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NOTE: There will be **NO GRANTS LETTER** in December. Look for our next issue in January.

A. TIPS *(Timely tips, ways to improve your business processes)*

Workplace STRESS in a mission-driven organization

Ever feel the stress of growing community needs, a big mission, critical goals, limited budget, great barriers, difficult customers and the like? Your employees and volunteers do, too. The series of articles beginning this month are designed to give you a better idea of what you are up against, and what to do about it. (Look to last month's "Free Help for Nonprofits" for an analysis of stress and stressors that are commonly encountered in a mission-driven workplace.)

In the last issue, we learned about the seriousness of workplace stress, and how it can affect the bottom line. We also reviewed some of the common factors affecting the level of stress at a workplace.

Workplace stress is **NOT** necessarily related to:

- ▶ A particular occupation
- ▶ The pace at work
- ▶ The presence or absence of deadlines
- ▶ Monotonous tasks

But workplace stress **IS** related to:

- ▶ Negativity and violence in the workplace
- ▶ Feeling undervalued, undervalued or trapped
- ▶ Feeling that work is not making a difference
- ▶ Feeling lack of control

PART TWO: WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A LEADER TO REDUCE WORKPLACE STRESS?

- ▶ Reduce negativity and prohibitions
- ▶ Tell performing employees they are doing a good job
- ▶ Care about employees
- ▶ Emphasize team goals, not competition
- ▶ Identify causes of stress, and work to mitigate them
- ▶ Look for authentic employee benefits and supports you can provide

Specifically,

- ▶ **Address insecurity/atmosphere of lack of control**
- ▶ Keep employees in the loop
- ▶ Articulate expectations and progress
- ▶ Provide training and tools
- ▶ Utilize employees' skills
- ▶ Look at the physical facility; improve as needed
- ▶ Reduce job insecurity as far as is feasible
- ▶ Radiate calm
- ▶ Be consistent
- ▶ **Organizational Changes**
- ▶ Adopt principle-centered vision vs task orientation
- ▶ Define purpose of projects and how they fit the big picture
- ▶ Delineate organizational and individual goals
- ▶ Articulate employees' contributions
- ▶ Align your processes; strategically integrate them
- ▶ Integrate safety, health efforts, employee well being

You've probably caught the trend here—management must show employees that it cares. If managers stress a priority for their own career goals or for productivity increases only, resentment will encourage stress, and employee engagement will be eroded.

Consider that there are certain factors that tend to contribute to and magnify ordinary work-related stress. As you read this list, ask yourself if any of these conditions exist for any workers at your organization:

- Low salaries.
- Excessive workloads.
- Few opportunities for growth or advancement.
- Work that isn't engaging or challenging.
- Lack of social and/or family support.
- Not having enough control over job-related decisions.
- Conflicting demands or unclear performance expectations.

Now, decide which of these factors you can work on, or how you can mitigate their effect for your staff.

Keep in mind that many years ago, people discovered that one of the best mitigating tools is to demonstrate friendliness, caring and appreciation. It also doesn't hurt to emphasize the value of the employee's contribution, and the good that the organization is doing as a whole.

PART THREE

How can a manager get organizational support for change?

Besides the economic benefits outlined in Part One, there are important strategic advantages to reducing workplace stress to manageable levels, and to helping employees deal with stress.

While research has focused on for-profit companies, government agencies and nonprofits have been shown to experience similar, and sometimes greater results.

PERFORMANCE

In a study of 24 publically traded companies, those with high morale outperformed similar companies in their same industries by almost 2.5 to 1, while the stock prices of companies with medium or low morale lagged behind their industry peers by more than 1.5 to 1.

(Sirota, 2006)

PRODUCTIVITY

Companies that invest more than average in employee training outperform the market by 45% and have returns that are 86% higher than those companies that spend less than average.

(Bassi, Ludwig, McMurrer, & Van Buren, 2000)

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Companies with higher growth in profitability have engagement levels that are more than 20% higher than those of their counterparts and provide more growth and development opportunities.

(Hewitt Associates, 2004, p. 1)

RETENTION

What is a high quality employee worth to an organization? What does it cost to rehire and retrain a good employee?

The job market is changing. For a while there, managers had many job applicants to choose from, and employees were not exploring other possibilities. Now, retention is much more important.

The top 5 reasons employees stay with a particular entity are:

1. Exciting and challenging work
2. Opportunities for career growth, learning and development
3. High-quality co-workers
4. Fair pay

5. Supportive management (Kaye & Jordan-Evans, 2008, p. 10)

These are the same 5 reasons that make an employer attractive when recruiting hard-to-find and high-value new employees—so worth cultivating for multiple reasons. Reducing workplace stress affects how employees view each of these five elements—even “Fair pay”. If a workplace is filled with stress, workers do not think they are paid enough, or that management is supportive. If workplace stress is minimal, workers perceive their work as more exciting and challenging, like their co-workers more, and consider learning and development opportunities to be greater.

More information: <http://www.stress.org/workplace-stress/>

Reduce Your Own Stress: GETTING CAUGHT UP AFTER BEING OUT OF THE OFFICE

Alexandra Samuel offers these tips for a smooth transition from vacation—or an out of town conference—to smoothly transition back to work, and get caught up on tasks.

1. Before you leave: If you can arrange it that way, do your most difficult tasks before you leave, so that you have the tasks you most enjoy waiting for your return. Make a short list of tasks to tackle when you return, noting where you'll start with each item. Set up timed alerts for tasks that must be addressed that first week back, and block off significant chunks of time to get them done.
2. When you return: Leave your email responder on for an extra day or two so colleagues and clients don't expect an instant response. Avoid intra-office social networks and turn off your phone's ringer to help you focus. And make work fun by listening to a new music playlist and doing some neglected tasks that you enjoy.
3. At the end of each day, make notes on where you stopped for the day, and what you need to do next.

Other experts offer another piece of advice: Before you leave for your time out of the office, write down, and put in a safe place, key passwords. When your mind has been focusing on a myriad of other things for several days, it may be harder than you think to come up with those familiar pass phrases.

<https://hbr.org/2015/06/ease-the-pain-of-returning-to-work-after-time-off>

PETS FOR LOW-INCOME TENANTS?

We can hear property managers collectively shudder. Allowing pets in your affordable housing apartments spells more trouble, no denying that. Plans for managing all aspects of pet care would need to be established and implemented. Some landscaping might need to be modified. Fences might have to go in. Pet poop stations might need to be installed. Reserve funds might need to be increased, to allow for more frequent carpet replacement. Additional or different staff might be needed. These are certainly arguments for not allowing pets. But what are the arguments for doing just that?

First, advocates point to medical and psychological benefits of pet-owning and pet therapy. Pet-owning can reduce the stress experienced by tenants, reduce boredom and loneliness, decrease the number of complaints that come to the office, and decrease time spent by staff listening to minor tenant annoyances. Secondly, according to a new study of a market rate retirement community in South Florida, buyers are willing to spend 11.6% more for a condo unit if it allows pets. That is powerful evidence of just how important pets are to the elderly. This may be reason to consider allowing pets—or for arranging pet therapy visits—when evaluating competing perks for your affordable senior apartments.

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1943319 (Social Science Research Network)

B. NEWS *(Nonprofit news and trends.) Click link for whole story*

NO, THERE'S NO SS COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR 2016

Social Security's annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is an increase in the benefit amount people receive each month. By law, the monthly Social Security and SSI federal benefit rate increases when there is a rise in the cost of living. The government measures changes in the cost of living through the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

The CPI has not risen since the last cost-of-living adjustment in 2015. As a result, the SSI benefit rate and, for most people, the Social Security benefit amount will stay the same in 2016.

While your customers will not be getting more income in the next year, and some may be disappointed, most of the costs of living have not gone up either, so the overall impact should be minimal.

<http://blog.socialsecurity.gov/no-cost-of-living-adjustment-in-2016/>

AID GROUPS SAY THE U.S. SHOULD ACCEPT MORE SYRIAN REFUGEES

The leaders of U.S. humanitarian organizations say the United States should take in far more refugees from Syria than the ten thousand the Obama administration has promised to accept in the 2015-16 fiscal year, the [New York Times](#) reports.

Executives of aid organizations including [CARE USA](#), [Mercy Corps](#), [Oxfam America](#), [Physicians for Human Rights](#), and [Save the Children](#) said that while the increase — from fewer than two thousand in 2014-15 — was welcome, the U.S. needs to help resettle more of the roughly four million people who have fled the civil war in Syria since 2011 into neighboring Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey and, increasingly, Europe. By some calculations, displaced Syrians now account for a quarter of the population of Lebanon, while Germany is expecting to receive eight hundred thousand refugees and migrants this year, many of them from Syria.

Utah receives 1,000 to 1,200 refugees per year, and over the years, more than 60,000 refugees have come to Utah.

Michael R. Gordon. "[Ex-Officials Urge White House to Accept More Syrian Refugees](#)." [New York Times](#) 09/17/2015. Rick Gladstone. "[Charities Say U.S. Should Take Tens of Thousands of Syrians](#)." [New York Times](#) 09/15/2015.

WHO FUNDS SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS?

Between 2004 and 2012, family foundations allocated 9 percent of their combined grant dollars to grassroots advocacy, community organizing, and public policy change work.

According to a report from the [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](#), perceived barriers to family foundations supporting social justice work include a lack of awareness about social justice funding and/or the legality of funding advocacy work; the difficulty of measuring outcomes for social justice initiatives; a focus on a specific issue; and limited assets.

