

Grant & Funding Guide for Commercial Playground Equipment

Playgrounds bring enjoyment to children everywhere, so any establishment frequented by youngsters should provide play structures to entertain them. That being said, costs of construction and raw materials often accumulate too much overhead for smaller businesses and organizations, such as charter schools, community daycares, or private medical practices. At AAA State of Play, it's our belief that access to finances shouldn't determine which children deserve to have fun. That's why we've compiled a comprehensive list of Foundations that provide funding to public health and education programs. Grants are indexed nationally and state-by-state, to help partner grassroots organizations with established investors interested in developing the communities they share. Consult your local playground representatives for additional information on budgeting and regulations.

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National Grants

Aetna Healthy Eating Active Living Grants

Aetna Foundation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$25,000-\$50,000

The Aetna Foundation funds community wellness initiatives that align with the Health Eating and Active Living focus. Grants will support local that increase physical activity, helping to prevent childhood obesity and chronic health conditions. Grants aim to serve low-income, underserved, minority communities.

Beyond Our Rails Grant

CSX

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$5,000

CSX awards grants to eligible non-profit organizations focusing on safety, community, wellness and/or the environment. Grant applications are available between January and December and accepted on a rolling deadline. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and with one funding request.

Community Grant

The Honda Foundation

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Deadline: February or August

Award Amount: \$20,000-\$75,000

The Honda Foundation awards grants three times per year: February 1, May 1 and August 1st. The May 1st deadline is reserved for previous applicants. The foundation aims to fund those non-profit organizations or public schools that strategically improving the community and impact youth. Applicants must have projects that fit within the Honda Foundation guidelines characterized by: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative.

Community Impact Grant

Home Depot

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$5,000

The Home Depot Foundation offers grants, up to \$5,000, to registered 501c organizations and tax exempt public service agencies in the United States. Applicants must be using volunteers in their community to make a difference with the goal of improving the overall health of the community. Schools and centers are examples of previously funded organizations.

Dr. Scholl's Grant

Dr. Scholl's Foundation

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Deadline: October-March

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Dr. Scholl Foundation grants funding nationwide in the areas of education, social services, healthcare, civic and culture, and environmental. Proposals are not limited to only these areas as other proposals will be accepted. The foundation prefers to keep wide funding areas so the foundation may fund organizations they feel will positively impact their communities. Grant cycles are annually reviewed and due between October and March. Organizations wishing to apply may review FAQ's on the website and review the eligibility quiz prior to the full application process.

Effect Grant

Keen

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: September

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$10,000

Keen awards \$100,000 per year to eligible organizations. Grant applications open in August and are due in September. Grants range in size from \$2,500-\$10,000. Keen strives to fund grassroots organizations that grow the next generation of environmental stewards. Programs or projects should inspire youth through experiences in the outdoors through play, scientific education, or stewardship program. Projects should engage diverse audiences and meet the unique needs of the community served. Funded organizations are expected to collaboratively work with Keen to share the success of the project.

Land and Water Conservation Fund State and Local Assistance Program

National Parks Service

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Deadline: September 30

Award Amount: \$15,000-\$2,500,000

The Land and Water Conservation Fund State and Local Assistance Program is open to state government applicants. The National Parks Service provides matching grants to states to local governments for acquisition and development of land for outdoor recreational purposes.

Legacy Grants

Finish Line

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: \$10,000-\$75,000

Legacy Grants through the Finish Line Foundation are awarded to those organizations in close proximity to a Finish Line store. Applicants are reviewed on a quarterly deadline with grants awarded in June, September, December, and March. Grants are awarded to organizations that provide that give youth the opportunity community-based programs. Organizations that provide programming to disadvantaged and special needs youth are given preference.

Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Program

Bureau of Land Management

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: July 27

Award Amount: \$128,000

Government and 501(c) 3 organizations are invited to apply for the Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Program. This grant aims to bring awareness to the recreational and wilderness shortage. Applicants must be using funds that will meet the critical management of public land resources.

PNC Foundation Grants for Education

PNC Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The PNC Foundation distributes grants specifically to those non-profit organizations with a focus on early childhood education. Priority is given to those programs that: direct service to children in the community or classroom, increase family involvement of early childhood youth, and provide volunteer opportunities for PNC staff. Applicants should contact local PNC office for additional information.

Quality of Life Grant

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$25,000

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation funds a variety of programs that meet one of the three key areas of priority funding: Actively Achieving, Bridging Barriers, or Caring and Coping. Non-profit organizations, municipal governments, school districts, tribal entities, or community organizations. Applicants should show proof of providing individuals with disabilities opportunities to participate in activities that engage both the body and mind. These activities should include personal growth and nurture independence.

Shade Structure Grant

American Academy of Dermatology

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Deadline: November 25

Award Amount: \$8,000

The AAD's Shade Structure Program is open to all 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, that provide services and programs to youth 18 and under. An AAD Dermatologist recommendation is required during the application process. A safety/skin cancer awareness program must be in place at least one year before the application is received. The Shade Structure Grant is an annual award with an application availability in September.

Small Grants

Clif Bar Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February, June, October

Award Amount: \$7,000

Grants are awarded to organizations for general organizational support as well as specific projects. Grants are awarded in three cycles per year and award recipients are notified at the beginning of the next cycle. Priority is given to those applicants increase opportunities for outdoor play and that build stronger communities. Applicants are encouraged to have clearly defined objectives and a plan to meet and viable plans to achieve them. Applicants must also demonstrate strong community ties and the ability to promote positive change through the project and implementation of said project.

State Giving Program

Walmart Foundation

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Deadline: February, May, August

Award Amount: \$25,000-200,000

The Walmart Foundation accepts grant requests three times per year. Application periods are divided among states where each state is allowed to submit twice per year. The State Giving Program exists to create opportunities so people can live better. Giving Cycle three is designated for Community Engagement Giving, focusing on unmet needs of the low-income, underserved populations.

