

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & HUMAN SERVICES

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### EDUCATION

**Grant:** New Schools Invent

**Purpose:** To provide funding for teams of educators committed to launching innovative new public schools that reimagine the learning experience for students, particularly traditionally underserved students

**Funder:** New Schools Venture Fund

**Eligibility:** Applicants must plan to launch a new charter or district public school in 2017 or 2018; enroll students within the PreK-12 grade span (ages 3 - 19) on a full-time basis; and be eligible for public funding.

**Deadline:** October 14

**Amount:** Teams will receive 12-month planning grants of 100,000 to \$200,000, along with community engagement and management support from New Schools

**Contact:** <http://www.newschools.org/invent/>

**Grant:** Advancing Informal STEM Learning

**Purpose:** To advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; and advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments

**Funder:** National Science Foundation

**Eligibility:** Except where a program solicitation establishes more restrictive eligibility criteria, individuals and organizations in the following categories may submit proposals: universities and colleges; non-profit, non-academic organizations; for-profit organizations; state and local governments; unaffiliated individuals (scientists, engineers or educators in the U.S. and U.S. citizens may be eligible for support).

**Deadline:** November 8

**Amount:** 49 – 71 awards from total program funding of \$28,000,000 to \$38,000,000

**Contact:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15593/nsf15593.htm>

**Grant:** STEM Education and Learning Project Development Grants

**Purpose:** To advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; and advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments. Seven types of projects are supported: Collaborative Planning, Exploratory Pathways, Research in Service to Practice, Innovations in Development, Broad Implementation, Conferences, and Informal STEM Learning Resource Center (FY 2016 only).

**Funder:** National Science Foundation

**Eligibility:** Universities and colleges, non-profit, non-academic organizations, for-profit organizations, state and local governments, unaffiliated individuals (scientists, engineers or educators).

**Deadline:** November 8

**Amount:** Varies depending on project type

**Contact:** <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15593/nsf15593.htm>

**Grant:** Farm to School Grants

**Purpose:** To help schools create or strengthen farm-to-school programs by awarding grants to school districts, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers, and non-profit organizations to increase local foods served through child nutrition programs, teach children about food and agriculture, and develop schools' and farmers' capacities to participate in farm-to-school

**Funder:** States Department of Agriculture

**Eligibility:** Support Service grants are intended for state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, and non-profit entities working with schools or school districts to further develop and provide broad reaching support services to farm to school initiatives. Implementation grants are intended to help schools or school districts scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives. Planning grants are for schools or school districts just getting started on farm to school activities and are intended to help these entities organize and structure their efforts for maximum impact by embedding known best practices into early design considerations. Training grants are intended for state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, and non-profit entities to support trainings that strengthen farm to school supply chains, or trainings that provide technical assistance in the area of local procurement, food safety, culinary education, and/or integration of agriculture-based curriculum.

**Deadline:** December 8

**Amount:** Planning awards range from \$20,000 - \$45,000; implementation and support service awards range from \$65,000 - \$100,000; training awards range from \$15,000 - \$50,000. Matching funds of 25% are required for all four grant types.

**Contact:** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

**Grant:** Pre-College Education Programs

**Purpose:** To support programs that take advantage of new technology to bring Japanese and American teachers and students together; build human networks among teachers on both sides of the Pacific with a mutual interest in teaching and learning about Japan, the U.S., and U.S.-Japan relations, particularly in the fields of social studies and Japanese language instruction; and invest in programs in regions in both countries that have been underserved in terms of exposure to and resources for learning about the other country. In addition, the foundation supports programs that enlist the expertise residing at institutions of higher learning and other NGOs in support of U.S.-Japan studies programs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in both countries; present the products of research and policy studies and media programs on U.S.-Japan issues to an audience of pre-college students and their teachers; and enhance, expand and preserve the study of the Japanese language at the pre-college level in the United States through teacher professional development opportunities, national standards, and performance assessments.

**Funder:** United States – Japan Foundation

**Eligibility:** Not specified

**Deadline:** Letters of Intent are due December 15; selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by January 31, 2017

**Amount:** Not specified; grants awarded in April 2016 ranged from \$32,000 - \$124,000

**Contact:** <http://us-jf.org/programs/grants/pre-college-education/>

**Grant:** Hands-On Environmental Education Activities

**Purpose:** To promote and support high-quality educational programs that help children and youth understand and appreciate the world through learning experiences designed to engage them in active hands-on projects that improve the environment in their schools and communities. Grants are intended to serve as a means of bringing environment-based education to schools, and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

**Funder:** Captain Planet Foundation

**Eligibility:** Schools and nonprofit environmental and educational organizations in the U.S. with annual operating budgets of less than \$3 million

**Deadline:** January 31, 2017

**Amount:** Preferential consideration will be given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. On occasion, the foundation will consider grants of up to \$2,500.

