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On the State Level

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Older Adult Technical Assistance Center (OATAC)

This funding will support and improve the service delivery of geriatric service demonstration programs through the Teams to Promote Aging in Place in OMH Supportive Housing (TPAP) grant. These programs will create an interdisciplinary team of an OMH Supportive Housing case manager, a local office for the aging case manager, a homecare professional and at least one paid peer professional who will collaborate with the OMH supportive housing residents to identify outstanding service and social needs, building a person-centered, holistic plan that is based on the older adult's priorities and preferences for aging in place.

- **Deadline:** December 1, 2026, 2 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities
- **Total Funding Available:** $1 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/2026/oatac/index.html
  - https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2026/oatac/oatac_rfp_final.pdf

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) for All Tenth Graders

These funds support the expansion of Teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) training to be available for all tenth-grade students in New York State. tMHFA teaches teens ages 14-18 years old how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in their friends and peers. The training provides the skills to recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges, the impact of bullying and school violence on mental health, how to have impactful conversations with peers about mental health concerns and how to seek the help of a responsible adult.

- **Deadline:** December 17, 2026, 2 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities
- **Total Funding Available:** $66.5 million
- **Contact:** Jeremy Rossello
- **Email:** omhlocalprocurement@omh.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2026/teen-mh-firstaid/index.html
  - https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2026/teen-mh-firstaid/teen_mh_first_aid_rfp.pdf

NYS Council on the Arts, Small and Midsize Capital Improvement Grants for Arts and Culture

These funds will support arts and cultural nonprofits seeking state funding for investments in capital improvements that allow organizations to sustain and expand cultural programming for diverse audiences, promote accessibility and environmental sustainability, preserve and create jobs and ultimately contribute to the growth of New York's dynamic arts and tourism sectors.

- **Deadline:** January 12, 2027, 5 PM
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
  - be a non-profit 501(c)(3) arts and culture organization
  - be pre-qualified with New York State
  - have developed plans for a project that qualifies as a capital improvement
  - support improvements to an arts and culture facility that will be open to the public
  - provide documentation of non-profit applicant's site control of facility proposed for improvement
  - have a project that aligns with the overall program goals and priorities
  - demonstrate viable financing for the duration of the project
  - demonstrate a viable plan for meeting the minority and women-owned business enterprise (MWBE) requirements of this program
  - have initiated appropriate review with the NYS Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) prior to applying
- **Award Amounts, No Match Grants:** $10,000 - $99,000
- **Award Amounts, Matching Grants:** $50,000 - $2 million
- **Email:** CapitalProjects@arts.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://arts.ny.gov/OpportunityGuidelines
  - https://itswebny.widen.net/s/zbgczkmhqp/nysca-fy27-small-and-midsize-capital-grant-guidelines

NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, School Food Infrastructure Grants

Funding from this program will go toward projects that 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 resiliency of our state's food system.

- **Deadline:** January 22, 2027, 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/rfp-0423-new-york-state-regional-school-food-infrastructure-grant-program
  - https://agriculture.ny.gov/request-proposals-rfp-0423-new-york-state-regional-school-food-infrastructure-grant-program

On the Federal Level

U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), Oceanographic Facilities & Equipment Support

These awards are made for the procurement, conversion and/or upgrade, enhancement, or annual operation of platforms in the ocean, coastal and near-shore waters and Great Lakes. Awards are generally directed specifically to support facilities that lend themselves to shared use within the broad range of federally supported research and education programs. The individual programs covered within this solicitation include:

- Oceanographic Technical Services (Tech Services)
- Oceanographic Instrumentation (OI)
- Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment (SSSE)

- **Deadline:** January 11, 2027
- **Eligible Applicants:** Non-profit, non-academic organizations: independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations located in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activities; institutions of higher education (IHEs): two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Special instructions for international branch campuses of US IHEs: If the proposal includes funding to be provided to an international branch campus of a US institution of higher education (including through use of sub-awards and consultant arrangements), the proposer must explain the benefit(s) to the project of performance at the international branch campus and justify why the project activities cannot be performed at the US campus
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** $47.5 million
- **Award Ceiling:** $47.5 million
- **Award Floor:** $5,000
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 50
- **Contact:** Timothy M. McGovern
- **Email:** tmcgover@nsf.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/4217a5d4-7c4e-4827-b006-f92f9a1ffc35
  - https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/344715
  - https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/oceanographic-facilities-equipment-support

U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), Helping to End Addiction Long-Term (HEAL) Initiative: Studies to Enable Analgesic Discovery Funding

This funding will support the development of safe, effective and non-addictive therapeutics to treat pain.

