain relationships with local health departments (LHDs) to conduct and create professional and tailored communications and outreach with technical assistance, capacity building and partnership in matters related to current and emerging public health issues.

- **Deadline:** December 3, 2025, 4 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities
- **Total Funding Available:** \$3.9 million
- **Contact:** Bryan Tarr
- **Email:** OPH.GrantContract@health.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/>
 - ◆ <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/20635/>
 - ◆ <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/20635/20635.pdf>

NYS Department of Health (DOH), Health Systems for Tobacco-Free NY Grants

These grants will help organizations that work to engage health care systems to improve the delivery of guideline-concordant care for Tobacco Use Disorders (TUD) (including nicotine dependent conditions), through systems and policy change at the health care organization level.

- **Deadline:** December 5, 2025, 4 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities; not-for-profit entities
- **Total Funding Available:** Approximately \$14.7 million
- **Contact:** Therese Dolen
- **Email:** TCP@health.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/>
 - ◆ <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/20674/>
 - ◆ https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/20674/rfa_20674.pdf

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Municipal Waste & Recycling Program

Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control

These grants are for projects to directly control, manage and respond to invasive species introductions and infestations. Both terrestrial and aquatic habitats and species are eligible for the bids. Invasive Species Early Detection/ Rapid Response and Control proposals allow for multiple project types including:

- physical and mechanical removal
- chemical treatment or
- biocontrol release



- **Deadline:** December 17, 2025, 3 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, non-for-profit entities, tribal organizations
- **Total Funding Available:** \$1.5 million
- **Contact:** Michelle Higgins
- **Email:** dlfgrants@dec.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/invasive-species/resources-regulations/invasive-species-grant-program>

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), NY Peer Specialist Workforce Training Funding

The New York Peer Specialist Independent Practice Association (IPA) will work with partner organizations to develop, nurture and support collaboration, share strengths and promote these elements of professional development for the New York Peer Specialist workforce. The IPA aims to expand the availability of peer support services statewide; increasing the quality of peer support services and favorable outcomes of the practice of peer support.

- **Deadline:** December 18, 2025, 2PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities
- **Total Funding Available:** \$2.5 million
- **Contact:** Amanda Szczepkowski
- **Email:** OMHLocalProcurement@omh.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/>
 - ◆ <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2025/peer-ipa/index.html>
 - ◆ https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2025/peer-ipa/peer_ipa_rfp_final.pdf

NYS Agriculture & Markets, Regional School Food Infrastructure Grants

This grant program will encourage the use of fresh New York State farm products in meal preparation for K-12 school children, reduce food insecurity, increase market opportunities for New York State producers and strengthen the resilience of our state's food system. Additionally, this program will encourage workforce development by providing training for culinary arts, food processing, safe food handling and storage, logistics, delivery and other community needs. This grant program will require that facilities serve multiple school districts, support their local community and provide workforce development opportunities. Grant funds are available for the costs of capital projects, including services, expenses and grants for the cost of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, improvements, installation, acquisition, repair or replacement of buildings or equipment for the development of facilities to support the preparation and distribution of New York focused meals for regional school infrastructure, such as aggregation, storage hubs and/or commissary-type kitchens.

- **Deadline:** January 20, 2026, 3 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, not-for-profit entities, tribal organizations
- **Total Funding Available:** \$10 million
- **Contact:** Matthew S. Wilson
- **Email:** farmtoschool@agriculture.ny.gov



- **Links to Additional Information:**

- ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>
- ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0379-new-york-state-regional-school-food-infrastructure-grant-program>
- ◆ <https://agriculture.ny.gov/request-proposals-rfp-0379-new-york-state-regional-school-food-infrastructure-grant-program>

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Green Jobs for Youth Funding

This funding will support tribal organizations and not-for-profit (NFP) community-based organizations that serve disadvantaged communities (DAC) and potential environmental justice areas (PEJA) for projects that will implement a new or existing job training program in green industries targeting young New Yorkers residing in environmental justice communities. This program will help New York State advance the climate equity and just transition goals of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) by helping to develop a skilled workforce equipped to perform these jobs.

- **Deadline:** January 28, 2026, 3 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities, tribal organizations
- **Total Funding Available:** \$4 million
- **Contact:** Alexis Jones
- **Email:** ejgrants@dec.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**

- ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/environmental-justice>
- ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/environmental-justice/grant-programs>
- ◆ https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-09/greenjobsforyouth_rfa.pdf

NYS Office of Addiction Services & Supports (OASAS), Recovery Residences Funding

Funding applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis from recovery residences which have been approved for contingent certification and are seeking award funds to enhance their operations as newly certified programs. Certified recovery residences under OASAS will implement safe, secure and quality housing for individuals in recovery from substance use disorder. Certified recovery residences will serve those in recovery seeking a non-clinical, supportive residential environment.