Very large foundations, like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation the Susan Thompson Buffet Foundation and the Melville Charitable Trust do support social justice issues in a big way.

<http://ncrp.org/campaigns-research-policy/the-philanthropic-landscape/family-philanthropy-funding-social-justice>

POVERTY / NEW INDEX OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

The [Lilly Family School of Philanthropy](#) at [Indiana University](#) and the [Salvation Army](#) have announced the launch of a multi-dimensional index of basic human needs in the United States.

Designed to track on-the-ground indicators of poverty and its effects with less lag time than traditional government data, the [Human Needs Index](#) (HNI) will aggregate data on seven services commonly delivered by nonprofits — meals provided, groceries, clothing, housing, furniture, medical assistance, and help with energy bills. To be published on a quarterly basis, the index will provide monthly national and state data since 2004, revealing variances in need at the state level due to a range of factors, including seasonal differences, historical regional disparities, and the effects of major disasters.

"Poverty is among the most complex issues facing society," said Amir Pasic, Eugene R. Tempel Dean of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. "The Human Needs Index reflects that complexity by providing a better understanding of the multiple facets of need confronting poor individuals and families. Its sensitivity to changes in need based on actual service provider data offers

insights into trends and patterns that can help inform decision making and the broader societal discussion about alleviating poverty."

[Human Needs Index to Provide New Look at Poverty.](#)" Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and Salvation Army Press Release 10/07/2015."[Human Needs Index Fact Sheet.](#)" Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and Salvation Army Fact Sheet 10/07/2015.

HEALTH INSURANCE / OPEN ENROLLMENT

According to HHS, there are still thousands of consumers who remain uninsured, and are not aware that health insurance can be purchased with financial assistance, using free, local health navigators and that it may be really affordable.

Open enrollment starts November 1, 2015.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

in Spanish: <https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov/es/>

C. AWARDS AND HONORS *(Recognition—some with rewards)*

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Middle and high school students who volunteered to help a community at home or abroad in the previous year are eligible to apply for an award of \$1,000.

Deadline: November 4, 2015

<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#) Lifetime Achievement Awards are designed to honor current (on or before October 15, 2014) Full Individual, E-Members, or Emeritus Members of NCTM who have exhibited a lifetime of achievement in mathematics education at the national level.

Deadline: November 6, 2015

<http://www.nctm.org/metlifetime/>

ARCHITECTURE

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to outstanding doctoral students whose work represents some of the most advanced scholarship on architecture and its role in the arts, culture, and society.

Deadline: November 15, 2015

http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs/?mode=award

SCIENCE TEACHER AWARD

The annual Shell Science Teaching Award carries a \$10,000 prize, provides and all-expense-paid trip to National Science Teachers Association's national conference and recognizes an outstanding K-12 classroom science teacher who has had a positive impact on his or her students, school, and community through exemplary classroom science teaching.

Deadline: November 18, 2015

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx#shell>

TEACHER AWARDS / NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

A whole list of awards are available—go to the website below for the particulars.

Deadline for all these awards: November 30, 2015 before noon

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx#shell>

STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION / HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Prizes of up to \$4,000 will be awarded to essays that demonstrate the ability of future healthcare executives to identify and describe important issues and developments in their chosen profession. In addition, all six finalists will be invited to attend the Congress on Healthcare Leadership, March 14-17, 2016, in Chicago, with transportation and accommodations for two nights paid. Awards will be presented at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon. The two first-place entries will be published in future issues of the *Journal of Healthcare Management*.

Deadline: December 4, 2015

http://www.ache.org/Faculty_Students/student_essay.cfm

CARING FOR HISTORIC PROPERTY

The award is presented annually to an organization that has been exemplary in its commitment to the preservation and care of cultural property within the context of its broader mission.

Deadline: December 15, 2015

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/awards/aic.htm>

YOUNG JEWISH HUMANITARIAN PRIZE

An award of \$100,000 will be given to a Jewish individual under the age of 50 whose humanitarian work in any discipline has contributed significantly to the betterment of the world.

Deadline: December 15, 2015

<http://www.thecharlesbronfmanprize.com/nomination-process>

CHILD CARE TEACHER AWARDS

Fifty pre-K teachers will be selected to receive grants of \$1,000 (\$500 for personal use and \$500 for a classroom project) in honor of their dedication to providing high-quality child care.

Deadline: January 4, 2016

http://www.tlccf.org/pr_nccta.php

UTAH PTA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

The Award for Outstanding Educator recognizes a professional educator currently working with students in grades preschool to 12th. Six winners will be selected based on their relationship with students, parents, PTA and the community.

Deadlines: Council, January 15, Region February 1, State, March 1, 2015

<http://www.utahpta.org/outstanding-educator-award>

Download and 2015-2016 Nomination at: <http://www.utahpta.org/files/docs/15-16%20Utah%20PTA%20Outstanding%20Educator%20Award%20Form.pdf>

AWARD / ESSAY ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The [Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) at American University's Washington College of Law is accepting entries for the 2016 Human Rights Essay Award.

The annual award program seeks to stimulate the production of scholarly work in international human rights law. Participants have the flexibility to choose any subject related to the assigned topic, but the essay must be a legal article. The topic for the 2016 competition is Extractive Industries and Human Rights.

The academy will grant two awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. The award in each case will comprise a scholarship to the Program of Advanced Studies in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law for either the diploma or certificate of attendance options; travel expenses to Washington, D.C.; housing at a university dorm; and a per diem for living expenses. In addition, the best articles may be published in the *American University International Law Review*.

Deadline: February 1, 2016

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hraward.cfm#eligibility>

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FREE ENTERPRISE

The Freedoms Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2015 Leavey Awards, an annual program that recognizes educators at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college levels for innovative and effective techniques related to the teaching of entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system. Up to twenty cash awards of \$7,500 each will be awarded. In addition, one meritorious award of \$15,000 may be presented for an outstanding entry.

To be eligible, nominees must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States employed full-time as an educator at an accredited American school (grades K-12), college, or university.

Deadline: To be announced for 2016, but you can pre-qualify your project at the website below.

<http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards-programs>

HUNTSMAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

These awards are to recognize, inspire and reward the best teachers, school administrators and volunteers in Utah for continually seeking ways to improve the quality of education in our public school system. In the past, each recipient has received a \$10,000 prize and a crystal obelisk signifying their worthiness in having an especially noteworthy impact on the student learning experience. Honorees for 2015 have been announced. Watch the website below for 2016 information.

<http://www.huntsman.com/corporate/a/About%20us/Social%20responsibility/HAAE>

EDISON AWARDS

The Edison Awards are given yearly to top innovators from around the world. Nominations for the 2016 awards open on September 1, 2015. You can join an email list to be notified, or learn more about the awards by going to the website below.

http://www.edisonawards.com/?gclid=CLHrvl-J_8YCFRKUfgod0pcKJg

TEACHER AWARDS

Nominate a teacher for the Zions Bank KSL Teacher Feature, and hear them honored on the radio. They will also receive lovely prizes.

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=191&sid=467810>

D. CONFERENCES, TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & SCHOLARSHIPS for staff and customers

(Free or inexpensive sessions)

HEALTH INSURANCE / AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND MEDICAID EXPANSION

Utah Housing Coalition is sponsoring a presentation on updates to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion, as well as information about Take Care Utah, a free program that provides information and assistance with applying for health insurance.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Palmer Court, Second Floor

999 South Main Street

Salt Lake City

AMERICORPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Corporation for National and Community Service is offering the following outreach technical assistance calls:

Best Practices in Demonstrating Evidence

[Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 4 p.m. ET](#)

For guidance about how to identify a program's level of evidence and support it with relevant data, studies, and/or evaluation reports.

Registration https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TAWebinar_11-5-15_Evidence

AmeriCorps Grant NOFO - Partnership Challenge

[Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1 p.m. ET](#)

For questions about how to apply for Education Awards with no operating funds as part of the AmeriCorps Partnership Challenge available through the FY 2016 NOFO.

Registration https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TACALL_11-10-2015

School Turnaround AmeriCorps

[Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 2 p.m. ET](#)

For questions about School Turnaround AmeriCorps, an initiative that seeks to place AmeriCorps members in eligible low-performing schools, implementing interventions to improve student academic performance, engagement, and attendance.

Registration https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TACall_11-12-15

Best Practices in Developing Performance Measures

[Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 1 p.m. ET](#)

For guidance about how to create high-quality performance measures that align with an applicant's program design and meet AmeriCorps requirements.

Registration https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TAWebinar_11-17-15

Please send your questions in advance to americorpsgrants@cns.gov.

You can find the full call schedule and more details at nationalservice.gov/2016AmeriCorpsGrants.

HOMELESS SUMMIT

November 17-18

Salt Lake City

Registration for the 2015 Homeless Summit is now open and can be accessed at: <http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/index.html>

Registration for break-out sessions will follow separately via email to all who have registered at the above site.

FREE ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION / HEALTHCARE

Health professionals interested in learning more about the TeamSTEPPS patient safety training program are encouraged to register for free online continuing education and continuing medical education activities. TeamSTEPPS (Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety) is an evidence-based approach to improve communication and teamwork among health care team members. TeamSTEPPS master trainers serve within their institutions to help prepare for, implement and champion the TeamSTEPPS teamwork approach. AHRQ's Web-based continuing education course offers access to subject matter experts to assist participants with questions and challenges regarding implementation of teamwork initiatives in health care. **Register and enroll.** <https://tslms.org/login/index.php>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

STUDY GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS / CHINA STUDIES

Grants and fellowships of up to \$50,000 will be awarded for projects designed to help maintain the vitality of China studies in the United States by providing support to scholars prior to and just after completion of their dissertations.