Wells Fargo Corporate Giving

Wells Fargo

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Forty-four states served by Wells Fargo are eligible to apply for the Wells Fargo Corporate Giving Grant. Local contact information can be found by following the link for state specific giving requests. As a whole, Wells Fargo works to find projects that will strengthen the community. Projects that keep the community strong, diverse and vibrant are preferred applicants. Non-profit organizations within Wells Fargo's service area that provide programming in the areas of social, environmental and economical programming are encouraged to apply.

Foundation Grants

Annenberg Foundation Grant

Annenberg Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$10,000- \$100,000

The Annenberg Foundation serves the five-county region of Greater Los Angeles, California. Priority is given to those 501(c) eligible organizations that are integrated into the communities they serve. Grants are served in a one year time period and range from \$10,000-\$100,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be awarded more than one year in a row. Please visit the foundation website for specific grantmaking criteria and forms. Forms must be completed in their entirety to be considered for funding.

Awesome Foundation Microgrants

Awesome Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Monthly

Award Amount: \$1,000

Foundation grants are awarded to applicants that have awesome, brilliant ideas. Typically, grants are awarded to organizations starting a new project or idea, not an existing project or program. Awesome ideas are intended to stretch and strengthen a community. These projects will spark joy and inspire long-term hope. Applicants may be contacted prior to grant funding for an initial interview process.

Ben & Jerry's Grants

Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grants

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$20,000

The Ben & Jerry's foundation offers grants to non-profit, grassroots organizations. These organizations should show a commitment to change by addressing for societal and environmental change. Proposals should support leadership development or self-empowerment, support movement building and collective action, or outline specific goals and strategies for a campaign or program. Awards are capped at \$20,000 for a one year period or smaller grants of \$1,000 or less are occasionally awarded. Applicants should present a letter of interest, followed by a full proposal if selected. Letters of interest are reviewed on an ongoing basis and accepted through the year.

Community Action Grant

Gannett Foundation Grant

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Deadline: February 15th or August 15th

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations served by Gannett Co. The priorities of the foundation include: education, neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. Grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000 and applications must be postmarked by February 28th and August 29th. Grant recipients are notified of final grant decisions 90-120 days after the deadline closes.

Kinder Morgan Grant

Kinder Morgan Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Monthly

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

Kinder Morgan provides grants for non-profit organizations as well as K-12 public and private schools in the communities they serve. Deadlines are the 10th of every month and applicants will be notified within ninety days if selected for a grant. Grants are only awarded once year and applicants are encouraged to apply early. Typically, multi-year awards are not given. Program proposals must directly benefit youth grades K-12 to be considered for an award.

Lawrence Foundation Grant

The Lawrence Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April and November

Award Amount: Varies

The Lawrence Foundation awards grants twice per year. There are no geographic limitations in which applicants need to reside but applying organizations will need to be a registered 501(c)3 or a public school or library. The foundation prefers to fund applications in the area of environmental, human services, and other causes that align with their focus. Award amounts and projects funded vary by application, so applicants are encouraged to thoroughly read the application. Applications are reviewed and awarded twice annually, June and December.

Strong Communities

Georgia-Pacific Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation accepts grants for applicants living within 30 miles of a Georgia-Pacific manufacturing Community. Applications are accepted on a rolling deadline with amounts varying depending on the project. The foundation seeks to support those organizations who's mission aligns with their funding priorities. Programs or projects should target education support, environmental improvements, community enrichment or entrepreneurship. Programs should also create measurable and tangible investments for the community. Grants are awarded on the on the value of the program to the community.

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Alabama Power Foundation Grant

Alabama Power Foundation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Those non-profit organizations living and serving Alabama are encouraged to apply through the Alabama Power Foundation. The Alabama Power Foundation funds organizations serving in areas including: environment, education, arts & culture, health & human services, and community life. Additionally, the foundation seeks to fund those organizations that can implement a project or program that may lead to sustainable change and serves a diverse group. Applications are reviewed quarterly beginning in March and ending in November.

Bright Ideas Grants

Central Alabama Electric Cooperative

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Deadline: September

Award Amount: \$1,500

Bright Ideas grants are awarded annually, with applications being due in September and awards being announced in January. Individual teachers are eligible to apply for \$750 while teams of teachers may receive up to \$1,500. Funds may be requested by educators for any project or program in the Central Alabama Electric Cooperative that will help produce a better-educated work force.

Family Wellness & Education Grant

Central Alabama Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February 10th

Award Amount: Minimum \$5,000

The Central Alabama Community Foundation reaches the counties of Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Autauga, Elmore, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston. Various grants and deadlines are available for the county the project will serve. Projects must seek to make a difference in the lives of the population targeted and Central Alabama. Grants are awarded once per year and deadlines vary depending on the grant.

Joseph Bruno Foundation Grant

Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation

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Deadline: January and July

Award Amount: Varies

The Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry twice per year at the end of January and July. If selected for a full application, organizations will be notified in February and August. Strong and successful applications will include a successful track record of success, community collaborations, broad use of financial support, and proven program effectiveness. Applying organizations must be within the Greater Birmingham area.

Malone Family Grant

The Malone Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: November 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Malone Family Foundation seeks to fund organizations within the state of Alabama. The foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry in November annually with full grant proposals due from selected organizations in December. Award recipients will be notified at the beginning of February. Organizations that focus requests in the areas of providing opportunities and expanding the horizons of children and young adults will receive priority funding. The direct objectives should focus in the area of providing better education, promoting self-esteem and instilling a desire to improve oneself.

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City of Homer Grants

The Homer Foundation

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Deadline: February

Award Amount: Varies

The Homer Foundation seeks applicants from qualifying 501(c)3 organizations that have been in operation for more than three years serving Homer. Organizations receiving support from the City of Homer will not be eligible for grant funding. Applications for the City of Homer Grant are available at the Homer Foundation Office and must be completed by February with awards being announced in March. Applications must include 8 copies of proposals, concise grant proposals. Faxed and emailed applications are not accepted, in person deliveries only.

The Alaska Community Foundation Grant

The Alaska Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Targeted grants are available through the Alaska Community Foundation to various regions throughout Alaska. Grants are received through a competitive grant process or under the recommendation of board members. Grants range in size based on the region served. Please refer to the Alaska Community Foundation website for additional information regarding specific grants available.

