



# GRANT RESOURCE GUIDE



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The federal government provides grant opportunities for organizations to advance new projects, grow existing initiatives, create jobs, and so much more.

The following resources are available for individuals and organizations seeking information, guidance, or assistance with applying for Federal Grants. Please review the information below, and reach out to my office at (510) 763-0370 if you are looking for help.

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### WHAT IS A FEDERAL GRANT?

There are many types of organizations generally eligible to apply for federal funding opportunities on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Each type of organization listed in the categories below is a specific search criterion in [Search Grants](#).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL GRANTS?

#### GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized and other)

#### EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

- Independent school districts
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

#### PUBLIC HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS

- Public housing authorities
- Indian housing authorities

#### NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

#### FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- Organizations other than small businesses

#### SMALL BUSINESSES

- Small business grants may be awarded to companies meeting the size standards established by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for most industries.



### TYPES OF FEDERAL GRANTS

**DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** are a type of grant in which a federal agency selects the awardee (i.e., grant recipient) based on merit and eligibility. For discretionary grants, the federal awarding agencies review, assess, and evaluate the quality of the grant application to inform their funding decisions—it is a competitive process. With other types of grants, federal agencies have less discretion in the final funding decision.

**MANDATORY GRANTS** are a type of grant that are awarded to each eligible applicant, generally a government entity, based on the conditions defined in the authorizing statute. Grant seekers may be more familiar with the terms block grant or formula grant. These can be types of mandatory grants the federal agency must award based on the eligibility, qualifications, or formula in the authorizing statute. Nonprofits or other non-government entities may eventually receive this grant via pass-through funding. Depending on the grant program, the state or local government may use the mandatory grant funding to issue subawards to local entities to accomplish the purpose of the grant. For example, building a road or providing public education.

## THE GRANT LIFECYCLE

The grant process follows a linear lifecycle that includes creating the funding opportunity, applying, making award decisions, and successfully implementing the award. Check out the [Grant Lifecycle page](#) to find out what the applicant and the grant-making agency do in the lifecycle.

The specific actions along the lifecycle are grouped into three main phases. **Each of the three phases has its own page that provides a more detailed look at the process:**

### 1. PRE-AWARD PHASE - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLICATION REVIEW

- The pre-award phase represents the beginning of the grant lifecycle, which includes announcing opportunities, submitting applications, and reviewing applications. See below for explanations of what generally occurs during the pre-award phase.
  - [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)
  - [Application Review Process](#)

### 2. AWARD PHASE - AWARD DECISIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

- Once the Federal agency completes the application review process, the Award Phase begins. The final award decisions rest solely in the hands of the federal agency staff with fiduciary responsibility and legal authority to enter binding agreements. Federal staff review and make award recommendations based on the programmatic and financial reviews of the applications. These recommendations are reviewed by a series of levels in the agencies to ensure high-quality, fair, and unbiased decisions.

### 3. POST AWARD - IMPLEMENTATION, REPORTING, AND CLOSEOUT

- The post award phase comprises a significant amount of work over the duration of the award dates, which includes implementing the grant, reporting progress, and completing the closeout requirements. The federal agency that makes the award to you is also there to assist and ensure you or your organization complies with the grant terms and conditions. Your job is to faithfully and diligently carry out the grant program.

# GRANT LIFE CYCLE

Congress appropriates funds to grant program. Grant seekers find funding on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [cfd.gov](https://www.cfd.gov)

## 1 PRE-AWARD

AGENCY: Calculates formulas and/or establish review panels & publishes notice of funds available

RECIPIENT: Reviews notice of funds & submits grant application

## 4 CLOSEOUT

AGENCY: Reconciles closeout documentation

RECIPIENT: Submits program performance and financial reports

## 2 AWARD

AGENCY: Issues award notices & enters into grant agreements

RECIPIENT: Receives notice of award, completes required reviews & sign grant agreement

## 3 POST AWARD

AGENCY: Monitors project activities & review reporting requirements

RECIPIENT: Submits required financial reports



### LOOKING FOR AND APPLYING TO GRANTS

Certain government-wide systems are used for different purposes across the grants process, such as finding and applying for federal grants or submitting single audits.

- [SAM.GOV](#) is the System for Awards Management is where entities applying to receive awards from the U.S. Federal Government must register. SAM.gov allows applicants to look-up or request a unique UEI (SAM) number, which is required when registering on [Grants.gov](#).
- [GRANTS.GOV](#) is the single government point of entry for publishing Federal government discretionary grant and cooperative agreement Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)/Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs).
- [FFATA SUBAWARD REPORTING SYSTEM \(FSRS\)](#) is the reporting tool federal prime grants recipients use to capture and report sub-award and executive compensation data regarding their first-tier sub-awards to meet FFATA and DATA Act reporting requirements.
- [FEDERAL AUDIT CLEARINGHOUSE \(FAC\)](#) is the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) is the place to submit and review federal grant audits; helping auditors and auditees minimize the reporting burden of complying with Single Audit requirements.
- [USA SPENDING](#) is a single, searchable website accessible to the public listing information about every federal award, as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006.
- [STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA GRANTS PORTAL](#) California Grants Portal (a project by the California State Library) is your one-stop destination to find all grants and loans offered on a competitive or first-come basis by California state agencies.

### APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Each federal loan program has its own eligibility requirements, application process, and deadlines. To apply for a federal loan: Read about the program’s eligibility requirements, application process, and deadlines. Ask for help if you need it.

Fill out the required forms and provide documentation. You might be asked to provide proof of income, identification, and information about what you need the loan for.



### HOW OUR OFFICE CAN HELP

If you are seeking help throughout the federal grant application process, you can reach out to my office at: [Congresswoman Lateefah Simon’s “Help With A Federal Agency”](#) or by calling **(510) 763-0370**.

After submitting an application, grant seekers from California’s 12th Congressional District can reach out to our office for status updates from the respective federal agency. If you have not heard back from a federal agency after requesting a status update about your grant application, Congresswoman Simon’s staff can reach out on your behalf to try to expedite a timely response.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

#### HOW CAN I GET ASSISTANCE?

- The Grants.gov blog contains articles and resources that equip current and prospective members of the federal grant community with information, answers, and tools including a “what is a grant?” series and grant writing tips. More information can be found by visiting <https://grantsgovprod.wordpress.com/>

#### HOW DO I LEARN HOW TO WRITE A GRANT PROPOSAL?

- Take the free online [Foundation Center Proposal Writing Short Course](#) or see other tips and sample proposals at [How Do I Write a Grant Proposal?](#)

#### HOW DO I AVOID SCAMS?

- Grantseekers who have seen ads promising federal grants for personal expenses may be referred to the [Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert Government Grant Scams](#).



## GRANT MAKING AGENCIES

**US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)** provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management. The USDA's vision is to expand economic opportunity through innovation, help rural America to thrive; promote agriculture production sustainability that better nourishes Americans while also helping feed others throughout the world; and to preserve and conserve our Nation's natural resources through restored forests, improved watersheds, and healthy private working lands.

- Visit: <https://www.usda.gov>
- Point of Contact: [James McStay](#)

### USDA HIGHLIGHTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Farm Service Agency (FSA) Loans**

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

- **Housing Assistance Programs**

USDA provides homeownership opportunities to low- and moderate-income rural Americans through several loan, grant, and loan guarantee programs. The programs also make funding available to individuals to finance vital improvements necessary to make their homes decent, safe, and sanitary. USDA Multi-Family Housing Programs offer Rural Rental Housing Loans to provide affordable multi-family rental housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families; the elderly; and persons with disabilities. In addition, rental assistance is available to eligible families.

- **Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loans**

USDA, through the Farm Service Agency, provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers.

- **Crop and Livestock Insurance**

USDA helps producers manage their business risks. The mission of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is to promote, support, and regulate sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers. As part of this mission, RMA operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). RMA has three divisions: Insurance Services, Product Management, and Risk Compliance. Seventeen private-sector insurance companies sell and service the policies. RMA develops and/or approves the premium rate, administers premium and expense subsidies, approves and supports products, and reinsures the companies. RMA also sponsors educational and outreach programs and seminars on the general topic of risk.

- **Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)**

This matching grant program, also known as FSMIP, provides matching funds to State Departments of Agriculture and other appropriate State agencies to assist in exploring new market opportunities for food and agricultural products, and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the marketing system.

- **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)**

The SCBGP funds can be requested to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

- **Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)**

The FMPP was created through a recent amendment of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976. The grants, authorized by the FMPP, are targeted to help improve and expand domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)** promotes job creation, economic growth, sustainable development and improved standards of living for all Americans by working in partnership with businesses, universities, communities and our nation's workers. The department touches the daily lives of the American people in many ways, with a wide range of responsibilities in the areas of trade, economic development, technology, entrepreneurship and business development, environmental stewardship, and statistical research and analysis.

- Visit: <https://www.commerce.gov/>
- Point of Contact: [Greg Coss](#)

### DOC HIGHLIGHTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

As the only federal government agency focused exclusively on economic development, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) plays a critical role in fostering regional economic development efforts in communities across the nation. Through strategic investments that foster job creation and attract private investment, EDA supports development in economically distressed areas of the United States. Guided by the basic principle that communities must be empowered to develop and implement their own economic development and revitalization strategies, EDA works directly with local economic development officials to make grant investments that are well-defined, timely, and linked to a long-term, sustainable economic development strategy.

- **Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP)**

Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP) awards include financial and technical assistance from the International Trade Administration (ITA) to support projects that enhance the global competitiveness of U.S. industries. An MDCP award establishes a partnership between ITA and non-profit industry groups such as trade associations and chambers of commerce. Such groups are particularly effective in reaching small- and medium-size enterprises. The non-profit groups compete for a limited number of MDCP awards by proposing innovative projects that generate exports that create or sustain U.S. jobs. Industry groups pledge to pay a minimum of two-thirds of the project cost and to sustain the project after the MDCP award period ends.

- **National Telecommunications & Information Administration Programs**

National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) administers grant programs that further the deployment and use of broadband and other technologies in America, laying the groundwork for sustainable economic growth; improved education, public safety, and health care; and the advancement of other national priorities. The agency manages two broadband grant programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and the State Broadband Initiative (SBI) (formerly called the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program). Through these programs, NTIA is overseeing an

investment of approximately \$4 billion in projects throughout the United States to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, enhance and expand public computer centers, encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service, and promote statewide broadband planning and data collection activities.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR (DOW)** The mission of the Department of War is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and to protect the security of our country.