Deadline: November 4, 2015

<http://www.acls.org/programs/china-studies/>

MATHEMATICS COURSE WORK SCHOLARSHIP / PRE-K-5

Grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for professional development plans aimed at improving teacher competency and student learning. **Primary emphasis is placed on appropriate mathematics content courses.** Mathematics education courses may also qualify if a suitable rationale is furnished by the applicant. Proposals must address the following: rationale for the coursework, anticipated instructional improvements and expected impact on student learning outcomes.

Deadline: November 6, 2015

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Mathematics-Course-Work-Scholarships-for-Grades-Pre-K-5-Teachers/>

ART RESIDENCY / PRINTMAKING

Ten-week residencies at the workshop in Rosendale, New York, will be awarded to two emerging women artists to create a hand-printed, limited edition artist's book and teach young people. All applications must be physically mailed to Women's Studio Workshop:

Art-in-Ed Artist's Book Application

Women's Studio Workshop

PO Box 489

Rosendale, NY 12472

Deadline: Postmarked by November 15, 2015.

<http://www.wsworkshop.org/residencies/art-in-ed-artists-book-residency-grant/>

ARTS AND HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE IN ROME

The American Academy in Rome is a leading American overseas center for independent studies and advanced research in the fine arts and humanities.

The Rome Prize is awarded annually to emerging artists and scholars who exemplify the highest standard of excellence in arts and humanities scholarship. Each Rome Prize winner is provided with a stipend, meals, a bedroom with private bath, and a study or studio. (Those with children under the age of 18 live in partially subsidized apartments nearby.) Winners of six-month and eleven-month fellowships receive stipends of \$16,000 and \$28,000, respectively.

Deadline: November 11, 2015

<http://www.aarome.org/apply>

SCHOLARSHIPS / STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to undergraduate students with disabilities, particularly those planning to pursue studies related to health and/or disability.

Deadline: November 15, 2015

<http://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

SCHOLARSHIPS / ARTS

The Anthony Quinn Scholarship Program is for young adults in high school for use towards a recognized pre-college or summer intensive arts education program which emphasizes study in Visual Arts & Design, Dance, Theatre, Singing, Instrumental, Media Arts, and Literary Arts. Scholarship award amounts are a maximum of \$2500.

Deadline: November 30, 2015 (Recommendations); January 3, 2016 (Full Application)

<https://anthonyquinnfoundation.fluidreview.com/>

ART AND WRITING / GRADES 7-12

Scholarships of \$1,000 to \$10,000 are available to the most talented teen artists and writers in the United States and Canada in twenty-eight categories of art and writing. This year, there are new categories for editorial cartoons, fashion, fashion jewelry, and the RBC Flaunt It Award which celebrates individual differences.

Deadlines vary by region; most of Utah seems to be in a region with the deadline listed below, but be sure to put in your school's zip code to be sure. There is a small fee to enter.

Deadline: December 16, 2015 or as stipulated in the website (by zipcode)

<http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/press-release/2016-scholastic-art-writing-awards-call-submissions-opens-new-scholarship-opportunities>

FELLOWSHIP / RETIREMENT RESEARCH

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College is inviting applications for its 2016 Dissertation Fellowship Program. Fellowship grants of up to \$28,000 will be awarded to doctoral candidates to pursue cutting-edge research on retirement issues.

Deadline: January 31, 2016

<http://crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/>

FELLOWSHIP / CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT / SECONDARY TEACHERS

The program provides fellowship grants of \$24,000 to individuals striving to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary-school level.

Deadline: March 1, 2016

<https://jamesmadison.scholarsapply.org/>

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. The Foundation supports exceptional students from elementary school to graduate school through scholarships, grants, direct service, and knowledge creation and dissemination. These are well-funded, well-supported scholarships.

See also "HIGH ACHIEVING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS" under the RESOURCES section for research and articles to support these students. <http://www.jkcf.org/news/research/>

Deadlines:

Young Scholars Program (grades 8-12) application period is usually January to a deadline in **April**

College Scholarship Program: application period is usually early September to a deadline in early

November.

Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application period is usually October to a deadline in **December.**

C. GRANTS & FUNDING *(Annotated list of selected funding applications.)*

Animals

POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF PET OWNERSHIP / ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY

Grants will be awarded in support of research projects that investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted activity or therapy, both for people and the animals involved. It is anticipated that approximately five to ten grants will be awarded, for a total of approximately \$200,000.

Deadline: January 27, 2016

<http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/researchers/habri-request-for-proposals.html?referrer=http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp6085-human-animal-bond-research-initiative-foundation-accepting-proposals>

SPAYING / NEUTERING

PetSmart Charities is offering grants of up to \$200,000 to nonprofits, government entities, and educational institutions conducting high-impact spay/neuter programs targeting pets and free-roaming cat populations in specific geographic areas. Target areas may include all or part of a county, city, township, ZIP code, census tract, neighborhood, mobile home park, or other location. PetSmart Charities will consider application requests of up to \$100,000 per year, with the possibility of a two-year commitment.

Deadline: Open until funding runs out

<http://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / PETS

Letters of Interest (LOIs) are invited from national organizations that provide direct services to ailing children and adults, veterans, the frail elderly, and women and children fleeing domestic violence who risk losing their pets because no one is there to help them.

LOIs must include most recent IRS tax-exempt status letter and brief history and goals of the applicant organization; description of the program to be funded and the organization's involvement with the issues it seeks to address; a summary of activities for which the organization requests support; an outline of the organization's objectives, anticipated outcomes and implications. Please include the approximate starting date of the program, the duration that the funding will cover, amount of funding needed, other sources of support, and current contact information of the person responsible for communicating with the Foundation. Following Amie's Place Foundation Board review, qualified organizations will be invited to submit a complete application package.

Deadline: Open (Letters of Interest)

<http://www.amiesplacefoundation.org/html/apply.html>

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MUSIC RESIDENCIES / PROJECTS

Grants of up to \$6,000 for short term projects and up to \$12,000 for extended projects are available through Chamber Music America to help support projects by ensembles and presenters designed to build audiences for classical/contemporary, jazz, and world chamber music.

Deadlines: November 6, 2015

<https://cma.submittable.com/submit/44887>

PERFORMING ARTS

The [Shubert Foundation](#) in New York City is dedicated to sustaining and advancing the live performing arts in the United States, with a particular emphasis on theater and a secondary focus on dance. The foundation awards unrestricted general operating support grants to professional resident theater and dance companies, arts-related organizations that help support the development of theater and dance, and graduate drama departments of private universities.

Deadline: Theater: December 1, 2015.

<http://www.shubertfoundation.org/grantprograms/default.asp>

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STUDY IN ROME

A program of the American Academy in Rome, the Rome Prize is awarded to thirty North American emerging artists and scholars in the early or middle stages of their careers who exemplify the highest standard of excellence in arts and humanities scholarship.

Fellows are chosen from the disciplines of architecture, design, historic preservation and conservation, landscape architecture, literature, musical composition, visual arts, ancient studies, Medieval studies, Renaissance and Early Modern studies, and Modern Italian studies.

Each Rome Prize winner is provided with a stipend, meals, a bedroom with private bath, and a study or studio. (Those with children under the age of 18 live in partially subsidized apartments nearby.) Winners of six-month and eleven-month fellowships receive stipends of \$16,000 and \$28,000, respectively.

Deadline: November 1, 2015 or slightly later with a larger application fee

<http://www.aarome.org/apply/rome-prize/procedure-requirements>

ARCHITECTURE

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to outstanding doctoral students whose work represents some of the most advanced scholarship on architecture and its role in the arts, culture, and society.

Deadline: November 15, 2015

http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs/?mode=award

EUROPEAN ART

The Kress Foundation is accepting applications for grants will support projects that enhance the appreciation and understanding of European art and architecture from antiquity to the dawn of the modern era. In previous years, grant amounts have ranged from \$1,000 to \$93,000.

To be eligible, nonprofit organizations, including supporting foundations of European institutions, must be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Deadline: January 15, 2016-- Applications must be received by this dates

http://www.kressfoundation.org/uploadedFiles/grants/Grants_History_Art.pdf

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS

One-month residential fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center will be awarded to Native American visual artists who demonstrate strong artistic ability, an evolving practice, and capacity for intercultural dialogue.

Deadline: February 15, 2016

<http://www.harporfoundation.org/apply/native-american-fellowship/>

ST. GEORGE AREA / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Gannett Foundation's Community Action grants support local organizations with funding priority given to programs that focus on education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment.

Send one copy of the application form and your proposal to the local newspaper publisher or TV station general manager.

The Spectrum

275 E. St. George Blvd.

St. George, UT 84770

Rhett Long, Publisher

(435) 674-6200/6221

Contact: Gloria Bertram
gbertram@thespectrum.com

Deadline: Postmarked by February 28th or August 29th.
<http://www.gannettfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

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Humanities

MUSIC THERAPY

A single grant of \$15,000 will be awarded to an American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) member for a research project that explores new and innovative music therapy treatments.

Deadline: May 7, 2016

<http://www.musictherapy.org/research/fultz/>

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

“Singing for Change” grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to progressive nonprofit organizations working to address the root causes of social or environmental problems.