The Charlotte Martin Grant

Charlotte Martin Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March and September

Award Amount: \$25,000

The Charlotte Martin Foundation awards grants twice yearly in the amount of \$25,000. Smaller grants are encouraged, but award amounts may reach \$25,000. The foundation strives to enrich the lives of minority youth and have an environmental impact. Youth focused programs and projects must encourage youth to explore their passions, develop skills and make a lasting contribution to the world. Letters of Inquiry are no longer required and applications are accepted twice per year. Organizations selected for an award will be notified two months after the application period closes.

ARIZONA

Community Impact Grant

Tucson Electric Power

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Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Tucson Electric Power grants funding to communities in areas served. Grants range from \$1,000-\$50,000 based on the county in which organizations apply. Grants are designed to provide funding for new or expanding programs that promote the well-being of the community. Applicants are also encouraged to work with other non-profits to improve collaborations and program or project outcomes. Applicants are encouraged to review the grant scoresheet to maximize proposal effectiveness and ensure all questions reviewed by the grant committee will be answered. TEP has three primary funding areas including: community assistance/limited income, education, and environmental/sustainability.

Nordstrom Grant

Nordstrom Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: October 1

Award Amount: Varies

The Nordstrom Foundation provides a range of grants for non-profit organizations. Applying organizations should have a focus serving and empowering youth in the community or organizations that make a significant contribution to the community. Although funding is determined on an annual basis, applications will be accepted through the year. Questions can be directed to the foundation regarding programs or projects that may require funding.

Program Grants

Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation

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Deadline: July

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

Program grants are awarded state wide for 501(c)3 organizations serving youth of Arizona. The Diamondback Foundation focuses in three areas: homelessness, indigent healthcare and youth programs of any time. Schools are also welcome to apply under the Diamondbacks School Challenge Grant. Applications are available from May-July annually.

Stundt Grant

Stundt Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000

The Stundt Foundation accepts awards quarterly beginning in March. The foundation supports non-profit organizations that make an impact in the lives of disadvantaged youth or adults. Grants ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000 are awarded through a board of volunteer employees. These employees represent communities where Stundt has a presence. Applicants may apply quarterly with dates beginning in March and running through December.

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Blue & You Grants

Blue & You Foundation

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Deadline: July

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$150,000

The Blue & You Foundation seeks to improve the health and lives of Arkansas residence. Organization wishing to apply should actively seek to improve the health of Arkansas residence. Project should demonstrate a strong community or regional support. Traditional grants are available, ranging from \$5,000-\$150,000. Mini grants are also available for applicants that wish to apply for a smaller amount or have not successfully applied for a larger grant. Mini grants are \$1,000 and follow the same criteria as the larger grant. Applications will be accepted through the year but not reviewed until July annually. Applications received after the deadline will be held until the following grant cycle.

Education Grant

Foundation for the Mid South

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Foundation for the Mid South supports high-quality solutions that promote education, physical and mental health, financial security and the growth and prosperity of communities. Grants are received in one of three ways: direct solicitation, pre-proposal, and grant inquiry. Grants given through direct solicitation are foundation directed grants for pre-existing programs. Those organizations that do not receive direct solicitation may contact the foundation to discuss a proposal or submit via the foundation website. Grants should have a focus towards community improvement or education.

Foundation Grants

Arkansas Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Various grants are available through the Arkansas Community Foundation. Each grant awarded through the foundation target specific giving areas designated by the donor. Areas include county specific grants, projects that support history and education, programs serving African Americans, and summer learning initiatives. Individual applications and information can be found on the Arkansas Community Foundation website. Deadlines vary according to the grant an organization wishes to pursue.

Challenge Grant

The Kerr Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation serves non-profit organizations in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Applying Organizations should serve youth in the community and have a focus in education, health, cultural development and community service. The Kerr Foundation most often awards challenge grants, which are matching grants. Before receiving Kerr Foundation funding, the recipient organization must first secure matched funding. A successful grant application will include amount requested, project description, project need and impact, target population and geographic area served. All applications should be received by August 1st to be considered for the current year.

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Children's Grant

Ayshire Foundation

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Deadline: March and September

Award Amount: \$5,000

Ayshire Foundation funds grant applications in southern California and Harbor Springs Michigan. Non-profit organizations may apply in the areas of: education, health, science, culture and general welfare. Grants are awarded for \$5,000 or more for organizations meeting the above listed opportunities. New youth serving programs and ideas are one that will be funded. If the applicant meets the basic guidelines of the foundation, the organization will be asked to submit an RFP. The foundation meets semi-annually with the fiscal year starting in January.

Impact Grant

100 Women Charitable Foundation

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Deadline: May 31st

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$45,000

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for an impact grant through the 100 Women Charitable Foundation. Grant decisions are made by women in the organization. Award amounts vary from year to year but organizations should show a need for the full grant amount, typically \$45,000. Proposals should focus in one of three areas: education, family or health & wellness. Applications should also demonstrate an ability to meet the needs of an underserved population or have a significant impact on the lives of people. Applying organizations must serve the Santa Clara or San Mateo Counties.

Small Grant

The Atlas Family Foundation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Atlas Family Foundation gives grants by invitation after meeting with various potential organizations. Meetings are intended to create a relationship and observe programs and how they may impact the community. If after the initial meeting the foundation will then decide how to move forward with funding. If selected, a letter of inquiry is accepted. The letter of inquiry will be reviewed and if the proposal matches the values of The Atlas Foundation, a full grant proposal will be accepted. Proposals and letters of inquiry are accepted year-round and funding varies from organization to organization. Specific forms and formatting are listed on the foundation website.

Solana Beach Fund

Costal Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$5,000

The Costal Community Foundation delivers grants in several areas, specifically the Solana Beach Fund. Funding can be requested by non-profit organizations for new programming or activities, expansion of current program and activities, and or a proposal to improve program or organizational effectiveness. Grants may range from \$2,000-\$5,000. Organizations are encouraged to have a relationship with the foundation but unsolicited grants are welcomed.