- Visit: <https://www.war.gov/>
- Point of Contact: [Jason Day](#)

### DOW HIGHLIGHTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **National Security Education Program (NSEP)**

The David L. Boren National Security Education Act of 1991 mandated that the Secretary of War create and sustain a program to award scholarships to U.S. undergraduate students, fellowships to U.S. graduate students, and grants to U.S. institutions of higher education. These awards are for study or program development in languages and regions critical to national security. Based on this legislation, the National Security Education Program (NSEP) was established. NSEP is one of the most significant efforts in international education since the 1958 passage of the National Defense Education Act, and it continues to play a critical role within the Department of War.

- **David L. Boren Scholarships**

Individual awards to U.S. undergraduate students to study critical languages in geographic areas strategic to U.S. national security, and in which U.S. students are traditionally under-represented.

- **David L. Boren Fellowships**

Individual awards to U.S. graduate students for independent projects which combine study of language and culture in geographic areas strategic to U.S. national security and professional practical experiences.

- **The Language Flagship**

Grants to U.S. institutions of higher education to develop and implement a range of programs of advanced instruction in critical languages which enable students to attain professional-level proficiency.

- **English for Heritage Language Speakers**

Individual scholarships to provide intensive English language instruction at a U.S. institution of higher education to U.S. citizens who are native speakers of critical languages.

- **National Language Service Corps**  
Initiative designed to provide and maintain a readily available corps of civilians with certified expertise in languages critical to national security for short-term federal assignments to meet emergency or surge needs.
- **Project Global Officer**  
Grants to U.S. institutions of higher education, with a focus given to Senior Military Colleges, to improve the language skills, regional expertise, and intercultural communication skills of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED)** The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. The department is dedicated to establishing policies on federal financial aid for education, and distributing as well as monitoring those funds; collecting data on America's schools and disseminating research; focusing national attention on key educational issues; and prohibiting discrimination and ensuring equal access to education.

- Visit: <https://www.ed.gov>
- Point of Contact: [Holly Clark](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED ED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Institute of Education Sciences (IES)**

The mission of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is to provide rigorous and relevant evidence on which to ground education practice and policy and share this information broadly. By identifying what works, what doesn't, and why, IES aims to improve educational outcomes for all students, particularly those at risk of failure. IES is the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education.

- **Money for College**

The U.S. Department of Education helps students fund their educational goals by providing grants, work-study opportunities, loans, and scholarships. Programs include Pell Grants and the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program.

- **Innovation and Early Learning Programs**

Discretionary grants that aim to develop, support, and improve early learning programs and activities. Programs include the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) and Ready to Learn Programming.

- **Well-Rounded Education Grants**

Discretionary grants that support activities to advance literacy skills, support arts education, and support gifted and talented students. Programs include Arts in Education National Program, Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination, Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program, and many more.

- **School and Community Improvement Grants**

Discretionary grants designed to deliver technical assistance to improve schools, promote choice, and engage families. Programs include Statewide Family Engagement Centers Program, Promise Neighborhoods (PN), Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP), and many more.

- **Charter School Programs**

Discretionary grants that support the startup of new charter schools and the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools. Programs include Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools Grants, Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program, National Dissemination Grants, and many more.

- **School Infrastructure Programs (SIP)**

Discretionary grants that ensure that school facilities provide safe, healthy, sustainable, and equitable learning environments. Programs include the Supporting America's School Infrastructure Grant Program (SASI).

- **Safe and Supportive Schools**

Discretionary grants that address the health and well-being of students, and school safety, security, and emergency preparedness. Programs include Grants to States for School Emergency Management Grant Program, School Climate Transformation Grant, School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program, and many more.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)** The mission of the Energy Department is to ensure America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions.

- Visit: <https://www.energy.gov/>
- Point of Contact: [Heather O'Keefe](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED DOE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Weatherization Assistance Program**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring their health and safety. The program supports 8,500 jobs and provides weatherization services to approximately 32,000 homes every year using DOE funds. Through weatherization improvements and upgrades, these households save on average \$372 or more every year according to a national evaluation of the program. Since the program began in 1976, WAP has helped improve the lives of more than 7.2 million families through weatherization services.

- **State Energy Program (SEP)**

The State Energy Program (SEP) provides leadership to maximize the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy in each state through communications and outreach activities and technology deployment, and by providing access to new partnerships and resources. Additionally, SEP helps states improve the security of their energy infrastructure by assisting them with the development of state energy plans. SEP provides financial and technical assistance to states through formula and competitive grants. States use their formula grants to develop state strategies and goals to address their energy priorities.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the U.S. government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. The mission of HHS is to enhance the health and well-being of Americans by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.

- Visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/>
- Point of Contact: [Sagal Musa](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED HHS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Administration for Children and Families (ACF)**  
The Administration for Children & Families (ACF) promotes the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals and communities. ACF programs aim to empower families and individuals to increase their economic independence and productivity; encourage strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on quality of life and the development of children; create partnerships with front-line service providers, states, localities and tribal communities to identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries; improve access to services through planning, reform and integration; and address the needs, strengths and abilities of vulnerable populations including people with developmental disabilities, refugees and migrants.
- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**  
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ's) mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work within HHS and with other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. Grants from AHRQ support research to improve the quality, effectiveness, accessibility, and cost effectiveness of health care.