Deadline: Ongoing (Letters of Interest)

http://www.singingforchange.org/grant_information.html

ART AND WRITING AWARDS / TEENS

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are available to talented teen artists and writers in the United States and Canada in twenty-eight categories.

Deadline: Various

<http://www.artandwriting.org/the-awards/>

VISUAL ARTS

The NEA Web site has several grants offerings—you may want to bookmark the link below.

<http://www.arts.gov/grants>

ARTS AND MUSEUM GRANTS / STATE OF UTAH

The Utah Division of Arts and Museums offers small grants and competitions. Bookmark this page: <http://artsandmuseums.utah.gov>

ARTS PROGRAMS

The Barnes and Noble Corporate Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, and education (pre-K-12) in the communities where company stores are located. While **they do not offer grants**, they may donate books or help sponsor events.

Sponsored organizations must be willing to work with the local stores on in-store programming.

Requests are accepted throughout the year. Local and regional organizations should submit proposals to the community relations manager or store manager at the local Barnes & Noble store.

http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html

MUSIC EDUCATION

The Mockingbird Foundation offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations to support music education for children. Many apply for these grants, so only about 1% of applicants are funded, but the two-tiered application is straightforward and relatively easy to submit, so it may still be worth the effort. Numerous tips and guidelines are offered on the website—read it all.

<http://mbird.org/funding/>

Community and Economic Development

BIKE SHARE PROGRAMS / UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Matching grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to support the development and implementation of strategies to increase bike share use in underserved communities. Applications will be accepted from collaborations of non-profit community-based organizations, cities, and bike share operators to support the development and implementation of strategies to increase bike share use in underserved communities. Preference will be given to projects led by community-based organizations.

Deadline (LOI): November 13, 2015

<http://betterbikeshare.org/2015/10/05/request-for-proposals-creating-equitable-and-replicable-strategies-for-bike-share/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seek to promote sustainable communities through *Environmental Solutions for Communities* by supporting highly-visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. \$25,000 - \$50,000 will be allocated to a nonprofit, government, or educational institution serving Salt Lake City.

Deadline: December 10, 2015

<http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/2016RFP.aspx>

HERBAL EDUCATION PROJECTS

One or two grants totaling up to \$5,000 will be awarded to an innovative project(s) that enhances herbal education in school systems, in communities, or in a public forum. Applications are requested from educators (formal or informal teachers), persons engaged/employed in botanical or horticultural activities, museum directors, botanical/garden writers, and small herbal business owners. Proposals from students will not be accepted.

Deadline: December 31, 2015

<http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/educator-grants.html>

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS SAFETY

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded for agricultural safety and health interventions at the local and/or regional level in order to facilitate timely application of evidence-based safety/health strategies to protect agricultural workers.

Deadline: January 7, 2016

http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp6001-agricultural-safety-and-health-council-seeks-applications-for-worker-safety-grants-program?utm_campaign=rfps%7C2015-09-29&utm_source=pnd&utm_medium=email

BIG READ COMMUNITY-WIDE READING PROGRAMS

Seventy-five grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for community-wide reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Previous grantees must select a different reading choice from their previous programming.

Deadline: January 27, 2016

<http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

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EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, HEALTH

The RGK Foundation is accepting LOIs for grants will be awarded in the areas of K-12 education, community, and health and medicine.

Deadline: Rolling (Letters of Inquiry)

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

“Singing for Change” grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to progressive nonprofit organizations working to address the root causes of social or environmental problems.

Deadline: Ongoing (Letters of Interest)

http://www.singingforchange.org/grant_information.html

LOANS FOR RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Rural Community Assistance Corporation’s (RCAC) Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program helps create, improve, or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems, and other facilities that serve communities in the rural West.

Loans are designed to supply small rural communities with the funds needed to determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state and federal program funding. RCAC also may provide interim construction financing as well as intermediate and long-term loans for system improvements.

Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, **Utah**, Washington and Wyoming. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender.

Applications will be accepted from: nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments.

A list of [loan officer contacts](#) by region is available on the program website.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.rcac.org/pages/126>

<http://www.rcac.org/utah>

SAFE WATER SYSTEMS / RURAL

The Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD) Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible.

- Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance.
- Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwaq.htm>

PLAYGROUNDS

Build It With KaBOOM! playground grants provide community organizations with most of the funds, tools, and resources needed to build a custom-made playground in one day.

Deadline: Open

http://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant

SOCIAL CHANGE PROJECTS / YOUTH

The World We Want Foundation is inviting applications from youth for social change projects. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures.

Questions? Send an email: info@theworldwewantfoundation.org

Deadline: Rolling

<http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project>

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ENTREPRENEURS WITH EFFICIENCIES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Grants of up to \$1.5 million will be awarded to companies with technology- or service-based solutions that enable community health centers and clinics to stretch their resources, increase patient access to care, and/or lower the cost of providing care. To be eligible, companies must be based in the United States and demonstrate how their product or service can maintain or improve patient experience while enhancing health center efficiency by at least 20 percent, provide access to highly needed health service(s) for a hundred thousand patients annually, and/or reduce costs by \$25 million annually.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.chcf.org/projects/2014/partnering-impact#ixzz2vMtKF000>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

The Kresge Foundation provides grants to improve the health and well being of vulnerable children from low-income families by making the places they live, learn, and play safe and supportive of overall good health. There are three main categories: Healthy Homes, Transportation and the Built Environment, and Healthy Food. The size and duration of awards will vary based upon the nature and scope of proposed projects.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments>

SERVICE-LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

State Farm Companies Foundation awards a variety of small grants, most with an orientation to service-learning, and some designed to develop communities across the U.S. and Canada by providing grants to schools and nonprofits. Grants must address an unmet community need, empower young people, be sustainable, and incorporate all of the elements of service-learning.

<http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/partner/partner.asp>

SEED MONEY / SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Small seed grants will be awarded to "practical dreamers" launching projects that promote compassion, community health and wellness, environmental sustainability, and/or justice in all its forms.

Specifics on what will be funded and what will not are listed on the website. Projects should be in early stages of development, when a little bit of money will go a long way. Examples of what might be funded are supplies, program materials, direct travel expenses, website fees, discounted professional services, printing, copying, promotional costs

Deadline: Open

<http://thepollinationproject.org/applicantinformatio/funding-guidelines/>

CHALLENGE GRANTS / CAPITAL FACILITIES

The Kresge Foundation awards grants to small, mid-size, and large nonprofit organizations in six fields of interest: health, the environment, community development, arts and culture, education, and human services. Working with grantees, Kresge works to improve the life circumstances and opportunities for poor, disadvantaged and marginalized individuals, families, and communities.

Grant seekers may apply online for facilities capital in the form of a challenge grant. All other granting and investing methods are determined by the foundation based on the particular needs of a given organization and project.

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Be sure to read all the web pages, including the values criteria.

<http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/index/>

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Kroger Company Foundation makes grants to nonprofits and primary schools to feed the hungry, support breast cancer initiatives, provide disaster relief and assist local grassroots organizations. Only proposals from nonprofit organizations are considered. K-12 education is an area of interest. The foundation website is

http://www.thekrogerco.com/corpnews/corpnewsinfo_charitablegiving_foundation.htm Application is made through Local Retail Division Offices and they recommend projects to the foundation; for Utah the Local Retail Division Office is: **Smith's Food & Drug Centers, Inc.**, 1550 South Redwood Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84104, 801/974-1400

CHECK OUT "DO SOMETHING"

Young people can sign up for a campaign, make a difference and earn a chance to win a scholarship.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.dosomething.org/about/who-we-are>

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs>

YOUTH / COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Do Something Plum awards: Applicants must be under the age of 25 to qualify for a small grant and other assistance to do something worthwhile in their community. These projects are for sustainable community action projects, programs or organizations. See the website for details. The application process is fun and easy.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.dosomething.org/sharesomething/fund-your-project/plum-guidelines>

LOWES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Lowe's recommends that your local Lowe's store be your first point of inquiry when seeking a modest gift card, door prize or donation of materials for a community project or event.

Lowe's Community and Educational Foundation grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

http://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html

The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. You must first take the Eligibility Test to confirm that your needs match with LCEF guidelines. To do so [Click here for Eligibility Quiz](#) or go to:

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=3659&x_quiz_id=4378&x_order_by=1

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Many requests are made to Daniels Fund each year, so it is important to follow the website's advice, and be sure that your project aligns with Daniels Fund

They have a great brochure that describes things well, downloadable at <http://www.danielsfund.org>.

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

VOLUNTEERISM and LEADERSHIP / JEWISH YOUTH

Up to fifteen teenagers in the United States who self-identify as Jewish will receive awards of \$36,000 in recognition of their exceptional leadership and community service. Up to fifteen teens — five from California and ten from other communities across the country -- will be acknowledged for their visionary actions with an award of \$36,000, to be used to further their philanthropic work or education.

Anyone is eligible to nominate a teen except members of his/her family. Teens are welcome to apply without a nomination. In that case, no nomination form will be filled out, but an additional (third) recommendation is required. Anyone can serve as a reference for a teen except for the applicant's nominator or a member of the applicant's family.

To be eligible, nominees must be between the ages of 13 and 19 at nomination, working to repair the world in a leadership capacity, volunteering without any compensation, and self-identified as Jewish.