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COLORADO

Adolph Coors Grant

Adolph Coors Foundation

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Deadline: March, July and December

Award Amount: Varies

Special consideration is given to rural non-profit organizations applying for grants through the Adolph Coors Foundation. Areas of interest the foundation prefers to fund include youth development, adult work programs, and public policy. Grants are reviewed three times per year in March, July and December. There is no set award amount, rather grants are awarded by the organizations operating budget and scale of project. Grants are reviewed and awarded three to four months after the deadline.

Challenge Grant

The Kerr Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation serves non-profit organizations in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Applying Organizations should serve youth in the community and have a focus in education, health, cultural development and community service. The Kerr Foundation most often awards challenge grants, which are matching grants. Before receiving Kerr Foundation funding, the recipient organization must first secure matched funding. A successful grant application will include amount requested, project description, project need and impact, target population and geographic area served. All applications should be received by August 1st to be considered for the current year.

Impact Grant

Community Foundation of Southwest Colorado

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling Deadline

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$5,000

The Community Foundation of Southwest Colorado serves the counties of La Plata, Archuleta, San Juan, Montezuma, and Delores. At the end of the fiscal year, the foundation takes fifty percent of its individual contributions to award grants to qualifying organizations. To qualify, organizations should not currently be receiving philanthropic funds from other sources. Funding can be used to expand current programs or have a unique impact. The foundation typically awards \$2,000-\$5,000 but the award amount may be changed to ensure the impact of the program is successful.

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Healthy Communities

Connecticut Community Foundation

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Deadline: Annually

Award Amount: Varies

The Connecticut Community Foundation provides grants to twenty-one communities across Connecticut. In 2016, two hundred and eighty-two organizations received funding totaling in over \$2.4 million. Grants are available in nine funding areas including healthy communities. Areas of focus within the Healthy Communities grant include greater access to physical fitness. Applying organizations must meet criteria including: aligned funding priorities, address documented community need, and provide additional evidence for support.

Peoples United Community Giving

Peoples United Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$7,500

The Peoples United Community Foundation serves Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. Applying organizations must have been operating in a 501(c)3 status for at least two years prior to applying. Grant requests must fall within the foundation's priority funding guidelines in the areas of community development, youth development and affordable housing. Funding requests will only be accepted through the foundation website during the funding window. Returning grant seekers are encouraged to apply within the same grant cycle as the previous year funded. New grant seekers are eligible for one grant request per year. Applying organizations should demonstrate strong collaborative relationships in the community, ability to provide strong and measurable outcomes, strong leadership and board governance. First time grants are awarded for no more than \$10,000 and typically between \$2,500 and \$7,500.

Program United Grant

American Savings Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January & July

Award Amount: Varies

Organizations within the sixty-four county service area of the American Savings Foundation are eligible to apply for a program grant. The American Savings Foundation funds broad-based programming including those that serve children, youth and families. The foundation will fund new or existing programs that fall within the preferred funding areas. Collaborative relationships are encouraged, so applying organizations are also encouraged to seek matching grants. Grants are not provided for operating expenses but rather new or existing programs. Detailed proposal guidelines can be found on the foundation website. A solid proposal should include: a background, program implementation, staff and volunteers, outcomes, budget, and required actions. Proposals submitted without following these guidelines will be returned.

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DELAWARE

Bank of America Client Foundation

Bank of America Client Foundation

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Deadline: April 15th and September 15th

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$30,000

The Bank of America Client Foundation serves organizations located in Delaware and Sarasota, FL. Fields of interest in which the foundation will fund include arts, community, natural science, historic preservation, education and human services. All grants must be received by the April and September 15th deadline. In the event the deadline falls on a weekend, grant applications will be available the following business day. While grant applications will be accepted the next business day, applicants are encouraged to apply early. Applicants will be notified of the grant status three to four months after submission. Applying organizations must be a registered 501(c)3 in order to receive funding.

Capital Grants

Delaware Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: December

Award Amount: \$5,000- \$25,000

The Delaware Community Foundation serves Delaware communities through various grant opportunities. The Capital Grant program allows qualifying organizations to make large purchases, including land, for up to \$25,000. Grants are accepted annually and applications become available in December each year. Approximately \$13 million dollars is distributed through the foundation yearly. For information on additional areas of funding and grant guidelines, please visit the foundation website. Additional information on the grant making process is available by calling the foundation.

Community Development

Wells Fargo Social Responsibility Group

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January- November

Award Amount: Varies

The Delaware Community Grant distributed by Wells Fargo accepts grants through the year, January-November. The Community Development Grant works to improve the lives of low-moderate income communities. This area of focus include implementation to revitalize communities. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply; however, private foundations, 509(a)3 organizations, capital campaigns, and athletic or sports teams will receive lower priority funding. Applications should be received within sixty days of the funding need. Applications are reviewed quarterly and applicants will be notified within two weeks once a decision is reached.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Fund for Children, Youth and Families

Greater Washington Community Foundation

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Deadline: July

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$50,000

The Greater Washington Community Foundation serves several surrounding areas including: District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Virginia and Maryland. The Fund for Children, Youth and Families was established to better serve and invest in the youth, children and families of area counties. Organizations achieving a significant impact in the areas of stable homes and families, foster care and adoption, and academic success all fall within the grant guidelines. The Foundation will provide a webinar to assist applicants in successfully completing their grant application prior to the application deadline. Applications are accepted annually in July.

Grants

Meyer Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$50,000

501(c)3 public charity organizations are eligible to apply for a grant through the Meyer Foundation. Applying organizations should verify they meet one of the three priority funding areas of the Meyer Foundation. Funding areas for the foundation include: affordable housing; financial stability; and education and employment. Applications are accepted on a rolling deadline and typically fall below \$30,000, although grants for \$50,000 can be received. The Foundation encourages applying organizations to carefully read funding priorities and guidelines prior to applying to ensure a successful grant request.