- **Deadline:** January 15, 2027
- **Eligible Applicants:** City or township governments; public and Indian housing authorities; state governments; special district governments; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; county governments; for-profit organizations other than small businesses; small businesses; public and state institutions of higher education; independent school districts; private institutions of higher education; nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3); other Native American tribal organizations; nonprofits non-higher education without 501(c)(3); other
- **Award Ceiling:** $350,000

- **Email:** grantsinfo@nih.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/14a56590-38c0-4e5e-8202-117a9297aa35
  - https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-25-023.html
  - https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356460

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Rapid Response Program (RRP)

This program awards one-time assistance via a cost-reimbursable grant for service coordination and limited direct services for residents of HUD-assisted housing. The RRP utilizes a simplified application process to promote local leadership and flexibility in addressing urgent social needs caused by unanticipated emergencies. Examples of these emergencies can include but are not limited to:

  - natural disasters (e.g., wildfires or hurricanes)
  - public health crises (e.g., gun violence, community-level contamination or environmental hazards)
  - economic disruptions (e.g., closure of a major employment center that employs residents at the target site)

- **Deadline:** January 27, 2027
- **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3); nonprofits non-higher education without 501(c)(3); federally recognized Native American tribal governments; public and Indian housing authorities; others
- **Award Ceiling:** $250,000
- **Award Floor:** $112,500
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 20
- **Contact:** Sara Arman
- **Email:** ROSS-PIH@hud.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/43049089-8c2c-4794-a747-3c2b2ca6ca79
  - https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361206
  - https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=117431

On the Private Level

National Fund for Sacred Places, Supporting Historic Sacred Places

This funding supports congregations undertaking significant capital projects at purpose-built historic houses of worship. The fund prioritizes buildings that have historic, cultural, or architectural significance; particularly those that are significant at the national or regional level. Designation as a local landmark or listing on the National Register of Historic Places is not required, but referring to the National Register criteria can help clarify the ways in which a historic house of worship is significant. The fund prioritizes congregations that are engaged in their communities and that are providing public value. Engaged congregations operate and host programming that serves non-members and/or vulnerable and at-risk populations; share space with non-affiliated groups and organizations (often at subsidized rates); partner and collaborate with other congregations, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations and/or municipalities; and have a widespread reputation for being a welcoming center of community life and as an anchoring institution.

- **Applications Open:** January 12, 2027
- **Applications Due:** March 3, 2027
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
  - the property must be located within the U.S. or its territories
  - the property must have been originally built to be a house of worship and must be owned by an active community of faith
  - the applicant must be a religious congregation or closely affiliated nonprofit organization
  - if the applicant is a congregation, the congregation must be at least three years old
  - the property must possess historical, cultural, or architectural significance
  - the property must be occupied be a congregation that is community-minded and serves non-members
  - the property must have urgent repair needs related to structural components, walls, roof and/or other elements of the building envelope that are integral to the building's preservation and longevity
  - anticipated capital projects must respect the property's historic character and materials and must adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
  - the congregation must demonstrate a need for project funds that exceed the congregation's typical donor base and membership
  - applicant must exhibit signs of positive organizational health including: senior clergy (and/or lay leadership) is established in tenure; consensus around project goals; commitment to retaining and caring for the historic property; stable or growing membership; established partnerships with external entities; financial strength and stability; and if applicable, positive and supportive relationship with regional denominational offices
  - the congregation must work with Partners for Sacred Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation prior to disbursement of the capital grant to ensure all program requirements have been met
  - all grants require a 1:1 match
- **Matching Grants:** Yes, 1:1 match
- **Award Amounts:** $50,000 - $500,000
- **Contact:** Lily Hamilton
- **Email:** lhamilton@sacredplaces.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/
  - https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/apply/
  - https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/what-we-offer/eligibility/

Fund For Investigative Journalism (FIJ), Grants

FIJ provides grants and other support for reporters to produce high-quality, unbiased, nonpartisan investigative stories that have an impact. Freelance journalists, staff reporters and media outlets are eligible for grants, and their investigations can be for print, online or broadcast stories, books, documentaries or podcasts. Several types of grants are available:

Regular grants: Proposals are reviewed three to four times a year for grants up to $10,000

Seed funding: Small grants are available, up to $2,500, for preliminary reporting that can lead to full investigations. These grants cover costs like open-records requests and initial reporting trips

Follow-up grants: Proposals are accepted for timely follow-up coverage to original investigations that were produced with grants from the fund. Grantees can apply for expedited review for follow-up grants up to $2,500

Regular grants for those who have previously received Seed funding: Proposals are reviewed for individuals who received Seed funding from FIJ for grants up to $10,000 on a rolling basis. Applicants receive a decision within about two to four weeks

- **Deadline:** January 29, 2027
- **Requirements & Information:**
  - grants are for specific investigative projects, covering expenses such as travel, records fees, research, equipment rental and reporting time
  - while most applicants are freelancers, some applicants are nonprofit news outlets seeking assistance to cover the expenses of investigations
  - the fund provides grants for print and online articles, television and radio stories, documentary films, podcasts and books
  - foreign-based story proposals must have a strong U.S. angle involving American citizens, government or business; all stories must be published in English, in a media outlet in the United States
  - applications must include a brief summary, proposal, budget, resume, clips, references and letter of commitment from a media outlet to publish the story
  - all information contained in an application is held strictly confidential by the fund's board and staff, is shared with no one outside of the organization and is used solely for the purpose of making a grant decision
- **Award Amount:** Up to $10,000
- **Email:** fij@fij.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://investigate.submittable.com/submit
  - https://fij.org/
  - https://fij.org/apply-for-a-grant/

Elevance Health Foundation, Behavioral Health Grants

The foundation will prioritize funding for programs that increase the number of individuals receiving treatment for mental health (MH) and/or substance use disorders (SUD), support prevention and early-intervention strategies and seek to reduce loneliness among individuals with these disorders.