Deadline: Nominations by December 1, 2015

Applications completed by January 6, 2016

<http://www.dillerteenawards.org/apply-and-nominate/>

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS

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Deadline: February 15, 2016

<http://www.harporfoundation.org/apply/native-american-fellowship/>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / TRIBAL

Grants are available for the development and operation of tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in Indian country. The Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women's leadership and capacity in tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe.

Tribal Coalition nonprofit organizations have accomplished this through technical assistance, expanding the capacity of the tribal coalitions, developing or enhancing appropriate standards for tribal governments, tribal nonprofits organizations, tribal organizations, victim services and victim service providers to increase the understanding of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Deadline: Awards are ongoing

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/open-solicitations.htm>

JUSTICE / ADVOCACY

Public Welfare Foundation provides grants for services to disadvantaged populations in the areas of criminal and juvenile justice, and workers' rights. The Public Welfare Foundation has a **two-step application process** that includes both a **letter of inquiry (LOI)** and a **full proposal**. They accept inquiries throughout the year; it generally takes four to six months to process a successful grant application. Proposal **Deadlines are every 45 days**.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>

PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

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Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Education (K-12) and Other Programs for Children and Youth

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / MATH TEACHERS / EMERGING TEACHER-LEADERS

Grants of up to \$6,000 will be awarded to support the professional development of elementary school math teachers. The grant recipient will be expected to provide ongoing professional development to elementary teachers within the school or district to strengthen their mathematical understandings and instructional practices.

Deadline: November 6, 2015

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Emerging-Teacher-Leaders-in-Elementary-School-Mathematics-Grants/>

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS (GRADES 6-8)

Grants of up to \$8,000 will be awarded in support of projects that incorporate middle school classroom materials or lessons designed to improve the achievement of student groups with previous records of underachievement in math.

Deadline: November 6, 2015

[http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Equity-in-Mathematics-Grants-\(6-8\)/](http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Equity-in-Mathematics-Grants-(6-8)/)

MATHEMATICS RESEARCH / GRADES 7 - 12

Grants of up to \$6,000 will be awarded for classroom-based research in pre-college mathematics education in collaboration with a college or university mathematics educator.

Deadline: November 6, 2015

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/7-12-Classroom-Research-Grants/>

YOUTH GARDENING

Partnering with garden supply companies, the National Garden Association awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. Please visit the National Gardening Association's Web site <http://www.garden.org/> for more information or to apply.

Deadline: December 1, 2015

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2016-youth-garden-grant>

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Deadline: Nominations by December 1, 2015

Applications completed by January 6, 2016

<http://www.dillerteenawards.org/apply-and-nominate/>

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S.T.E.M.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to non-profit organizations in support of a creative, hands-on project focused on science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

Deadline: December 10, 2015

<http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/About/Community-and-Education/Charitable-Giving-Program>

SCHOOL LIBRARIES / IMPROVEMENTS

Grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded to help libraries in schools where 85 percent or more of students qualify for free or reduced lunches expand, update, and diversify their book collections.

Deadline: December 14, 2015

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/how-to-apply/index.html>

HERBAL EDUCATION PROJECTS

One or two grants totaling up to \$5,000 will be awarded to an innovative project(s) that enhances herbal education in school systems, in communities, or in a public forum. Applications are requested from educators (formal or informal teachers), persons engaged/employed in botanical or horticultural activities, museum directors, botanical/garden writers, and small herbal business owners. Proposals from students will not be accepted.

Deadline: December 31, 2015

<http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/educator-grants.html>

READING AND WRITING IMPROVEMENT ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

A grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to an outstanding elementary school teacher dedicated to improving teaching and learning of reading and writing across the curriculum. To be eligible, a teacher must be a member of ILA members and at least 60 percent of his/her school's students must be eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Deadline: January 15, 2016

http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers_routman.aspx

LITERACY / CLASSROOM RESEARCH

This \$5,000 grant supports teachers who undertake action research inquiries about literacy and instruction in their classroom. The study project may be carried out using any research method or approach so long as the focus is on reading/writing or literacy. Applicants must be ILA members.

Deadline: January 15, 2016

<http://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us/awards-grants/ila-teacher-as-researcher-grant>

CLASSROOM RESEARCH / READING CURRICULUM

The International Reading Association will award a single grant of \$2,500 to a research study on the classroom implementation of the In2Books curriculum that inspires others to improve teaching and learning in innovative ways.

Deadline: January 16, 2016

<http://fs6.formsite.com/intntlreading/form90/index.html>

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HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum Award: \$2500. Eligibility: Schools and non-profits. Funds for the Captain Planet Foundation come from a percentage of the licensing and merchandising revenues generated by the Captain Planet character and animated television series and other contributions.

Deadlines: January 31, 2016

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

HIGH SCHOOL CREATIVITY / INVENTION

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to teams of high school students, teachers, and mentors in support of their efforts to invent a technological solution to a problem of their choice.

Deadline: March 17, 2016

<http://lemelson.mit.edu/inventteams>

INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / SECONDARY EDUCATION

Grants of \$25,000 to \$200,000 will be awarded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation to projects that support innovative professional development programs designed to strengthen high school teachers and their teaching.

Programs may be directed at in-service teachers, or for new teacher preparation.

Deadlines: April 1, 2016 (2 rounds per year)

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

IN-SERVICE MATH TRAINING / PRE-K TO 5 MATH TEACHERS

Grants of up to \$4,000 will be awarded to pre-K-5 math teachers to advance their mathematical knowledge, pedagogical content knowledge, and knowledge of students as learners of mathematics.

Deadline: May 6, 2016

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/Grants/School-In-Service-Training-Grants/>

EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, HEALTH

The RGK Foundation is accepting LOIs for grants will be awarded in the areas of K-12 education, community, and health and medicine.

Deadline: Rolling (Letters of Inquiry)

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

CHILDREN / HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Build-a-Bear Foundation provides direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness such as childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations and organizations that serve children with special needs. The goal is to provide grants to help many programs that are working hard to make the world a healthier and happier place for kids.

Deadlines: Last year, applications were accepted during February and March. The Foundation is re-evaluating its focus, and will announce its new approach on the website below.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/workshop/Charitable%20Donations/3100023/10500018>

Guidelines and applications are still available online, but they are all dated 2014.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH, SOCIAL ISSUES, FOOD SECURITY

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports programs that work in the areas of childhood education, healthy children, secure families, racial equity, and civic engagement. Award amounts have ranged from \$5,000 to \$1,500,000.

Deadline: Ongoing.

<http://www.wkkf.org/grants>

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Grants will be awarded to innovative, creative projects and programs designed to significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, and/or quality of life of children from infancy through five years of age.

Deadline: Rolling (Letters of Intent)

<http://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/>

SPECIAL POPULATIONS: FOSTER CHILDREN, SENIORS, VETERANS AND FAMILIES, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Following the release of its strategic plan for 2014-18, the trust has announced that it will focus its grant making on organizations providing services for foster youth, elders, veterans, and people with disabilities in a select group of states including Utah.

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)

<http://www.adminitrustllc.com/may-and-stanley-smith-charitable-trust/grant-program-areas/>

ART AND WRITING AWARDS / TEENS

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are available to talented teen artists and writers in the United States and Canada in twenty-eight categories.

Deadline: Various

<http://www.artandwriting.org/the-awards/>

WALMART

Everyone asks Wal-Mart, and many of their grants are small, but there are many, many grants given each year. Often, local stores work through school districts for local giving, so check with your school district office first.

Wal-Mart Foundation: <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/203.aspx>

CHECK OUT "DO SOMETHING"

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Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.dosomething.org/about/who-we-are>

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs>

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sustainable community action projects, programs or organizations. See the website for details. The application process is fun and easy.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.dosomething.org/sharesomething/fund-your-project/plum-guidelines>

Education (K-12) and Other Programs for Children and Youth

EDUCATION REFORM / EARLY CHILDHOOD / YOUTH DEVELOPMENT / ETHICS

Many requests are made to Daniels Fund each year, so it is important to follow the website's advice, and be sure that your project aligns with Daniels Fund.

They have a great brochure that describes things well, downloadable at

http://www.danielsfund.org/Assets/files/2011_Grants_Brochure.pdf

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

www.danielsfund.org

SERVICE-LEARNING / LEADERSHIP

State Farm Companies Foundation awards a variety of small grants, most with an orientation to service-learning, and some designed to develop communities or develop leaders.

<https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community/education-programs/grants-scholarships/partner-grants/>

LOWES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Lowe's recommends that your local Lowe's store be your first point of inquiry when seeking a modest gift card, door prize or donation of materials for a community project or event.

Lowe's Community and Educational Foundation grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

http://www.cybergrants.com/lowes/start_app.html

The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. You must first take the Eligibility Test to confirm that your needs match with LCEF guidelines. To do so [Click here for Eligibility Quiz](#) or go to:

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=3659&x_quiz_id=4378&x_order_by=1

FINANCIAL EDUCATION / SCHOOLS

Grants will be awarded to public high schools in the United States planning to integrate a financial education program into the curriculum. Grant amounts will be decided on a program-by-program basis by Pathway to Financial Success (Discover Financial Services).

Deadline: Open (Response is usually within 60 days of your application.)

<http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org/get-a-grant>

LITERACY

Dollar General offers a variety of literacy grants.

http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx

LITERACY / CHILDREN

Several publishers have matching grants for books for literacy programs. It is worth asking. One company with a formal plan is Usborne Books, <http://www.literacyforalifetime.org/>.

Scholastic offers free and reduced price books to schools that host book fairs, as well as some assistance for organizations to use when setting up book fairs..