Washington, DC Education Grant

Wells Fargo Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February 15th -April 15th

Award Amount: Varies

Organizations serving the communities in Washington, DC are eligible to apply for an Education Grant. Areas of focus within education include providing support to low to moderate income families and providing mentoring or out-of-school programs. Applying organizations are required to be a 501(c)3, including public school systems and tribal organizations. While still eligible to apply, organizations that have been operating for less than two years, athletic groups, and capital campaigns all receive lower priority for funding. The foundation prefers to fund outcome-driven projects and programs rather than events or unrestricted giving. All applications and requests should be received no later than ninety days prior to the need.

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FLORIDA

Alvah H. & Wylene P. Chapman Foundation

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Deadline: October & May

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$15,000

The Alvah & Wylene Chapman Foundation seek to fund programs in the areas of children and families, education, multicultural understanding, substance abuse prevention, programs serving homeless. Prior to applying, applicants must have a sponsor from the foundation or submit a letter of inquiry prior to submitting a full grant application. Successful applicants will receive a response from the Foundation Director following the Letter of Inquiry. Grants requests should be no more than three pages in length and submitted to the foundation prior to the proposed need. Applicants should include: 501(c)3 IRS determination letter, list of officers or governing body, budget for proposed project, financial statement, and copy of grant proposal and summary letter.

Bank of America Client Foundation

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Deadline: April 15th and September 15th

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$30,000

The Bank of America Client Foundation serves organizations located in Delaware and Sarasota, FL. Fields of interest in which the foundation will fund include arts, community, natural science, historic preservation, education and human services. All grants must be received by the April and September 15th deadline. In the event the deadline falls on a weekend, grant applications will be available the following business day. While grant applications will be accepted the next business day, applicants are encouraged to apply early. Applicants will be notified of the grant status three to four months after submission. Applying organizations must be a registered 501(c)3 in order to receive funding.

Duke Energy Grant

Duke Energy Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April 1- May 31

Award Amount: Varies

The Duke Foundation supports capacity-building initiatives that strengthen the community. Organizations are eligible to apply once in a twelve-month period so applying organizations are encouraged to carefully review the funding guidelines. Grants are reviewed every three months with funding awards being received shortly after. All 501(c)3 organizations are invited to apply but must reside within the Duke Energy service area.

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Alvah H. & Wylene P. Chapman Foundation Alvah H. & Wylene P Chapman Foundation

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Deadline: October & May

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$15,000

The Alvah & Wylene Chapman Foundation seek to fund programs in the areas of children and families, education, multicultural understanding, substance abuse prevention, programs serving homeless. Prior to applying, applicants must have a sponsor from the foundation or submit a letter of inquiry prior to submitting a full grant application. Successful applicants will receive a response from the Foundation Director following the Letter of Inquiry. Grants requests should be no more than three pages in length and submitted to the foundation prior to the proposed need. Applicants should include: 501(c)3 IRS determination letter, list of officers or governing body, budget for proposed project, financial statement, and copy of grant proposal and summary letter.

Georgia Power Grant

Georgia Power Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$25,000

The Georgia Power Company seeks to give back to the community through five priority funding areas including: health & human services, education, civic & community, art & culture, and environment. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis for up to \$25,000. Any requests over \$25,000 will be reviewed by the foundation board meeting quarterly. Qualifying tax exempt, non-profit organizations are eligible to apply every twelve months.

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James and Abigail Campbell Family Foundation

James and Abigail Campbell Family Foundation

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Deadline: February & August

Award Amount: Varies

The James and Abigail Campbell Family Foundation supports projects in the areas of education, youth and Hawaiian. Priority is granted to organizations serving West O'ahu. Applicants are only eligible to apply for funding once per year, so applicants are encouraged to request full funding at the time the application is turned in. Multi-year funding requests will not be honored. Applicants should include the organizations most recent IRS Determination Letter, most recent financial statement, list of current board of directors and the proposed project budget. Applications are reviewed twice annually in April and October. All documents must be submitted in their entirety in February & August to receive board review.

Laura Jane Musser Hawaii Grant

Laura Jane Musser Fund

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: November

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Laura Jane Musser Foundation provides funding for non-profit and government organizations in Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Wyoming. Funding is given in the areas of rural initiative, environmental, intercultural harmony and the arts. Applications should show a dedication to groups or individuals working together, demonstrate short term outcomes in 12-18 months, work towards positive change and engage multiple members in the community. The applying community should also have a population of less than 10,000 members when applying for the rural initiative grant. Proposals will be accepted beginning in October and are due by the November board meeting. A successful application should include a proposal narrative, personnel list, budget, letters of support and IRS or Government determination letter.

The Bill Healy Foundation Grant

The Bill Healy Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Annually

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$25,000

The Bill Healy Foundation provides funding to Hawaii and Oregon. Both small and large grants are awarded to qualified organizations. Small grants are between \$1,000 and \$25,000 and are awarded annually. Applicants should follow a simple three step process when applying to the Bill Healy Foundation. Organizations will first need to download standard forms including the Word Grant Consideration Application. This application will then be reviewed by the grant committee. Should the applying organization be asked to continue the grant process, the organization will be asked for a full grant proposal. Each board member reviews applications two weeks prior to the board meeting. Applications are reviewed in May and October but are accepted on a rolling basis.

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Regional Grant

Idaho Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$5,000

The Idaho Community Foundation provides regional grants throughout Idaho. Grants are broken down and awarded to the northern, eastern and southwest region. Government organizations and 501(c)3 non-profit organizations are invited to apply to the foundation. The mission of the Idaho Community Foundation is to enrich the quality of life through Idaho. Preferred funding areas include: arts and culture; conservative/environment; education; emergency services; health; libraries; public projects; recreation and social services. The foundation prefers to fund projects that serve a broad range of people; opportunity to meet urgent needs in the community; stimulate additional funding and help make charitable organizations more effective.

Rocky Mountain Power Grant

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March 15

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$5,000

The foundation seeks to fund organizations that best serve the community interest. Applying organizations should be a non-profit 501(c)3 organization; however, grants are made at times to government organizations with projects falling within funding guidelines. Grants are typically less than \$10,000 and range from \$2,000-\$5,000. The foundation has four grant cycles for organizations to apply in the area that best fits their needs. A successful organization should include a complete application form, letter of request, an executive summary, additional project information, budget and most recent IRS determination letter in their application packet.

The Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Grant

The Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Grant

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Deadline: February LOI

Award Amount: Varies

The Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Foundation funds non-profit organizations with programs or priorities aligning with their funding preferences in Idaho and Utah. Applying organizations are first required to submit a LOI in February before submitting a full proposal. After LOI's are reviewed, organizations with whom funding priorities fit will be asked to submit a full grant application. Funding priorities include environmental stewardship, arts and culture, self-sufficiency. LOI's are open in January and must be submitted by February. After LOI's are submitted, the applying organization will be evaluated on mission alignment, strategy and programming goals, and impact. Following an approved LOI, organizations will be asked to submit a full proposal.

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Blackhawk Grant

Chicago Blackhawks Community Fund

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Deadline: January

Award Amount: Varies

The Chicago Blackhawks Community Foundation accepts Letters of Inquire at the beginning of each calendar year from non-profit organizations within the Chicagoland area. A successful Letter of Inquiry will include a two-page letter describing the organizations mission and specific program requesting funding. Specific information should be included about the program's intended goals, target population, operations and outcome measures. Eligible organizations should have a 501(c)3 determination letter, demonstrate one full year of successful programming, have a strong financial position, and report strong measurable outcomes.

The Field Foundation Grant

The Field Foundation of Illinois

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Deadline: January, May and September

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Field Foundation of Illinois accepts proposals three times per year: January, May and September. Proposals are accepted from qualified organizations in the areas of urban and community affairs, culture, education, common welfare, health and environment. The foundation serves those organizations within the Chicago and Cook County area. Funding preferences are given to organizations and programs that are able to address problem funding areas. Projects may receive multi year funding; however, funding will not exceed more than three year.

Ameren Grant

Ameren Illinois

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Ameren Illinois provides grants to areas serves by Ameren. Funding requests should fall within one of the priority funding areas including: environment, youth and education, civic and community, health and human services, and arts and culture. All applicants should be a non-profit determined by the IRS and provide the latest IRS determination letter. A successful application should include a cover letter with requested amount, most recent 990's, detailed budget, list of current and executive board members, and most recent annual report.

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Foundation Grant

Old National Bank Foundation

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Deadline: January

Award Amount: \$7,500-\$10,000

The Old National Bank Foundation seeks to foster relationships in communities that strive for economic development, excellence in quality education, and improved quality of life. An applying organization must show strong measurable outcomes in order to be considered for funding. The foundation prefers to fund organizations that fit closely within their funding priorities including, addresses a community need, provide sources for additional income, and demonstrate measurable outcomes.

Toyota Grant

Toyota USA Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May & December

Award Amount: Varies

The Toyota USA Foundations funds organizations in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia. Toyota prefers to fund organizations within the state they serve in the areas of environment, education and youth, and safety and diversity. Special preference is given to organizations with an educational focus that shows sustainability. Requests should benefit a large number of people, exhibit clear and measurable outcomes and goals, and target youth within any of the funding areas. Deadlines vary by state and grant seekers are encouraged to apply to the Toyota that most closely serves their area.

Youth Grant

Dekko Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Dekko Foundation provides funding to organizations serving youth in a variety of areas. Preferred areas of funding include early childhood development, middle childhood development, adolescent development, and community development. Grant applications are accepted on a rolling deadline but should be requested at least 90 days before a response is needed. Applications may be approved outright, approved with contingencies, approved in part or declined. If funding requests are denied, a letter with declination reasons will be sent to applicants.

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Alliant Energy Foundation

Alliant Energy Foundation

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Deadline: May & November

Award Amount: \$500-\$5,000

The Alliant Energy Foundation serves organizations in the Alliant Energy region. Grants are accepted twice per year in May and November with grants averaging \$2,500, although greater grants are awarded. Grants will be made for one calendar year as multi-year commitments are not typically awarded. Alliant has three main focus areas including: education, helping families, and the environment. All preferred areas of funding are accepted in both grant cycles. Applying organizations must be a 501(c)3 organization, government or town organization, accredited school or university. Applying organizations must be completing the project or program within the Alliant service area.

Youth Grant

Dekko Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Dekko Foundation provides funding to organizations serving youth in a variety of areas. Preferred areas of funding include early childhood development, middle childhood development, adolescent development, and community development. Grant applications are accepted on a rolling deadline but should be requested at least 90 days before a response is needed. Applications may be approved outright, approved with contingencies, approved in part or declined. If funding requests are denied, a letter with declination reasons will be sent to applicants.

Matching Time Grant

Century Link

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$500

The Century Link Foundation offer a matching grant to employees volunteering their time with non-profit organizations. Employees volunteering with the same non-profit organization for forty hours over a six-month period will be eligible to receive a \$500 matching time grant to the organization they have volunteered for. Employees may receive two \$500 grants per year for organizations they are passionate about.

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Challenge Grant

The Kerr Foundation

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Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation serves non-profit organizations in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Applying Organizations should serve youth in the community and have a focus in education, health, cultural development and community service. The Kerr Foundation most often awards challenge grants, which are matching grants. Before receiving Kerr Foundation funding, the recipient organization must first secure matched funding. A successful grant application will include amount requested, project description, project need and impact, target population and geographic area served. All applications should be received by August 1st to be considered for the current year.

Fred and Mary Koch Foundation Grant

Fred and Mary Koch Foundation Grant

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: October

Award Amount: Varies

The Fred and Mary Koch Foundation partner with Kansas based organizations to serve the youth of Kansas. Quality youth programs that foster youth in contributing a lasting effect to society will receive priority funding. Proposals are accepted through the year but must be completed and submitted by October 1st to be funded for the current year. The Board of Directors meeting will be held in December following the grant deadline in October. Award recipients will be notified after the December meeting. Occasionally multi-year grants will be awarded, but the majority of funding will be designated as a single grant.