- **Deadline:** January 31, 2027
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
  - provide proof of status as proof of status as a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization under one of these Internal Revenue Code subsections:
    - **170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** receives substantial support from governmental units or the general public
    - **509(a)(2).** normally receives no more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business income, and more than one-third from contributions, fees, and gross receipts related to exempt purposes
    - **509(a)(3).** operated solely for the benefit of and in conjunction with other exempt organizations (public charities): Type I, Type II, or Type III functionally integrated
  - clearly define measures and accountability standards, including key milestones

- track and record long-term outcomes of program effectiveness and sustainable change

- **Award Amount:** Varies
- **Email:** foundation@elevancehealth.com
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://elevancehealth.foundation/for-grantseekers
  - https://elevancehealth.foundation/custom_assets/images/pdf/EHF-Behavioral-Health-RFP-10-25.pdf

DanPaul Foundation, Funding for Programs that Serve the Health, Education, Development and Welfare of the World's Youth

This foundation is using its resources to train teachers in early childhood development, protect children from abuse, stimulate their personal responsibility and offer them opportunities for enrichment. The foundation also aims to encourage children to be concerned about the environment and the underprivileged, particularly with regard to clean air and water and adequate housing and nutrition for all.

- **Deadline:** Rolling
- **Eligible Applicants:** 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organizations as defined by the IRS
- **Award Amount:** Up to $15,000
- **Contact Link:** https://www.danpaulfoundation.org/contact
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://www.danpaulfoundation.org/grant-funding-guidelines
  - https://www.danpaulfoundation.org/mission-beliefs

Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Grants for Non-Profit Organizations

These grants are awarded to non-profit organizations that have a substantial and meaningful effect on their target populations and contribute to the general welfare. Priority is given to the following areas: education, youth summer camps, socio-economic equity and equality, food security, legal justice, medical research and care, arts and arts education and scientific research.

- **Deadline:** Rolling
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
  - be exempt from income tax under federal law as a 501(c)3 organization
  - must also be sanctioned by and listed on GuideStar Charity Check/Candid: GuideStar Charity Check
  - use funds within the United States
- **Award Amounts:** Vary
- **Email:** info@sidneysternmemorialtrust.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://sidneysternmemorialtrust.org/
  - https://sidneysternmemorialtrust.org/guidelines

Scholar Awards

Ron Brown College Scholarships for Community-Minded & Intellectually Gifted African Americans

- **Deadline:** December 1, 2026
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
  - be Black/African American
  - excel academically
  - exhibit exceptional leadership potential
  - participate in community service activities
  - demonstrate financial need
  - be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card
  - be a current high school senior at the time of your application. NOTE: Current college students are not eligible to apply
- **Scholarship Value:** $40,000 ($10,000 each year)
- **Awards Available:** 20
- **Email:** info@ronbrown.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://ronbrown.org/ron-brown-scholarship/
  - https://ronbrown.my.site.com/s

Taco Bell Foundation, Live Más Scholarships

These scholarships fuel the doers, dreamers and cultural rebels who know how to Live Más. Whether you're just discovering what fires you up, chasing your passion every day, or turning it into something bigger, the Live Más Scholarship is here to help you level up.

- **Deadline:** January 5, 2027, 5 PM, PST
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
  - be a legal resident of the United States or the dependent child of an active-duty member of the U.S. military
  - be between the ages of 16-26
  - on track to apply for (pending receipt of high school diploma or GED equivalent) or currently enrolled in an accredited post-high school/post-secondary school program (two-year, four-year, vocational-technical, or trade)
- **Award Amounts:** $5,000 - $25,000
- **Number of Awards:** Up to 100
- **Email:** livemasscholarship@tacobell.com
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - https://tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/
  - https://tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/eligibilityfaq/
  - https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/livemas2027

Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards

The 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 7, 2027
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
  - be 15-19 years old by the application deadline
  - identify as Jewish
  - be a resident of the United States
  - conduct project leadership from the United States, though the projects may have global reach
  - be currently serving in a leadership role on an initiative that is having a measurable impact and embodies the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world)
  - volunteer without compensation
- **Scholarship Value:** $36,000
- **Number of Awards:** Up to 15
- **Email:** dillerteenawards@jewishfed.org
- **Link to Additional Information:** https://dillerteenawards.org/about-the-awards/

Links to State and Federal Grants

NYS Grants Management

- https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/
- https://grants.gov
- https://www.grants.gov/search-grants/

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