- **Deadline:** January 31, 2026, 4PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities
- **Total Funding Available:** \$5 million
- **Contact:** Nicole Prunty
- **Email:** oasas.sm.grants@oasas.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**

- ◆ <https://oasas.ny.gov/request-applications-sett-24029>
- ◆ <https://oasas.ny.gov/application-sett-24029-recovery-residencies>



On the Federal Level

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Technical Assistance and Training Program Funding

These funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to: identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal; assist applicants, that have filed a pre-application with Rural Utilities Service (RUS), in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and/or provide technical assistance and/or training to water/wastewater system personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities.

- **Deadline:** December 31, 2025
- **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$35 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 40
- **Email:** water-rd@usda.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/99085685-c82a-44d8-b3ec-73c91bdd976b>
 - ◆ https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/99085685-c82a-44d8-b3ec-73c91bdd976b/attachments/c53c93c8-985c-42f6-9704-33e43504c907/FY26_TAT_Application_Guide.pdf
 - ◆ https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/99085685-c82a-44d8-b3ec-73c91bdd976b/attachments/18021e24-5bd2-475b-a8ec-67eaf83f5f50/FY26_TAT_NOFO.pdf
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360671>

U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) Funding

NFPP provides technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic connectivity, improve community safety and support local economies. Fish passage projects benefit communities by reducing flood risk, improving recreational opportunities and roads while supporting native fish populations and aquatic ecosystems.

- **Deadline:** December 31, 2025, 11:59 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Small businesses; others (see text field entitled “Additional Information on Eligibility” in the link below for clarification); nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; city or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; individuals; special district governments; state governments; independent school districts; county governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$10 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$1 million
- **Contact:** Thomas McCann
- **Email:** thomas_mccann@fws.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/d4d0a9a8-8cbb-4110-9d81-e8946a520d22>



- ♦ https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/d4d0a9a8-8cbb-4110-9d81-e8946a520d22/attachments/04649241-18e0-48d1-a91d-6667c70a55ba/Foa_Content_of_F25AS00282_FINAL.pdf
- ♦ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360456>

U.S. National Park Service (NPS), American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) Restoration Grants

ABPP grants provide the opportunity to provide assistance for the restoration of day-of-battle conditions within eligible Civil War battlefields listed in the Civil War sites Advisory Commission's (CWSAC) Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields (1993) and in the principal battlefields of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 identified in NPS ABPP's Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States (2007) (Survey Reports). Restoration sites must be located outside the external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System and must have been protected with assistance from a NPS's Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant (BLAG) established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b), be owned by state or local government entities (e.g., state or local battlefield parks), OR owned by a nonprofit organization, and located within the boundaries of battlefields listed in the Survey Reports.

- **Deadline:** January 8, 2026
- **Eligible Applicants:** City or township governments; county governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); state governments; private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$3 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$750,000
- **Award Floor:** \$30,000
- **Contact:** Jim Modrick
- **Email:** STLPG@nps.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ♦ <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/c0c86c55-258c-46d6-b414-a9f56c029b8e>
 - ♦ https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/c0c86c55-258c-46d6-b414-a9f56c029b8e/attachments/09947f36-e055-4786-a876-7fa059d78b71/P25AS00475_ABPP_BARE_NOFO_2025-0909_jem.pdf
 - ♦ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360540>

On the Private Level

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), Farmer Grants

Northeast SARE offers grants to farmers to explore new concepts in sustainable agriculture conducted through experiments, surveys, prototypes, on-farm demonstrations or other research and education techniques. Farmer Grant projects address issues that affect farming with long-term sustainability in mind.

- **Deadline:** December 9, 2025, 5 PM



■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ◆ be led by a farmer who meets Northeast SARE's definition of a farm
- ◆ collaborate with a technical advisor
- ◆ have a project that impacts both the farmer project leader and other farms in the region
- ◆ explore an innovative practice and/or introduce an existing practice to a new audience of farmers
- ◆ include outreach activities, or sharing of project impacts and results, to farmers beyond the project team and project participants
- ◆ align with proposal criteria

■ **Award Amounts:** Range from \$5,000-\$30,000

■ **Email:** northeastsare@uvm.edu

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ◆ <http://www.northeastsare.org/FarmerGrant>
- ◆ <https://northeast.sare.org/about/northeast-sare-staff/>

Hiring Our Heroes' Small Business Grants

These grants honor the achievements of veteran- and military spouse-owned small businesses, highlighting their impact and contributions to local communities and America's economic growth. The program will award five such businesses with a one-time cash grant to be used to grow and support their business.