H&R Block Grant

H&R Block Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January, April, July, October

Award Amount: \$50,000

The H&R Block Foundation accepts grant proposals quarterly in line with Board of Directors meetings. Requests can be up to \$50,000 but typical awards are below \$20,000. While multi-year requests can be granted in certain circumstances, grants are usually made with a one-year commitment. The foundation prefers to fund activities that serve low income, at-risk individuals. Proposals must show the ability to improve, expand or strengthen an organization through the submitted proposal.

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NRPA/Disney Play Space Grant

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Deadline: June

Award Amount: Varies

The National Recreation and Park Association in collaboration with the Walt Disney Company wish to increase access to outdoor play. Applicants must be a local or state government park or recreation agency. The opportunity for volunteers to assist in the project must be available. Once the project is implemented, at least twenty-five surveys must be completed.

Toyota Grant

Toyota USA Foundation

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Deadline: May & December

Award Amount: Varies

The Toyota USA Foundations funds organizations in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia. Toyota prefers to fund organizations within the state they serve in the areas of environment, education and youth, and safety and diversity. Special preference is given to organizations with an educational focus that shows sustainability. Requests should benefit a large number of people, exhibit clear and measurable outcomes and goals, and target youth within any of the funding areas. Deadlines vary by state and grant seekers are encouraged to apply to the Toyota that most closely serves their area.

WHAS Crusade for Children

WHAS Crusade for Children Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January

Award Amount: Varies

The WHAS Crusade for Children awards grants annually to non-profit agencies, schools and hospitals helping children with special needs. Grants are awarded to organizations that provide specific programming or equipment providing direct benefit to children with special needs. To request a grant application, organizations should provide a formal written request on letterhead to the WHAS Crusade for Children Foundation. Once grant requests are received, applicants will meet with the advisory panel in April to review grant requests. Final grant determinations are made in June, following the advisory panel meeting.

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Healthy Behaviors Program Grant

The Rapides Foundation

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Deadline: August

Award Amount: Up to 300,000 over 3 years

The Rapides Foundation aims to embolden 501(c)3 status nonprofits working to improve health and wellness in the following Louisiana parishes: Allen; Avoyelles; Catahoula; Grant; LaSalle; Natchitoches; Rapides; Vernon; and Winn. Letters of Intent are accepted no later than April 15 and must include a cover page, a statement of the issue being addressed, community needs, desired results, and a sustainability plan for the organization. This information should not exceed seven pages, along with IRS documentation and a complete list of board members. Accepted LOIs will be announced in May, allowing a two month window for applicants to submit a full proposal, including a project narrative in budget. Preference will be given to organizations that present clear outcomes, a capacity for leadership, and a demonstrable health benefit to their community.

Ourso Family Foundation Fund

Ourso Family Foundation Fund

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Deadline: March, June, September, December

Award Amount: Varies

The E.J. and Marjory B. Ourso Family Foundation has a long history with Southern Louisiana. This fund was established to give back to the community, with a preference for 501(c)3 nonprofits that utilize human initiative in a creative way, addressing the challenges in the areas of education; healthcare; human services and religion. service to mankind. Grant applications are reviewed quarterly and must include the organizations most recent budget, a list Board of Directors as well as partners and collaborators, a board-approved mission statement, and geographic region served. A maximum three-page narrative should include a concise history of the organization; a detailed description of the project including measurable objectives; and a plan for continuing the project once funding ends.

Powell Group Fund

Baton Rouge Area Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January & July

Award Amount: Varies

The Powell Group's mission is to promote prosperity, focusing on nonprofit organizations with big picture ideas for community growth. The foundation committee meets twice a year to review grants related to environment, education, arts and humanities, community development, healthcare and human services, with a preference given to projects and organizations that offer the greatest opportunities to their surrounding areas. Applicants are expected to submit an in-depth proposal summary no later than January 15th or July 15th, which should include an IRS determination letter; a board approved mission statement; a project description no more than three sentences; contact information for the project's director; a target population and geographic region served, additional funders; along with a full project narrative. The Powell group offers funding only within the following greater metropolitan areas: Baton Rouge and Lake Charles, LA; Le Mars and Sioux City, IA; and Panama City Beach, FL.

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Welch Charitable Fund

Maine Community Foundation

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Deadline: August

Award Amount: \$13,660 on average

The Welch Charitable Fund serves the Greater Portland area with a priority toward Youth, Education, Health Care, Substance Abuse, Arts and Culture. Public schools, public agencies, 501(c)3 nonprofits, and Indian tribal governments are eligible to receive this grant and must submit an application through the Maine Community Foundation website. All applications must be completed online and received by 11:59 pm on August 1st.

Libra Foundation Grant

Libra Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February, May, August, November

Award Amount: Varies

The Libra Foundation's scope of contribution is limited to 501(c)3 nonprofits operating within the State of Maine. The foundation offers grants in categories ranging from Religion, Public/Society Benefit, Art, Culture and Humanities to Education, Justice, Environment, Health and Human Services. Applicants must complete a two-page application form, available on their website or by contacting the Foundation, along with a complete list of the applicant's Board of Directors. Applicants will additionally be expected to submit a progress report or a report upon completion.

People's United Community Giving

People's United Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$7,500

The Peoples United Community Foundation offers financial assistance to 501(c)3 nonprofits that have been operating in the states of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York or Vermont for at least two years. Areas of priority for the foundation include community development, youth development and affordable housing. Funding requests are accepted exclusively through the foundation's website during the funding window. New grant seekers are eligible for one grant request per year, and returning applicants are encouraged to apply within the same grant cycle as the previous year funded. People's United is searching for applicants that can demonstrate strong leadership and governance, stable and scalable financial models, effective partnerships with community leaders, and clarity when outlining goals, metrics and results. First time applicants can receive a maximum of \$10,000.

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Children's Fresh Air Society Fund

Baltimore Community Foundation

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Deadline: January 6th

Award Amount: 5,000

The Children's Fresh Air Society Fund is available to 501(c)3 nonprofits, with a specific focus on organizations that run day or residential camp programs. The mission is to provide the underprivileged children of the Baltimore Metropolitan Community (along with Anne Arundel, Carroll, Hartford, Howard, and Baltimore counties) with a beneficial summer camp experience. To qualify for funding, camp programs must offer a minimum of 2 educational opportunities and 2 recreational opportunities. Requests should include camp budgets and information, recruitment strategies, ACA accreditation, as well as audited financial information. Failure to meet the posted deadline will result in an automatic denial.