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/>

LITERACY PROGRAMS

The Barnes and Noble Corporate Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, and education (pre K-12) in the communities where company stores are located.

While they do not offer grants, they may donate books or help sponsor events. Sponsored organizations must be willing to work with the local stores on in-store programming. Requests are accepted throughout the year. Local and regional organizations should submit proposals to the community relations manager or store manager at the local Barnes & Noble store.

http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html

Education (K-12) and Other Programs for Children and Youth

SOCIAL CHANGE PROJECTS / YOUTH

The World We Want Foundation is inviting applications from youth for social change projects. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures.

Questions? Send an email: info@theworldwewantfoundation.org

Deadline: Rolling

<http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project>

TECHNOLOGY FOR TEENS

Best Buy Children's Foundation is now focusing on assisting with experiences that will help teens develop technology skills.

Typically, applications are accepted between June 2-June 27. This year's cycle has closed, but if this is a focus for your organization, watch these sites:

<http://www.bby.com/community-grants/>

http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/our_foundation.htm

http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community_grants_rfp.htm

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

Kresge promotes the health and well-being of low-income and vulnerable populations by improving the environmental and social conditions affecting their communities and by improving access to high-quality health care

Deadline: Preliminary Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

<http://www.kresge.org/programs/health/healthy-environments>

MUSIC EDUCATION

The Mockingbird Foundation offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations to support music education for children. Many apply for these grants, so only about 1% of applicants are funded, but the two-tiered application is straightforward and relatively easy to submit, so it may still be worth the effort.

Numerous tips and guidelines are offered on the website—read it all.

<http://mbird.org/funding/>

Emergency Preparedness and Response

DISASTER RELATED DELIVERY

Each year, FedEx sets aside space for as much as four million pounds of disaster-related charitable shipping. FedEx has long-standing relationships with a number of relief organizations

around the world, including the American Red Cross, Direct Relief International, Heart to Heart International and the Salvation Army.

<http://about.van.fedex.com/disaster-readiness-relief-and-recovery>

DISASTER ASSISTANCE / RURAL

The USDA Farm Service Agency provides assistance for natural disaster losses, resulting from drought, flood, fire, freeze, tornadoes, pest infestation, and other calamities. Specific requirements apply.

The site also links to data on Disaster Designated Counties and other information.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>

Environmental Issues

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seek to promote sustainable communities through *Environmental Solutions for Communities* by supporting highly-visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. \$25,000 - \$50,000 will be allocated to a nonprofit, government, or educational institution serving Salt Lake City.

Deadline: December 10, 2015

<http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/2016RFP.aspx>

HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum Award: \$2500. Eligibility: Schools and non-profits.

Deadlines: January 31, 2015

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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Grants range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Deadline: Letters of interest may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

http://www.singingforchange.org/grant_information.html

WILDLIFE / WILDLAND PROTECTION (Wilburforce Foundation)

Grants will be awarded to wildlife and wildland protection programs in priority regions, including the Southwest Crescent (which reaches into parts of Utah), and for programs related to regional conservation science. Applicants must first contact a staff person. Wilburforce does not publish proposal deadlines since they are determined in consultation with the appropriate program officer.

<http://www.wilburforce.org>

<http://www.wilburforce.org/for-grantseekers/grant-guidelines>

Health and Healthcare

CHALLENGED ATHLETES

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for the purchase of equipment such as sports wheelchairs, handcycles, mono skis, and sports prosthetics, as well as resources for training and competition expenses for physically challenged individuals.

The Challenged Athletes Foundation will be holding a live Facebook/Twitter grant information session on November 5, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (PST). To register for the session, visit the Challenged Athletes Foundation [blog](#).

Deadline: December 4, 2015

http://www.challengedathletes.org/site/c.4nJHJQPqEiKUE/b.6449453/k.E830/Access_for_Athletes.htm

STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION / HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Prizes of up to \$4,000 will be awarded to essays that demonstrate the ability of future healthcare executives to identify and describe important issues and developments in their chosen profession. In addition, all six finalists will be invited to attend the Congress on Healthcare Leadership, March 14-17, 2016, in Chicago, with transportation and accommodations for two nights paid. Awards will be presented at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon. The two first-place entries will be published in future issues of the *Journal of Healthcare Management*.

Deadline: December 4, 2015

http://www.ache.org/Faculty_Students/student_essay.cfm

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS SAFETY

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded for agricultural safety and health interventions at the local and/or regional level in order to facilitate timely application of evidence-based safety/health strategies to protect agricultural workers.

Deadline: January 7, 2016

http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp6001-agricultural-safety-and-health-council-seeks-applications-for-worker-safety-grants-program?utm_campaign=rfps%7C2015-09-29&utm_source=pnd&utm_medium=email

COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH INITIATIVE

One \$2,500 grant will be awarded to fund a creative, campus-based initiative that involves student peers in an effort to promote healthy behaviors. Only campus health professionals who are American College Health Association members are eligible to apply.

Deadline: January 31, 2016

http://www.acha.org/ACHA/Foundation/StudentHealth101_Award.aspx

MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

A single grant of \$3,500 will be awarded in support of a creative initiative that addresses prevention, early intervention, and/or treatment for mental and behavioral health disorders among college students. Only campus health professionals who are individual members of the American College Health Association or employed at an ACHA member institution are eligible to apply.

Health and
Healthcare

Deadline: January 31, 2016

http://www.acha.org/ACHA/Foundation/FirstRisk_Award.aspx

SPINAL CORD INJURY / VETERANS

The Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation award grants for educational projects that benefit, serve, and enhance the quality of life of individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, their families, and caregivers. The foundation has five topic categories for funding consideration: consumer, caregiver, and community education; professional development and education; research utilization and dissemination; assistive technology; and conferences and symposia. The foundation supports one-year projects with a maximum of \$50,000; conferences and symposia are supported with a \$15,000 maximum award

Deadline: February 1, 2016

http://www.pva.org/site/c.ajlRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA_Education_Foundation.htm

NURSING EDUCATION

Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded in support of high-quality studies that contribute to the science of nursing education.

Deadline: February 25, 2016

<http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/grants-and-scholarships/nursing-education-research-grants/nln-nursing-education-research-grants-proposal-guidelines>

EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, HEALTH

The RGK Foundation is accepting LOIs for grants will be awarded in the areas of K-12 education, community, and health and medicine.

Deadline: Rolling (Letters of Inquiry)

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

CHILDREN / HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Build-a-Bear Foundation provides direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness such as childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations and organizations that serve children with special needs. The goal is to provide grants to help many programs that are working hard to make the world a healthier and happier place for kids.

Deadlines: Last year, applications were accepted during February and March. The Foundation is re-evaluating its focus, and will announce its new approach on the website below.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/workshop/Charitable%20Donations/3100023/10500018>

Guidelines and applications are still available online, but they are all dated 2014.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

ALCOHOLISM PREVENTION

The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation provides funding to alcoholism prevention and education programs. Applicants should mail a letter of introduction, along with a brief overview of the program and the grant amount requested to:

Mr. Christopher Smithers, President
The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation, Inc.
Box 67, Mill Neck NY 11765

Health and
Healthcare

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.smithersfoundation.org/grant-application/>

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH, SOCIAL ISSUES, FOOD SECURITY

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports programs that work in the areas of childhood education, healthy children, secure families, racial equity, and civic engagement. Award amounts have ranged from \$5,000 to \$1,500,000.

Deadline: Ongoing.

<http://www.wkkf.org/grants>

HEALTH CARE / BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

The Utah Cancer Control Program (UCCP) provides free or low-cost screenings to men and women ages 50-64. Women ages 40-49 are also available for some low-cost screenings. Eligibility is determined by household size and income. Even people with insurance may qualify for some services.

Information on screening for colorectal cancer is on the same website.

<http://www.cancerutah.org/>

See if you qualify/ make an appointment for screening: 1-800-717-1811
(Be patient; you may be on hold for a while.)

HEALTHCARE / CHILDREN

United Healthcare Children's Foundation Medical Assistance grant is to be used for medical services not covered or not completely covered by commercial health benefit plans. The website has some useful application information and resources.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.uhccf.org/apply.html>

COMPUTERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MS

The Computer Grant Program provides refurbished laptop or desktop computers for individuals with MS on limited or fixed incomes. The application process requires verification of a diagnosis of MS and a brief essay from the applicant explaining how a computer will enhance their quality of life. Internet access and technical support will be the responsibility of the grant recipient. Applications are accepted from July 1 to October 1 of each year.

If you would like to apply for a Brighter Tomorrow grant, simply fill out our online application, print an application, or call 888-673-6287 to receive an application by mail. Applications are accepted from June 1 to September 1 of each year. For further information on the *Brighter Tomorrow* grant, call our Program Services Department at **1-888-MSFOCUS** or you can contact us by email:

support@msfocus.org.

<http://www.msfocus.org/Computer-Grant-Program.aspx> <http://www.msfacts.org/news-details.aspx?newsID=64>

ENTREPRENEURS MAKING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS MORE EFFICIENT

Grants of up to \$1.5 million will be awarded to companies with technology- or service-based solutions that enable community health centers and clinics to stretch their resources, increase patient access to care, and/or lower the cost of providing care. To be eligible, companies must be based in the United States and demonstrate how their product or service can maintain or improve patient experience while enhancing health center efficiency by at least 20 percent, provide access to highly needed health service(s) for a hundred thousand patients annually, and/or reduce costs by \$25

million annually.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.chcf.org/projects/2014/partnering-impact#ixzz2vMtKF000>

**Health and
Healthcare
RESEARCH**

RESEARCH / ARTHROSCOPY

Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded in support of clinical or basic science research projects in the field of arthroscopic surgery or disorders amenable to arthroscopic treatment.