- **Administration on Community Living (ACL)**

The Administration on Community Living awards more than one billion dollars in grants, primarily to state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education and small businesses. Some are awarded in accordance with formulas (mandatory grants) established in legislation, while others are awarded in a competitive process (discretionary grants). ACL awards grants to states and organizations that provide services and support for older adults and people with disabilities, conduct research, and develop innovative approaches to doing both.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) awards over 25,000 acquisition and assistance actions each year and obligates approximately \$11 billion in federal funds. PGO aids in achieving CDC's mission by quickly and effectively allocating funds to where they are needed.

- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**

CMS is the federal agency that provides health coverage to more than 160 million through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Health Insurance Marketplace. CMS works in partnership with the entire health care community to improve quality, equity and outcomes in the health care system. Programs include the Rural Health Transformation Program and Innovation in Behavioral Health (IBH).

- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

The Food and Drug Administration ensures the safety and effectiveness of human and veterinary medicines, biologics, and medical devices. FDA also regulates the safety of food, cosmetics, devices that emit radiation, and tobacco products. Programs include Integrated Food Safety System Training, Animal and Veterinary Innovation Centers, and many more.

- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

HRSA programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable. This includes programs that deliver health services to people with HIV, pregnant women, mothers and their families, those with low incomes, residents of rural areas, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and those otherwise unable to access high-quality health care. HRSA programs also support health infrastructure, including through training of health professionals and distributing them to areas where they are needed most, providing financial support to health care providers, and advancing telehealth. In addition, HRSA oversees programs for providing discounts on prescription drugs to safety net providers, facilitating organ, bone marrow, and cord blood transplantation, compensating individuals injured by vaccination, and maintaining data on health care malpractice payments.

- **Indian Health Service (IHS)**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Programs include Addressing Dementia in Indian Country Grants, American Indians into Psychology Program, Ending the HIV/HCV/Syphilis Epidemics in Indian Country, and many more.

- **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides financial support in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. This assistance supports the advancement of the NIH mission of enhancing health, extending healthy life, and reducing the burdens of illness and disability. While NIH awards many grants specifically for research, we also provide grant opportunities that support research-related activities, including: fellowship and training, career development, scientific conferences, resource and construction.

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

Throughout the U.S., SAMHSA funds organizations providing substance use and mental health services, research, technical assistance, and training to advance behavioral health and to improve the lives of individuals living with mental and substance use disorders, and their families.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)** The Department of Homeland Security has three primary missions: Prevent terrorist attacks within the United States, reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism, and minimize the damage from potential attacks and natural disasters.

- Visit: <https://www.dhs.gov>
- Point of Contact: [Stephen McHale](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED DHS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**  
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror. FEMA offers both non-disaster grants and disaster assistance. Programs include Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants, Port Security Grant Program, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, and many more.
- **Transit Security Grant Program**  
DHS provides security grants to mass transit and passenger rail systems, intercity bus companies, freight railroad carriers, ferries, and the trucking industry to help protect the public and nation's critical transportation infrastructure against acts of terrorism and other large-scale events.
- **Science and Technology Directorate (S&T)**  
The Department's Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate invests in scientific research leading to the development of new and innovative technologies. Technologies are developed and transitioned by the Directorate to enhance the mission capabilities of its customers.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)** The mission of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; and build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination.

- Visit: <https://www.hud.gov>
- Point of Contact: [Christine W. Brown](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED HUD GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Choice Neighborhoods Program**  
Choice Neighborhoods awards competitive grants to redevelop severely distressed HUD housing, catalyze investments in the surrounding neighborhood, and improve the lives of residents of the HUD housing.
- **Assorted Grant Programs**  
HUD provides a variety of grants for cities, states, and other entities. Programs include the Housing-Related Hazards and Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program, the Indian Housing Block Grant Program, the Increasing the Supply of Affordable Housing Research Grant Program, and many more.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)** The U.S. Department of the Interior uses sound science to manage and sustain America's lands, water, wildlife, and energy resources, while honoring our nation's responsibilities to tribal nations and advocating for America's island communities.

- Visit: <http://www.doi.gov>
- Point of Contact: [Michelle Maher](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED DOI GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)**

The Fish and Wildlife Service administers a variety of financial assistance programs that award grants and cooperative agreements to commercial organizations, foreign entities, Indian tribal governments, individuals, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and state and local governments.

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

Indian Affairs provides services directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts to 567 federally-recognized tribes with a service population of about 1.9 million American Indian and Alaska Natives. Programs include the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI), National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG), the Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP), and many more.

- **National Park Service State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division**

The State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division of the National Park Service provides preservation assistance through a number of programs that support the preservation of America's historic places and diverse history. The division administers grant programs to state, territorial, tribal, and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profits in addition to providing preservation planning, technical assistance, and policy guidance. This work supports historic properties and place-based identity, key components to the social and economic vitality of our communities.