■ **Deadline:** December 15, 2025

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ◆ be a legal resident of and currently reside in the contiguous 48 states, Alaska and/or Hawaii
- ◆ be a for-profit business owned by a veteran or military spouse (at least 51% or more ownership) with 3 to 20 employees including the owner(s), all full or part-time employees, and independent (1099) contractors
- ◆ have less than \$5 million in annual revenue and must be located in an economically vulnerable community or can otherwise demonstrate financial need

■ **Number of Awards:** 5

■ **Award Amounts:** Four awards - \$10,000, one award of \$25,000

■ **Contact Link:** <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/contact/>

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ◆ <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/small-business-grant/>
- ◆ <https://www.hiringourheroes.org/small-business-grant/small-business-grant-program-application/>

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Grants

The foundation's goal is to provide seed money to implement those imaginative proposals that exhibit the greatest chance of improving the lives of young children, on a national scale. Because of the foundation's limited funding capability, it seeks to maximize a grant's potential impact. The foundation provides funding in the following areas: parenting education, early childhood welfare and early childhood education and play.

■ **Letter of Inquiry Deadline:** January 31, 2026

■ **Each Letter of Inquiry Should Include:**

- ◆ the organization's official name, website address and contact information
- ◆ a brief (250 word maximum) summary of the organization's mission and recent program history



- ♦ the organization's 501(c) (3) tax exempt status letter from the IRS and its' federal tax ID #
- ♦ the total amount of the organization's annual budget
- ♦ the total amount of the grant request
- ♦ an indication of the amount and type of support being requested from all sources
- ♦ title of the project and a narrative description (1,000 words or less) of the issue (s) or need (s) to be addressed by the proposal, the work to be performed and the anticipated outcome
- ♦ a description of how the proposal fits the foundation's program guidelines
- ♦ a description of how the project and/or research is innovative in nature

■ **Award Amounts:** Vary

■ **Contact:** Amanda Liedtka

■ **Email:** info@earlychildhoodfoundation.org

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/#program-guidelines>
- ♦ <https://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/grants/>

Gamma Mu Foundation LGBTQ+ Grants

The Gamma Mu Foundation is committed to empowering LGBTQ+ communities by supporting organizations and initiatives that create lasting, positive change. Our grants address the unique challenges faced by rural and underserved populations, funding programs that promote health, education, social support and equality. The foundation's grants focus on three key program areas:

- **Community Support Services:** activities proposed to meet the needs of rural communities and underserved LGBTQ+ populations, such as young people, seniors and victims of bullying, and promote empowerment and inclusivity
- **Public Education and Research:** initiatives designed to increase awareness and understanding of LGBTQ+ issues, foster a more inclusive environment for the community and establish a foundation for evidence-based advocacy
- **HIV and Health Programs:** interventions designed to meet the needs of persons, caregivers and families impacted by HIV and other health conditions (e.g., aging and mental health), including support and outreach activities

■ **Deadline:** January 13 – March 31, 2026

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ♦ be a registered 501 (c) (3) charitable organization
- ♦ be located in the United States
- ♦ serve the LGBTQ+ community, with a priority given to rural and/or underserved areas

■ **Award Amounts:** Up to \$15,000

■ **Contact Link:** grants@gammamufoundation.org

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://www.gammamufoundation.org/>
- ♦ <https://www.gammamufoundation.org/grants-and-scholarships>
- ♦ <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=gammamufoundationgrants>



Scholar Awards

Path to Pro Scholarship

These scholarships are dedicated to educating more people in the skilled trades and helping them find careers in the home improvement industry through the Path to Pro program.

■ **Deadline:** December 31, 2025

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ♦ be a high school senior, high school graduate or have a GED equivalent
- ♦ plan to enroll, or be enrolled, in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school (technical/vocational school or college) in the United States
- ♦ not be an employee or dependent of an employee of The Home Depot. Employees of The Home Depot and their dependents are eligible to apply for a scholarship from The Homer Fund
- ♦ carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, or construction management

■ **Award Amounts:** \$2,500

■ **Number of Awards:** 125

■ **Email:** scholarships@skillpointefoundation.org

■ **Link to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/path-pro>

Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards

This foundation awards up to 15 Jewish teens with \$36,000 each for their leadership efforts to change the world. From the environment to social justice to access to education and beyond, these young people are tackling big challenges in their communities and having tremendous impact.

