

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & HUMAN SERVICES

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EDUCATION

Grant: Fund for Teachers

Purpose: To provide educators the resources needed to pursue self-designed professional learning experiences. Grants may be used for a variety of projects as long as they are designed to create enhanced learning environments for teachers, their students, and their school communities.

Funder: Fund for Teachers

Eligibility: All PreK-12 schools

Deadline: January 31

Amount: Not specified

Contact: http://fft.fundforteachers.org/applications/choose_program?state=va

Grant: School and Education Improvement Projects

Purpose: To support projects in the following categories – technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations, and safety improvements

Funder: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations

Deadline: February 10

Amount: Up to \$100,000 (a large majority of the grants will be in the \$2,000 - \$5,000 range)

Contact: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Grant: K-12 Education Programs

Purpose: To fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people

Funder: The Kinder Morgan Foundation

Eligibility: Nonprofits, public schools and private schools may apply. In the United States, nonprofits and private schools must have 501(c)(3) designation. In Canada, nonprofits and private schools must provide documentation that enables the determination that the organization is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity.

Deadline: 10th of every month

Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000 in program support only; libraries may apply for capital projects

Contact: <http://www.kindermorgan.com/pages/community/default.aspx>

Grant: Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Research

Purpose: To fund rigorous research to produce practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students. The initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators and other stakeholders, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. Funded projects are designed to produce knowledge that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come. The solicitation includes multiple funding categories with different expectations and requirements.

Funder: National Institute of Justice

Eligibility: Nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3); small businesses, for profit organizations other than small businesses; private institutions of higher education, public and state controlled institutions of higher education; state, county city or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); individuals

Deadline: March 24

Amount: Developing Novel and Innovative School Safety Programs, Practices and Strategies – up to \$1 million for 24-48 months; Demonstration, Evaluation and Validation Tests for School Safety – \$500,000 to \$3 million for 24-48 months; Expanding the Use of Effective Interventions through Scaling-up – \$3 million to \$7 million for 24-48 months; Research on School Safety - \$200,000 to \$1 million for 24-36 months; Understanding School Safety in Tribal Schools -- \$500,000 to \$1 million for 24-48 months

Contact: <https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2017-11147.pdf>

Grant: Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund

Purpose: To support projects that enhance and develop an appreciation for nature among high school students using native plants, and emphasize the involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development. Examples include the establishment of a native plant community in an educational setting such as an outdoor classroom, developing and maintaining an interpretive trail landscaped with native plant communities, and/or developing a wetland area so as to study the effect of native vegetation on water-quality improvement.

Funder: Wild Ones

Eligibility: Schools, nature centers, and other nonprofit places of learning focused on educating elementary through high school students in the United States, including houses of worship; qualified applicants must have a site available for the project

Deadline: October 15

Amount: Up to \$500

Contact: <http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/>

YOUTH WELL-BEING

Grant: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children Research

Purpose: To encourage research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion prevention and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings.

Funder: National Institutes of Health

Eligibility: Nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3); small businesses, for profit organizations other than small businesses, private institutions of higher education, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, independent school districts; state, county, city, township or special district governments; public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Deadline: May 7, 2020

Amount: Not specified

Contact: <http://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=291123>

COMMUNITY

Grant: Collaborative Performing Arts Tours

Purpose: To increase access to live performing arts engagements to audiences across the mid-Atlantic region, especially in underserved communities. The program provides support for projects in which at least three performing arts presenters from two different states work collaboratively to present a touring solo artist or ensemble. Tours should include performances as well as activities such as artist discussions, lecture demonstrations, master classes, and workshops designed to build greater appreciation for the work of the touring artist or ensemble.

Funder: Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation

Eligibility: Projects that are conceived and developed collaboratively by consortia of presenters from within the mid-Atlantic region. All presenters participating in a consortium must be based in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, or West Virginia, and be designated by as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization or be a unit of state or local government. In addition, projects must feature professional performing artists that have at least two years of touring experience.

Deadline: March 17

Amount: Grant amounts will range between \$1,000 and \$10,000, except for projects that include the commissioning of new work, in which case grants cannot exceed \$15,000. Grants are made directly to each presenter in a consortium whose project has been approved for support.

Contact: <http://www.midatlanticarts.org/grants-programs/grants-for-organizations/#artsconnect>

Grant: Signature Employment Grants

Purpose: To support pilot initiatives, demonstration projects, and social ventures that lead to the generation of new ideas focused on addressing and solving the high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities

Funder: Kessler Foundation

Eligibility: Although Signature Employment Grant proposals can be submitted from any state, funding priority will be given to projects serving individuals in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Any organization recognized as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code may apply for funding. This includes nonprofit agencies, public or private schools, and public institutions such as universities and government (state, local, federal) based in the United States or any of its territories.

Deadline: Concept applications due March 17. Upon review, select candidates will be invited to submit a full proposal by July 10.

Amount: Grants of up to \$500,000 over two years will be awarded for qualified pilot projects that demonstrate significant innovation. Signature grants are not intended to fund project expansions or bring proven projects to new communities. A 15% match of the total request amount is required, with this additional percentage added to the total project budget. Funds must be newly acquired and available for the grant project.

Contact: <https://kesslerfoundation.org/grantprograms/signatureemploymentgrants.php>

Grant: Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Program

Purpose: To make grants to organizations in the United States that operate emergency shelters for victims of domestic violence

Funder: Mary Kay Foundation

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations

Deadline: April 30

Amount: The foundation awarded grants of \$20,000 to more than a hundred and fifty women's domestic violence shelters across the nation in 2016.

Contact: <http://www.marykayfoundation.org/Pages/ShelterGrantProgram.aspx>