- **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants**

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants program provides assistance to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American “cultural items,” including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)** The mission of the U.S. Department of Justice is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

- Visit: <https://www.justice.gov>
- Point of Contact: [Amy Callaghan](#)

### HIGHLIGHTED DOJ GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Office of Justice Programs (OJP)**

The Office of Justice Programs offers federal financial assistance to scholars, practitioners, experts, and state and local governments and agencies. Many of the program bureaus and offices award formula grants to state agencies which sub-grant funds to units of state and local government. Discretionary grant funds are announced in the Federal Register or through program solicitations that can also be found through bureau and OJP Websites.

- **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

The Office on Violence Against Women administers 19 grant programs to help provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives and enable communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence.

- **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

The Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) offers grants to help law enforcement agencies to hire more community policing officers, to acquire new technologies and equipment, to hire civilians for administrative tasks, and to promote innovative approaches to solving crime. The COPS Office Response Center provides information on programs, grants, and application assistance for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The COPS Office Response Center also assists COPS grantees with financial questions and grant-related inquiries about COPS.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)** The mission of the U.S. Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

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### HIGHLIGHTED DOL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Employment and Training Administration**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems. ETA also administers grant programs for targeted populations, such as the [Re-Entry Opportunity Programs](#) for justice-involved youth and adults, the [Indian and Native American Training and Education](#) grant program, [YouthBuild](#), a pre-apprenticeship program in construction for individuals ages 16-24, the [Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities](#) grant program to support economic development in rural communities, as well as grants to bolster Apprenticeship and strengthen Community Colleges.

- **Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants**

Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the disaster or emergency.

- **Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants**

Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and to meet the increased demand for employment and training services following a qualifying event. Qualifying events include major economic dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or higher-than-average demand for employment and training activities for dislocated members of the Armed Forces and their spouses.

- **Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Susan Harwood Training Grant Program**

The Susan Harwood Training Grant Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations on a competitive basis. Awards are issued annually based on Congressional appropriation. The focus of the program is to provide training and education for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the OSH Act. Target audiences include underserved, low-literacy, and workers in high-hazard industries. Since 1978, over 1.8 million workers have been trained through this program.

- **Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP)**

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grant program is the only federal grant to focus exclusively on competitive employment for homeless veterans. HVRP has two core objectives which are to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

- **Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO)**

The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) grant helps to expand pathways for women to enter and lead in all industries. Organizations receiving funds will provide one or more of the following types of technical assistance: Developing pre-apprenticeship or nontraditional skills training programs to prepare women for those careers; providing ongoing orientations for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women to succeed in those careers; setting up support groups, facilitating networks, or providing support services for women to improve their retention.

- **Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants Program**

The Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants Program provides funding for education and training programs to better identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines. Grantees will use these funds to establish and implement education and training programs or to create training materials and programs on MSHA-identified safety priorities.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS)** The State Department's mission is to shape and sustain a peaceful, prosperous, just, and democratic world and foster conditions for stability and progress for the benefit of the American people and people everywhere.

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### HIGHLIGHTED DOS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)**  
The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) aims for understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange that assist in the development of peaceful relations. ECA awards grants and cooperative agreements to non-profit organizations to support academic, cultural, and professional exchange programs to promote mutual understanding.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)** The mission of the Department of Transportation is to serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.

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### HIGHLIGHTED DOT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program**  
The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.
- **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program**  
The SMART program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.
- **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural)**  
The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program supports projects that improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.

- **Build America Bureau**

The Build America Bureau (Bureau) is responsible for supporting transportation infrastructure development projects in the United States. The Bureau streamlines credit opportunities and access to grant programs with more speed and transparency, while also providing technical assistance and encouraging innovative best practices in project planning, financing, delivery, and monitoring. The Bureau works closely and coordinates with states, municipalities, and project sponsors looking to utilize federal transportation expertise; apply for federal transportation credit programs; and explore ways to access private capital in public private partnerships.

- **Federal Railroad Administration Grants**

To develop safety improvements and encourage the expansion and upgrade of passenger and freight rail infrastructure and services, FRA supports the nation's rail network through a variety of competitive and dedicated grant programs. FRA provides technical assistance and training to grantees and stakeholders as well as conducts ongoing monitoring of grants throughout the grant lifecycle. Programs include the Corridor Identification and Development Program, Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program, Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program, and many more.

- **Federal Transit Administration Grants**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, was signed into law by President Biden in November 2021 and is the largest federal investment in public transportation in the nation's history. The legislation reauthorizes surface transportation programs for FY 2022-2026 and provides advance appropriations for certain programs. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorizes up to \$108 billion to support federal public transportation programs, including \$91 billion in guaranteed funding. Programs include the All Stations Accessibility Program, Bus Safety and Accessibility Research Program, Capital Investment Grants, and many more.

- **Airport Improvement Program (AIP)**

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities — for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

- **Hazardous Materials Grants Program**

The Hazardous Materials Grants Program funds training programs and education campaigns to prepare individuals and communities for responding to and safely handling hazardous materials. Programs include Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP), Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT), Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT), and many more.

- **Multimodal Project Discretionary Grants (MPDG)**

The MPDG opportunity contains three grant programs: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural). The funding opportunities are awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects – including highway and bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, and freight projects, or groups of such projects – with significant national or regional impact, or to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.