■ **Deadline:** January 8, 2026

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ♦ be 15-19 years old by January 8, 2026
- ♦ identify as Jewish
- ♦ be a resident of the United States
- ♦ volunteer without any compensation
- ♦ serve in a leadership role on one project or initiative that embodies the values of tikkun olam – repairing the world

■ **Award Amounts:** \$36,000

■ **Number of Awards:** 15

■ **Email:** dillerteenawards@sfjcf.org

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ♦ <https://dillerteenawards.org/about-the-awards/>
- ♦ <https://dillerteenawards.org/apply/>



C-Span StudentCam National Video Documentary Competition Scholarships

This national video documentary competition encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. In this coming bicentennial year celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, students in grades 6-12 are invited to create a short (5:00-6:00 minute) video documentary on either a historical or contemporary topic that relates to the competition theme:

America's 250th Anniversary

Exploring the American Story through the Declaration of Independence

Students are asked to create a 5- to 6-minute documentary that explores the enduring impact of the Declaration of Independence by examining:

(1) its influence on a key moment from America's 250-year history

or

(2) how the values stated in the foundational document touch on a contemporary issue impacting you or your community

■ **Deadline:** January 20, 2026

■ Competition Requirements:

- ◆ open to all students in grades 6-12
- ◆ students may compete individually or in groups of up to three members
- ◆ documentaries must contain clips of C-Span video that relate to the chosen topic
- ◆ to thoroughly explore a variety of viewpoints, including those that may oppose the filmmakers' point of view
- ◆ film should be five to six minutes in length
- ◆ entries must include either end credits or a works cited list

■ **Award Amounts:** Vary from \$125 - \$5,000

■ **Number of Awards:** 150

■ **Email:** educate@c-span.org

■ Link to Additional Information:

- ◆ <https://www.studentcam.org/>

Pat Tillman College Scholarships

The Pat Tillman Scholar Program provides educational scholarships and leadership development for active-duty service members, veterans and spouses. This program covers tuition, books and living expenses for full-time students.

■ **Applications Open:** December 1, 2025

■ Eligible Applicants Must:

- ◆ be a veteran and active-duty military service members from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces including the National Guard who have served in both pre-and post-9/11 era
- ◆ be current spouses of veterans or active service members, including surviving spouses
- ◆ be a full-time* student pursuing one of the following degrees at a public or private, U.S.-based, accredited institution for the upcoming fall/spring academic year:
 - a full-time undergraduate degree (No certificates or associate's degree)
 - a full-time graduate or professional degree (No certificates or associate's degree)



- 0 you do not need to attend a University Partners school to apply. See video in regard to the University Partners vs at-large process for more information

- **Award Amounts:** Are determined on an individual basis that is intended to meet each scholar's unique need
- **Number of Awards:** 60
- **Email:** scholarhips@pattillmanfoundation.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/>
 - ◆ <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/>
 - ◆ https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/non_va_resources.asp

Jackie Robinson College Scholarships

These generous four-year scholarships and comprehensive support services are offered to highly motivated college students with financial needs to ensure their success and further develop their leadership potential.

- **Deadline:** January 7, 2026
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
 - ◆ be a graduating high school senior
 - ◆ be a United States citizen
 - ◆ submit evidence of financial need
 - ◆ demonstrate a record of academic excellence
 - ◆ demonstrate leadership potential and a dedication to community service
 - ◆ plan to attend an accredited and approved four year college/university within the United States or affiliated with a U.S. based college or university
 - ◆ have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college
- **Award Amounts:** Up to \$35,000 over four years
- **Number of Awards:** Approximately 60
- **Email:** connect@jackierobinson.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://jackierobinson.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/scholarship-app-opp2-1.pdf>
 - ◆ <https://connect.jackierobinson.org/apply/?sr=669d9644-a6bd-498f-9f76-c1f7ad4dd1cf>
 - ◆ <https://jackierobinson.org/apply/additional-resources/>



Links to State and Federal Grants

NYS Grants Gateway has transitioned to NYS Grants Management

- ♦ <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/>

Federal Grants

- ♦ <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants/>
- ♦ <https://simpler.grants.gov/>

Want to Learn About Grant Writing?

Candid offers a variety of free trainings in the following areas.

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- **Introduction to Finding Grants:** This class will provide an introduction to finding grants for nonprofits, including what funders are looking for and a hands-on guided online research session.
- **Introduction to Proposal Writing:** This class provides a standard overview of how to write a proposal for a foundation grant and includes a hands-on personalized session in developing a proposal outline.
- **Introduction to Project Budgets:** This class will provide step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance of Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.
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 - ♦ <https://learning.candid.org/event-calendar/>

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