**Contact:** <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

## **YOUTH WELL-BEING**

**Grant:** Minority Youth Violence Prevention Project Grants

**Purpose:** To determine the most effective models that integrate public health and law enforcement, along with evidence-based violence prevention strategies and interventions; and culturally and linguistically appropriate approaches to reduce disparities in access to public health services, reduce violent crimes, and improve the health and wellbeing of communities of color in communities with greater prevalence of youth violence. Projects will serve as demonstration sites for addressing disparities in access to public health, and for addressing the elevated risk of violence and crime that exists in many of our nation's most distressed neighborhoods.

**Funder:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

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

**Deadline:** March 31, 2017

**Amount:** 9 grants of \$325,000 - \$425,000

**Contact:** <http://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=289363>

**Grant:** Adolescent Health Research Center Program Grants

**Purpose:** To support up to 3 national centers for research on particular focus areas related to adolescent health and teen pregnancy prevention. The mission of the Centers will be to evaluate/assess best practices or evidence-based/evidence-informed approaches, and make that information easily accessible to providers working with youth. Each of the Centers will conduct a focused program of adolescent health research in a specific focus area. Applications will be solicited to focus on one of five priority areas related to teen pregnancy prevention: safe and supportive environments for youth, including LGBTQ youth; healthy relationships; meaningful connections to supportive adults; foster care systems; and engaging youth and families.

**Funder:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

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

**Deadline:** March 31, 2017

**Amount:** 3 grants of \$250,000 - \$500,000

**Contact:** <http://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=289373>

## **COMMUNITY**

**Grant:** Outdoor Music Concert Program

**Purpose:** To present the Levitt AMP [Your City] Music Series, a minimum of ten free outdoor concerts presented over ten consecutive weeks between May 1 and November 15, 2017.

**Funder:** Levitt Foundation

**Eligibility:** All proposed Levitt AMP [Your City] Music Series must take place within the United States, in small to midsized towns and cities with populations of up to 400,000 people, or within a metro area with a population of no more than one million. For towns or cities located within a metro area with a population that exceeds one million, the town or city must be at least twenty-five miles from the anchor city of the metro area. In addition, applicants must display a successful track record of presenting professional quality concerts or community events, or apply with a partner organization or individual that has done so. Applicants must

also demonstrate dollar-for-dollar matching funds from other sources such as foundations, municipalities, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, businesses, etc.

**Deadline:** October 10

**Amount:** Grants of up to \$25,000 in matching funding will be awarded to a minimum of ten U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or municipalities partnering with a nonprofit.

**Contact:** <https://grant.levittamp.org/about/>

**Grant:** Reproductive Health Programs

**Purpose:** To empower young women with education about healthy reproduction in order to broaden and enhance their options in life. The program focuses on young women who have inadequate access to information regarding sexual and reproductive health, including comprehensive and unbiased information on contraception and pregnancy termination. Areas of interest include programs that include a comprehensive approach to sexual and reproductive health education; novel ideas, including innovative methods of delivering information; and programs that incorporate advocacy or policy change.

**Funder:** The Lalor Foundation

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) organizations

**Deadline:** Concept papers must be received no later than November 1. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

**Amount:** Up to \$35,000 will be awarded in support of programs for young women, particularly those who are disadvantaged by poverty, discrimination, geographic isolation, lack of specific sex education, hostile public policy, or other factors contributing to inadequate reproductive health.

**Contact:** <http://lalorfound.org/anna-lalor-burdick-program/application-guidelines/>

**Grant:** Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence

**Purpose:** To promote innovative thinking about the built environment and to advance conversations about how cities can be made better by celebrating and sharing the stories of creative and inspiring urban development projects

**Funder:** Bruner Foundation

**Eligibility:** Projects must be urban, built (not just a plan or a program), have been in operation long enough to demonstrate impact, and located within the continental United States.

**Deadline:** December 8

**Amount:** One gold medal and four silver medals are awarded every two years, with the gold medalist receiving a \$50,000 cash prize and silver medalists receiving \$10,000 each.

**Contact:** <http://www.rudybruneraward.org/>