Deadline: November 16, 2015

<http://www.aana.org/default.aspx?tabid=648>

RESEARCH / MACULAR OR RETINAL VASCULAR DISEASES

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in support of clinically relevant research on macular or retinal vascular diseases. Health and Healthcare

Deadline: December 1, 2015

<http://www.maculasociety.org/Researchgrant>

CLINICAL RESEARCH / CHILDREN / NUTRITION

Grants of up to \$300,000 will be awarded to research projects focused on issues faced by care providers that will improve the health, nutrition, and/or development of infants and young children.

Deadline: December 1, 2015

<http://www.gerberfoundation.org/pd-research/research>

FOSTER YOUTH / SENIORS / VETERANS / PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust provides grants for projects that offer assistance to foster youth, elder populations, veterans, and people with disabilities. Applicants must submit an online letter of inquiry. Selected applicants will be asked to submit a full proposal.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.adminitrustllc.com/may-and-stanley-smith-charitable-trust/for-grantseekers/>

EARLY CAREER GRANT / PSYCHOLOGY

One grant of \$12,000 will be awarded to an early career clinician working on a project that uses psychology to address an area of critical need in society.

Deadline: December 31, 2015

<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/pearson.aspx>

RESEARCH and CARE / PEDIATRIC CANCER

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation that evolved from a young cancer patient's front yard lemonade stand to a national foundation for childhood cancer, is accepting applications. Medical Grants are for research and for finding better care practices.

On the website, there are also downloadable resources, including information on childhood cancer, and there is a Gift Shop, where you can purchase items with Alex's logo, with profits benefitting the charity.

<http://www.alexlemonade.org/grants>

<http://www.alexlemonade.org/grants/submission-information>

RESEARCH / CAUSES AND PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is offering research grants in six categories, open to investigators at all levels and all academic disciplines. Grants will support research into the causes and prevention of suicide.

<http://www.afsp.org/research/research-grant-information/apply-2014-research-grant-applications>

<http://www.afsp.org>

DIABETES RESEARCH

Grants of up to \$1.62 million over five to seven years will be awarded by the American Diabetes Association to support investigators with an innovative research initiative relevant to any diabetes type, diabetes-related disease state, or diabetes complication.

Nominations are invited from U.S.-accredited academic and nonprofit research institutions. Institutions may nominate a maximum of one candidate per annual cycle. Nominations of candidates in diverse disciplines, from medicine, biology and chemistry to engineering, mathematics and physics, are encouraged.

Deadlines: See website

<http://professional.diabetes.org/HomeResearchGrantsAndFunding.aspx?hsid=2>

Higher Education / Employment / Adult Education

See also **Scholarships / Fellowships** in the **D. CONFERENCES, TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & SCHOLARSHIPS** section above

SCHOLARSHIP / LAW DEGREE FOR AN ADVOCATE

A single scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a child advocate or child abuse victim seeking a law degree.

Deadline: November 30, 2015

<http://www.injurylawyers.com/child-advocate-scholarship/>

CAREER DEVELOPMENT / HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded in support of coursework toward a degree program other than a doctorate or for specialized training in a technical or professional field. Primary consideration will be given to women of color, women pursuing credentials in a non-traditional field, and women who do not currently hold an advanced degree.

Deadline: December 15, 2015

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/cdg-application/>

LIBRARIES / HEALTH SCIENCES

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in support of research, development, and demonstration projects that promote excellence in the field of health sciences librarianship and information sciences.

Deadline: December 31, 2015

<https://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/research.html>

COLLABORATION AMONG MATHEMATICIANS

Grants of up to \$35,000 over five years will be awarded to accomplished, active researchers in the United States who do not otherwise have access to funding that supports travel and related expenditures. To be eligible for a grant, an individual must have a Ph.D. and a tenure-track or tenured position, or be a professor emeritus at a U.S. institution of higher education; have a current

record of active research and publication in high-quality journals; and not hold any other external grants of more than \$3,000 a year that allow for support for travel or related expenditures during the grant award period.

Deadline: January 28, 2016

<https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/mathematics-physical-sciences/collaboration-grants-for-mathematicians/>

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Deadline: January 31, 2016

http://www.acha.org/ACHA/Foundation/StudentHealth101_Award.aspx

NURSING EDUCATION

Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded in support of high-quality studies that contribute to the science of nursing education.

Deadline: February 25, 2016

<http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/grants-and-scholarships/nursing-education-research-grants/nln-nursing-education-research-grants-proposal-guidelines>

HIGHER EDUCATION / ACCESSIBLE ENGINEERING

AccessEngineering is a project of the University of Washington to increase the participation of persons with disabilities in engineering education and workforce. Their website provides resources of many types, and the mini-grants for increasing instruction in accessible engineering are available nationwide.

Resources on engineering and accessibility are available through AccessEngineering, from The [DO-IT \(Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology\) Center](#), dedicated to empowering people with disabilities through technology and education. Recently released publications include Checklist for Making Engineering Labs Accessible to Students with Disabilities, Equal Access: Universal Design of Engineering Labs, and Equal Access: Universal Design of Engineering Departments.

<http://www.washington.edu/doit/programs/accessengineering/overview>

Grant deadline: Ongoing

Mini-grant application: <http://www.washington.edu/doit/accessengineering-minigrant-application-form>

SOCIAL INNOVATION / ONLINE COURSE CREATION

Grants of \$2,500 will be awarded to nonprofits and NGOs to support the creation of online courses (on the Udemy platform) that provide social benefit (or reductions of cost) for society. Course ideas include but are not limited to teacher training, entrepreneur empowerment, and education for community members.

Deadlines: The first day of each month

<https://www.udemy.com/grants/>

Housing and Homeless Issues

ARCHITECTURE

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to outstanding doctoral students whose work represents some of the most advanced scholarship on architecture and its role in the arts, culture, and society.

Deadline: November 15, 2015

http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs/?mode=award

PETS / VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Letters of Interest (LOIs) are invited from national organizations that provide direct services to ailing children and adults, veterans, the frail elderly, and women and children fleeing domestic violence who risk losing their pets because no one is there to help them.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.amiesplacefoundation.org/html/apply.html>

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

American Express gives grants for “visionary not-for-profit organizations that are: [Historic Preservation & Conservation](#), [Leadership](#) and [Community Service & Engagement](#) in communities where company employees and customers live and work.

<http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/howto.aspx>

GREEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to nonprofits, tribally-designated housing authorities, and their for-profit partners working to build and rehabilitate homes that are healthier, more energy efficient, and better for the environment.

Deadline: Open

<http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/solutions-and-innovation/enterprise-green-communities/resources>

Human Services, Social Change

BIKE SHARE PROGRAMS / UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Matching grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to support the development and implementation of strategies to increase bike share use in underserved communities. Applications will be accepted from collaborations of non-profit community-based organizations, cities, and bike share operators to support the development and implementation of strategies to increase bike share use in underserved communities. Preference will be given to projects led by community-based organizations.

Deadline (LOI): November 13, 2015

<http://betterbikeshare.org/2015/10/05/request-for-proposals-creating-equitable-and-replicable-strategies-for-bike-share/>

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH / DISSERTATION

Grants will be awarded to individuals at the dissertation level for research in the major fields of the social sciences, including psychology, anthropology, sociology, economics, urban affairs, area studies, and political science.

Deadline: February 1, 2016

<http://www.horowitz-foundation.org/grant-info/>

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<https://www.udemy.com/grants/>

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Grants will be awarded to organizations that provide support services and grief counseling to children and teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or loved one. To be considered, applicants must e-mail (no telephone calls) the name of their program, website address, names of the executive director and program director, and the location of the program. No other information is needed or will be processed. Strong preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to the use of community trained volunteers.

Deadline: Open (introductory emails)

<http://www.alittlehope.org/granting>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / PETS

Letters of Interest (LOIs) are invited from national organizations that provide direct services to ailing children and adults, veterans, the frail elderly, and women and children fleeing domestic violence who risk losing their pets because no one is there to help them.

LOIs must include most recent IRS tax-exempt status letter and brief history and goals of the applicant organization; description of the program to be funded and the organization's involvement with the issues it seeks to address; a summary of activities for which the organization requests support; an outline of the organization's objectives, anticipated outcomes and implications. Include the approximate starting date of the program, the duration that the funding will cover, amount of funding needed, other sources of support, and current contact information of the person responsible for communicating with the Foundation. Following Amie's Place Foundation Board review, qualified organizations will be invited to submit a complete application package.

Deadline: Open (Letters of Interest)

<http://www.amiesplacefoundation.org/html/apply.html>

SOCIAL CHANGE PROJECTS / YOUTH

The World We Want Foundation is inviting applications from youth for social change projects. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures.