- **Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant**

The Port Infrastructure Development Program supports the efficient movement of commerce upon which our economy relies through discretionary grant funding that helps strengthen, modernize, and improve our country's maritime systems and gateway ports. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and support the Nation's long-term economic vitality.

Port Infrastructure Development grants provide planning, operational and capital financing, and project management assistance to improve port capacity and operations.

- **Pipeline Safety Grants Program**

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) provides grant opportunities designed to improve damage prevention, develop new technologies, and improve pipeline safety. PHMSA pipeline safety grant programs have helped to foster partnerships with local communities and universities to promote pipeline awareness campaigns, the development of pipeline resources and information, and the implementation of best practices regarding pipeline safety nationwide.

- **University Transportation Center (UTC)**

DOT invests in the future of transportation through its University Transportation Centers (UTC) Program, which awards and administers grants to consortia of colleges and universities across the United States. Each UTC is a consortium of two- and four-year colleges and universities that come together to form a unique center of transportation excellence on a specific research topic. The UTC Program advances the state-of-the-art in transportation research and technology, and develops the next generation of transportation professionals.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (TREAS)** The mission of the Department of the Treasury is to maintain a strong economy and create economic and job opportunities by promoting the conditions that enable economic growth and stability at home and abroad; strengthen national security by combating threats and protecting the integrity of the financial system; and manage the U.S. Government's finances and resources effectively.

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### HIGHLIGHTED TREAS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **RESTORE Act**

The Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act) is a law passed after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the largest offshore oil spill in American history, devastated the Gulf region in 2010. The Act established the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund in the U.S. Treasury Department. Eighty percent of the civil penalties paid after July 6, 2012, under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in connection with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, will be deposited into the Trust Fund and invested. Under the Act, amounts in the Trust Fund will be available for programs, projects, and activities that restore and protect the environment and economy of the Gulf Coast region.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)** The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is to fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans.

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### HIGHLIGHTED VA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Veterans Cemetery Grants Program**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Cemetery Grants Program was established in 1978 to complement VA's National Cemetery Administration. The program assists states, territories and federally-recognized tribal governments in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used only for the purpose of establishing, expanding or improving Veterans cemeteries that are owned and operated by a state, federally-recognized tribal government, or U.S. territory. Aid can be granted only to states, federally-recognized tribal governments, or U.S. territories

- **Office of Rural Health (ORH)**

The Office of Rural Health supports veterans and their families who reside in rural and/or underserved areas of the country. Grantees are expected to use the funds to aid Veterans with the transition to civilian life.

- **Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program**

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is offered annually (as funding permits) by the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Programs to fund community agencies providing services to homeless Veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination. Only programs with supportive housing (up to 24 months) or service centers (offering services such as case management, education, crisis intervention, counseling, services targeted towards specialized populations, including homeless women Veterans, etc.) are eligible for these funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)** The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and the environment.

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### HIGHLIGHTED EPA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Exchange Network Grant Program**

The Exchange Network Grant Program provides funding to states, territories, and federally-recognized Indian tribes to support the development of the National Environmental Information Exchange Network, an effort to foster better environmental management and decision-making through increased access to timely, high quality environmental information.. All 50 states, five territories, and 87 federally-recognized tribes have received grants to facilitate their involvement in the Exchange Network.

- **Research Fellowships and Scholarships**

The Environmental Protection Agency provides undergraduate and graduate students many opportunities to advance and apply their studies in the fields of biology and environmental science. Programs include the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellowships, the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program, the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellowships, and many more.

- **Air Grants and Funding**

EPA offers competitive and non-competitive grants for programs relating to air quality, transportation, climate change, and indoor air.

- **Children's Health Grants and Funding**

EPA issues competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to improving children's health where they live, learn and play.

- **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)**

EPA provides competitive grants to fund environmental technology research at small businesses.

- **Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) Grants and Funding**

EPA offers competitive grants for projects and programs relating to Brownfields, Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse, Solid Waste management, resource conservation and recovery, Underground Storage Tanks, and other related topics.

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)** The mission directives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are to enable a safer, more secure, efficient, and environmentally-friendly air transportation system through aeronautics research; operate the International Space Station and prepare for human exploration beyond low Earth orbit; explore the Earth-Sun system, our own solar system, and the universe beyond; and develop the crosscutting, advanced and pioneering new technologies needed for current and future missions, benefiting the aerospace industry and other agencies, and addressing national needs.

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### HIGHLIGHTED NASA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Space Grant**

NASA initiated the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, also known as Space Grant, in 1989. Space Grant is a national network of colleges and universities. These institutions are working to expand opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects by supporting and enhancing science and engineering education, research, and public outreach efforts.

- **NASA Research Opportunities**

Supporting research in science and technology is an important part of NASA's overall mission. NASA solicits this research through the release of various research announcements in a wide range of science and technology disciplines. NASA uses a peer review process to evaluate and select research proposals submitted in response to these research announcements. Researchers can help NASA achieve national research objectives by submitting research proposals and conducting awarded research.

- **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs**

The NASA SBIR and STTR programs fund the research, development, and demonstration of innovative technologies that fulfill NASA needs as described in the annual Solicitations and that have significant potential for successful commercialization.

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) drives openness, cultivates public participation, and strengthens our nation's democracy through public access to high-value government records. The National Archives' mission is to provide public access to federal government records. Public access to government records allows Americans to claim their rights of citizenship, hold their government accountable, and understand their history so they can participate more effectively in their government.

- Visit: <http://www.archives.gov>
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### HIGHLIGHTED NARA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant Program**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration, supports a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources, created in every medium ranging from quill pen to computer, relating to the history of the United States. The NHPRC supports projects to research and develop means to preserve authentic electronic records; assist archives through a network of state partners; preserve and make accessible records and archives; publish papers documenting America's founding era; publish papers documenting other eras and topics important to an understanding of American history; and improve professional education for archivists and historical documentary editors.

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)** The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that funds, promotes, and strengthens the creative capacity of our communities by providing all Americans with diverse opportunities for arts participation.

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### HIGHLIGHTED NEA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **National Council on the Arts**  
The National Council on the Arts advises the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, who also chairs the Council, on agency policies and programs. It reviews and makes recommendations to the Chairman on applications for grants, funding guidelines, and leadership initiatives.
- **Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)**  
Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) is the NEA's principal grants category, providing project-based funding for organizations. Grants are available for arts projects of all sizes in a wide variety of artistic disciplines. Projects may take place in any part of the nation's 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. jurisdictions.
- **Our Town**  
Our Town grants support creative placemaking projects that integrate arts, culture, and design in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and other community-desired outcomes. Projects must be place-specific (such as a community, neighborhood, or cultural district) and should focus on community priorities.
- **Challenge America**  
Challenge America provides \$10,000 grants for arts projects from small organizations (less than \$250,000 in prior year operating expenses) that extend the reach of the arts to underserved groups/communities. To simplify the application intake and review process, Challenge America applicants will apply within the Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) program and choose the "Challenge America" discipline. Applications are accepted at the February or July 2026 deadlines.

- **Partnership Agreement Grants**

Grants are awarded to the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs), and the regional arts organizations (RAOs) whose members comprise SAAs. Partnership support is also available to the national service organization for the state arts agencies.

- **Research Awards**

The National Endowment for the Arts offers two funding opportunities for research projects: Research Grants in the Arts, supporting research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts in American life; and NEA Research Labs, funding long-term research agendas that include empirical studies and the dissemination of products or services for promoting public knowledge about the arts and their contributions to American life.



**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. Because democracy demands wisdom, NEH serves and strengthens our republic by promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans. The Endowment accomplishes this mission by awarding grants for top-rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers.

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### HIGHLIGHTED NEH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Division of Federal/State Partnership Programs**

The Division of Federal/State Partnership is the liaison between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the nonprofit network of state and jurisdictional humanities councils. Fed/State provides general operating support awards to the states and jurisdictions in order to bring humanities education, lifelong learning, and public humanities programming to communities across the country. Fed/State collaborates with designated state and jurisdictional humanities councils to advance public understanding of the humanities, while enhancing public awareness of, access to, and support for the humanities on a local, grassroots level.



- **Division of Collections and Infrastructure Programs**

A substantial portion of the nation's cultural heritage and intellectual legacy is held in libraries, archives, and museums. These repositories are responsible for preserving and making available collections of books, serials, manuscripts, sound recordings, still and moving images, works of art, objects of material culture, and rapidly expanding digital collections. The challenge is great: to preserve diverse formats of materials that are threatened by factors inherent in their physical structures or by the environments in which they are housed, and to create a level of intellectual control sufficient to enable users to find and use the materials relevant to them. Increasingly, these humanities collections are being used to create the kind of Web-based resources that NEH supports, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, descriptive catalogs, and digital archives. Both the creators and users of these resources also need our support to develop digital tools to enhance access to and promote integration of these materials. The division's grant programs recognize that good stewardship of cultural resources requires equal attention both to preservation and to access. All of the division's programs focus on ensuring the long-term and wide availability of primary resources in the humanities.

- **Division of Lifelong Learning Programs**

NEH's Division of Lifelong Learning provides humanities programming for the public as well as humanities programming geared towards the K-12 and postsecondary education sectors. The Division supports humanities projects in museums, historical and cultural organizations, libraries, K-12 classrooms, and colleges and universities, as well as for television, radio, and digital media. By developing quality humanities programs that foster public engagement in and appreciation for the humanities, the Division of Lifelong Learning delivers the best in the humanities for all Americans.

- **Division of Research Programs**

The Division of Research Programs supports scholarly research that advances knowledge and understanding of the humanities. Awards are made to scholars working on research projects of significance to specific humanities fields and to the humanities as a whole. For example, grants support projects as diverse as the deciphering and editing of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the editing of the correspondence of Charles Darwin.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is the only federal agency whose mission includes support for all fields of fundamental science and engineering, except for medical sciences. NSF is tasked with keeping the United States at the leading edge of discovery in areas from astronomy to geology to zoology. So, in addition to funding research in the traditional academic areas, the agency also supports "high-risk, high pay-off" ideas, novel collaborations and numerous projects that may seem like science fiction today, but which the public will take for granted tomorrow.