Questions? Send an email: info@theworldwewantfoundation.org

Deadline: Rolling

<http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project>

SEED MONEY / SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Seed grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to "practical dreamers" launching projects that promote compassion, community health and wellness, environmental sustainability, and/or justice in all its forms. Specifics on what will be funded and what will not are listed on the website. Projects should be in early stages of development, when a little bit of money will go a long way. Examples of what might be funded are supplies, program materials, direct travel expenses, website fees, discounted professional services, printing, copying, promotional costs

Deadline: Open

<http://thepollinationproject.org/applicantinformation/funding-guidelines/>

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Grants range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Deadline: Letters of interest may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

http://www.singingforchange.org/grant_information.html

DIVERSITY, EDUCATION, HUMAN AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Open Society Foundation sponsors a variety of grant opportunities. Applicants must go to the website, and enter qualifiers to learn what opportunities exist for their organization, specific issues and geographic region.

Deadlines: Various and ongoing.

<http://www.soros.org/initiatives/youth/focus/global-debates>

Hunger and Other Food Issues

HERBAL EDUCATION PROJECTS

One or two grants totaling up to \$5,000 will be awarded to an innovative project(s) that enhances herbal education in school systems, in communities, or in a public forum. Applications are requested from educators (formal or informal teachers), persons engaged/employed in botanical or horticultural activities, museum directors, botanical/garden writers, and small herbal business owners. Proposals from students will not be accepted.

Deadline: December 31, 2015

<http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/educator-grants.html>

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' SAFETY

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded for agricultural safety and health interventions at the local and/or regional level in order to facilitate timely application of evidence-based safety/health strategies to protect agricultural workers.

Deadline: January 7, 2016

http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp6001-agricultural-safety-and-health-council-seeks-applications-for-worker-safety-grants-program?utm_campaign=rfps%7C2015-09-29&utm_source=pnd&utm_medium=email

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

If you already have or are planning on hosting an after school program you may now qualify for federal funds to provide snacks to children enrolled in after-school educational or enrichment activities.

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/After-School-Snack-Program.aspx>

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH, SOCIAL ISSUES, FOOD SECURITY

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports programs that work in the areas of childhood education, healthy children, secure families, racial equity, and civic engagement. Award amounts have ranged from \$5,000 to \$1,500,000.

Deadline: Ongoing.

<http://www.wkkf.org/grants>

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Information Technology, Libraries, Journalism

RESEARCH / LINKS BETWEEN MEDICAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND OUTCOMES

The Medical Library Association will award a grant of \$10,000 to support research aimed at expanding the knowledge base linking the information services provided by librarians to improved health care and advances in biomedical research.

Deadline: November 15, 2015

<https://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/lindberg.html>

SCHOOL LIBRARIES / IMPROVEMENTS

Grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded to help libraries in schools where 85 percent or more of students qualify for free or reduced lunches expand, update, and diversify their book collections.

Deadline: December 14, 2015

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/how-to-apply/index.html>

LIBRARIES / HEALTH SCIENCES

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in support of research, development, and demonstration projects that promote excellence in the field of health sciences librarianship and information sciences.

Deadline: December 31, 2015

<https://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/research.html>

BIG READ COMMUNITY-WIDE READING PROGRAMS

Seventy-five grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for community-wide reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related

to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Previous grantees must select a different reading choice from their previous programming.

Deadline: January 27, 2016

<http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

TECHNOLOGY FOR TEENS

Best Buy Children's Foundation is now focusing on assisting with experiences that will help teens develop technology skills.

Typically, applications are accepted between June 2-June 27. This year's cycle has closed, but if this is a focus for your organization, watch these sites:

<http://www.bby.com/community-grants/>

http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/our_foundation.htm

http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community_grants_rfp.htm

People with Disabilities

SCHOLARSHIPS / STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to students with disabilities to help them pay the costs of higher education.

Deadline: November 15, 2015

<http://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

CHALLENGED ATHLETES

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for the purchase of equipment such as sports wheelchairs, handcycles, mono skis, and sports prosthetics, as well as resources for training and competition expenses for physically challenged individuals.

The Challenged Athletes Foundation will be holding a live Facebook/Twitter grant information session on November 5, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (PST). To register for the session, visit the Challenged Athletes Foundation [blog](#).

Deadline: December 4, 2015

http://www.challengedathletes.org/site/c.4nJHJQPqEiKUE/b.6449453/k.E830/Access_for_Athletes.htm

SPINAL CORD INJURY / VETERANS

The Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation award grants for educational projects that benefit, serve, and enhance the quality of life of individuals with spinal cord injury/disease, their families, and caregivers. The foundation has five topic categories for funding consideration: consumer, caregiver, and community education; professional development and education; research utilization and dissemination; assistive technology; and conferences and symposia. The foundation supports one-year projects with a maximum of \$50,000; conferences and symposia are supported with a \$15,000 maximum award

Deadline: February 1, 2016

http://www.pva.org/site/c.ajlRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305829/k.6E40/PVA_Education_Foundation.htm

FOSTER YOUTH, SENIORS, VETERANS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust offers grants for projects that offer assistance to foster youth, elder populations, veterans, and people with disabilities.

Deadline: Ongoing (Online Letter of Inquiry)

Public Safety

TOOL: FINDING GRANTS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS

PoliceOne.com is an online tool designed to keep Law Enforcement informed of the availability of grants that can be used to fund technology projects, product purchases, programs or research at their agency. Law Enforcement personnel can review all available grants, search for specific grant information, submit a grant listing (please note this is only to submit a grant listing, NOT to apply for funding), and discuss grant opportunities with other officers.

<http://www.policeone.com/Grants/>

BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Recent news stories in Utah have highlighted the need for protecting police officers. This is a federal program for state and local law enforcement agencies to acquire bulletproof vests with a 50% cost match. BVP FY 15 applications are now closed, but this site is worth marking, especially by organizations that are working toward helping their local law enforcement raise the matching funds needed. The site also lists current standards for body armor.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>

Seniors and Aging

ELDER ISSUES

Grants will be awarded to support local and national projects designed to improve the quality of life for older Americans. Focus areas are Responsive Grants, Organizational Capacity Building, and Accessible Faith Grants. The foundation annually considers proposals on May 1, August 1, and February 1. Should an applicant like to discuss a project before submitting a full proposal, a brief Letter of Inquiry should be sent to the foundation at least three weeks prior to one of those deadlines.

Deadlines: Currently February 1, May 1 and August 1, each year

<http://www.rrf.org/>

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Women and Girls

ART RESIDENCY / PRINTMAKING

Ten-week residencies at the workshop in Rosendale, New York, will be awarded to two emerging women artists to create a hand-printed, limited edition artist's book and teach young people. All applications must be physically mailed to Women's Studio Workshop:

Art-in-Ed Artist's Book Application

Women's Studio Workshop

PO Box 489

Rosendale, NY 12472

Deadline: Postmarked by November 15, 2015.

<http://www.wsworkshop.org/residencies/art-in-ed-artists-book-residency-grant/>

CAREER DEVELOPMENT / HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

Grants of up to \$12,000 will be awarded in support of coursework toward a degree program other than a doctorate or for specialized training in a technical or professional field. Primary consideration will be given to women of color, women pursuing credentials in a non-traditional field, and women who do not currently hold an advanced degree.

Deadline: December 15, 2015

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/cdq-application/>

GIRLS AND WOMEN / FELLOWSHIPS / COMMUNITY ACTION

AAUW (formerly known as American Association of University Women) is offering Community Action grants to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls.

The state association's website (which has links to local branches) is <http://www.aauwutah.org/>. In the past, sponsored projects have included job shadow days, mentoring of middle school and high school girls, field trips to college campuses, college preparation programs, award programs, gallery events, math and science promotion, etc. Many projects have utilized volunteers who are members of the association, sometimes in partnership with schools or other not-for-profit organizations. Local branches are often very good at partnering, as is the state organization.

Deadlines: Vary by opportunity (See opportunity above)

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards>

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F. SPECIAL RESOURCES *(Reports, services and data. Most publications download for free.)*

Many more resources can be found in back issues of “Free Help for Nonprofits”. Go to: <http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/publications/newsletters.html>

SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION IN SPANISH

For services as well as information, go to www.segurosocial.gov .

HELPING YOUNGSTERS LIKE MATH

Zeno's mission is to increase children's competence and confidence in math with fun and engaging activities. Zeno's [games](#) and [programs](#) focus on children up to age 11 and the adults around them, re-framing math as fun and relevant so that kids, teachers and families from all backgrounds can build math confidence and skills for life.

<http://zenomath.org/>

FOURTH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Special program gives fourth graders and their families access to parks, lands and waters across the country. If you are a teacher or leader of fourth graders, you can access an activity for your group.

<https://www.everykidinapark.gov/>

KnowBullying MOBILE TOOL

Download this app to your smart phone, tablet or computer for free. KnowBullying empowers parents, caregivers, and educators with the tools they need to start the conversation with their children about bullying.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/KnowBullying-Put-the-power-to-prevent-bullying-in-your-hand/PEP14-KNOWBULLYAPP>

HEALTHCARE STUDENTS / FINANCIAL AID

The Rural Assistance Center provides a website with an overview of scholarship, loan, and loan repayment programs available for healthcare students who intend to practice in rural areas. Visit the guide to find information and successful models for the development of programs designed to

attract health professionals to rural areas. The guide was developed by Becca Cruger, RAC's funding specialist, with guidance from Erin Tindell, Health Resources and Services Administration, and Debra Jahnke, Brenda Flattum, and Paia Vang, Minnesota Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. Outreach Grants: Since the last RAC Update, five new projects have been added from the 2012-2015 cohort of the Rural Health Outreach Grants funded by the FedERAL Office of Rural Health Policy. https://www.raconline.org/topics/scholarships-loans-loan-repayment?utm_source=racupdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=update093015



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