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### HIGHLIGHTED NSF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Biological Sciences Program**  
The mission of the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) is to enable discoveries for understanding life. BIO-supported research advances the frontiers of biological knowledge, increases our understanding of complex systems, and provides a theoretical basis for original research in many other scientific disciplines.
- **Computer and Information Science and Engineering Program**  
The Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) supports investigator-initiated research in all areas of computer and information science and engineering, fosters broad interdisciplinary collaboration, helps develop and maintain cutting-edge national computing and information infrastructure for research and education, and contributes to the development of a computer and information technology workforce with skills essential for success in the increasingly competitive global market.
- **Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Program**  
The Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (OAC) supports and coordinates the development, acquisition, and provision of state-of-the-art cyberinfrastructure resources, tools, and services essential to the advancement and transformation of science and engineering. OAC also supports forward-looking research and education to expand the future capabilities of cyberinfrastructure.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. Although the SBA has grown and evolved in the years since it was established, the bottom line mission remains the same. The SBA helps Americans start, build, and grow businesses.

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### HIGHLIGHTED SBA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)**

The Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) is a highly-competitive program that encourages small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs. SBIR targets the entrepreneurial sector because that is where most innovation and innovators thrive. However, the risk and expense of conducting serious R&D efforts are often beyond the means of many small businesses. By reserving a specific percentage of federal R&D funds for small business, SBIR protects the small business and enables it to compete on the same level as larger businesses. SBIR funds the critical startup and development stages and it encourages the commercialization of the technology, product, or service, which, in turn, stimulates the U.S. economy.

- **Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR)**

The Small Business

Technology Transfer Program (STTR) is an important small business program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small business and the nation's premier nonprofit research institutions. STTR's most important role is to foster the innovation necessary to meet the nation's scientific and technological challenges in the 21st century.



**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)** The Social Security Administration (SSA) delivers a broad range of services online at SocialSecurity.gov and through a nationwide network of over 1,400 offices that include regional offices, field offices, card centers, teleservice centers, processing centers, hearing offices, the Appeals Council, and our State and territorial partners, the Disability Determination Services. They also have a presence in U.S. embassies around the globe. The mission of SSA is to deliver Social Security services that meet the changing needs of the public

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### HIGHLIGHTED SSA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Research and Demonstration Grants**

The Social Security Administration's Office of Acquisition and Grants (OAG) funds research and demonstration grants involving the Old-Age Survivors Program, the Social Security Disability Insurance Program (SSDI), and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program. Grants are awarded for innovative research and demonstrations, adding to existing knowledge and improving methods and techniques for managing and administering SSA programs.

- **Service Grants**

This program provides funding to support beneficiaries in their efforts to return to work and to gain self-sufficiency. Such services include trial work periods, early referral for rehabilitation services, and greater use of employers and others in the rehabilitation and placement process.



## OTHER GRANT MAKING AGENCIES

Apart from the main grant-providing agencies listed above, a number of independent federal agencies, executive branch offices, and commissions also offer grants to the public.

- **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grants**  
ARC is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred investments in the Appalachian Region, in areas such as business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation.
- **Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Grants**  
EAC is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with developing guidance to meet the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration.
- **James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation (JMMFF) Fellowships**  
JMMFF fellowships are for the purpose of improving teaching about the United States Constitution in secondary schools.
- **Japan-United States Friendship Commission (JUSFC) Grants**  
JUSFC works to strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship through educational, cultural, and intellectual exchange. The Commission is a grant-making agency that supports research, education, public affairs, and exchange with Japan.
- **Marine Mammal Commission (MMC) Grants**  
MMC works to further the conservation of marine mammals and their environment. Its mission is to provide independent, science-based oversight of domestic and international policies and actions of federal agencies addressing human impacts on marine mammals and their ecosystems.

- **Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Contracts and Grants**  
MCC is a U.S. foreign aid agency that focuses on helping alleviate global poverty. MCC advances American values by delivering development assistance that promotes sound policy reforms, creates new opportunities for economic growth, and shares learning that makes the discipline of development effective and results-focused.
- **National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Grants and Loans**  
NCUA's mission is to provide, through regulation and supervision, a safe and sound credit union system, which promotes confidence in the national system of cooperative credit. Its vision is to protect consumer rights and member deposits.
- **Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Grants**  
NRC was created as an independent agency by Congress in 1974 to ensure the safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while protecting people and the environment. NRC regulates commercial nuclear power plants and other uses of nuclear materials, such as in nuclear medicine, through licensing, inspection, and enforcement of its requirements.
- **U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) Grants**  
The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) is an independent U.S. government agency established by Congress to invest in African grassroots organizations, entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises. USADF's investments promote local economic development by increasing incomes, revenues and jobs, and creating pathways to prosperity for marginalized populations and underserved communities.
- **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWICS) Fellowships and Grants**  
The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars welcomes outstanding and award winning scholars, practitioners, journalists and public intellectuals to take part in its non-partisan dialogue. Each year, the Center hosts around 160 scholars who conduct independent research on national and/or international issues addressing key public policy challenges. Through its scholars, the Center enriches crucial policy debates and provides a platform for scholars in the tradition of President Wilson to bring the worlds of policy and ideas together. In addition to its flagship international Fellowship program, the Center also hosts scholars selected through its individual programs.