Community Action Grant

Gannett Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February 28th & August 29th

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

The Gannett Foundation's Community Action Grant benefits education, neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged individuals, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. In the Washington Metropolitan area, priorities are laser focused to grass-roots educational programs serving at-risk youth. Grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000 and are accepted twice per year. Complete grant proposals should include an IRS determination letter; project budget; and a needs and sustainability statement not exceeding three pages. The Foundation committee reviews all proposals one month after submission and applicants should expect a notice of funding within one to two months after review.

Abell Foundation Grant

The Abell Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January, March, May, August, October

Award Amount: \$5,000

The Abell Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life in the State of Maryland, specifically in the City of Baltimore. Areas of focus include education, workforce development, health and human services, community development, criminal justice and addiction, environment and arts. The Foundation looks for requests by organizations with high-priority need; measurable impact; programs that reflect community-wide needs; and potential for long-term systemic change. Grants of \$5,000 or less are awarded on a rolling basis, but anything over \$5,000 requires an additional letter of inquiry, including a project description; amount requested; total budget; and the population served. All applications should be completed online if possible. If an applicant does not have internet access, the foundation's mailing address is posted on the website.

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Boston Bruins Foundation Grant

Boston Bruins Foundation

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Deadline: April 1st

Award Amount: Varies

The Boston Bruins Foundation is intended for 501(c)3 organizations focused on improving the lives of children in the New England area. Organizations must not be connected to political or religious entities and funds cannot be allocated to support salary or administrative budgets. Priority will be granted to applicants with specific program needs over general capital campaigns. For consideration, grant application packets must include: an IRS determination letter; Board of Directors and meeting schedule; current budget; your most recent financial statement; and your most recent 990. The Foundation requests that all materials be returned within three business days prior to the grant deadline.

Open Door Grants

The Boston Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: June, September, December, March

Award Amount: 10,000 – 50,000

The Boston Foundation's Open Door Grants are intended to help up-and-coming organizations that benefit or more of their five impact areas: Education; Health and Wellness; Jobs and Economic Development; Neighborhoods and Housing; and Art and Culture. All considered applicants must have 501(c)3 nonprofit status or operate under the patronage of qualifying nonprofit. Eligible applicants must primarily serve the populations of the Greater Boston Area. Applications must be filled out online but the foundation requires no letter of interest.

Peabody Grants

Amelia Peabody Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January, April, July, October

Award Amount: 10,000 – 50,000

The Amelia Peabody Foundation serves the State of Massachusetts in sponsoring 501(c)3 status organizations that work to improve conditions of disadvantaged, inner-city youth populations. Priority will be given to organizations that operate within the communities they serve, and even more to organizations that employ within those communities. Proposals must include specific budgetary plans; communities served; and project goals. Grants are given out on a yearly basis and applicants are not only permitted to apply once within that year's timespan, regardless of whether the original proposal was accepted. Grantees are expected to execute a Grant Agreement before the money is received.

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Youth Council Grant Program

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

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Deadline: March 28th

Award Amount: 10,000 on average

The Youth Council Grant Program is interested in empowering youth between the ages of 5 and 18 into decision-making and leadership roles. Priority is given to eligible organizations that address prejudices and inequities in mental health; physical and cognitive disabilities; gender identity; sexual orientation; ethnicity; religion; and socioeconomic status. Applicants must contact the AAACF prior to submitting the online application to be considered for this grant. Only 501(c)3 status organizations will be considered for funding.

Southwestern Michigan Urban League Grant

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: June 30th

Award Amount: 150,000 on average

The Southwestern Michigan Urban League Grant is targeted toward improving the quality of life in the African American community in the Battle Creek Metropolitan Area. The W.K Kellogg Foundation puts a focus on the following key areas: educated kids; community and civic engagement; healthy kids; racial equity; and secure families. They provide funding to operations in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, New Orleans, Haiti, and Mexico with a strong predilection toward racial equity in governance and management, building leadership in disaffected communities, and engaging communities to solve their own problems. The Foundation only offers support to specific projects or program and will not offer funding to general causes, capital requests, direct services, continuation of established programs, endowments, events, or individual assistance.

Rural Initiative Program

Laura Jane Musser Fund

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: November

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Laura Jane Musser Foundation fosters government and 501(c)3 status organizations in the states of Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Wyoming. Priority funding is awarded to following areas: rural initiative; environmental; intercultural harmony; and the arts. Applications should highlight cooperation within communities with short term positive change in 12-18 months. Communities applying for the rural initiative grant must have a population of less than 10,000 to be considered. Proposals should include a narrative, personnel list, budget, letters of support and IRS or Government determination letter.

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Rural Initiative Program

Laura Jane Musser Fund

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Deadline: November

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Laura Jane Musser Foundation fosters government and 501(c)3 status organizations in the states of Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Wyoming. Priority funding is awarded to following areas: rural initiative; environmental; intercultural harmony; and the arts. Applications should highlight cooperation within communities with short term positive change in 12-18 months. Communities applying for the rural initiative grant must have a population of less than 10,000 to be considered. Proposals should include a narrative, personnel list, budget, letters of support and IRS or Government determination letter.

Building Community Capacity Grants

The Saint Paul Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January & July

Award Amount: varies

In its own words, the Saint Paul Foundation believes that "our community should not only benefit from our work, but inform and form it as well." Serving the East Metro counties of Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington, the foundation prioritizes the following area of community vitality: community connectedness; economic opportunity and security; health; housing and transportation; human services and family support; and education. The foundation offers capital grants for renovations, repairs, land acquisition, construction costs, technology hardware and software, equipment, furniture, and appliances. Application templates are available on the website and must include organization information, proposal details, a detailed budget, and a narrative that clearly details the opportunity, challenges, and results you attend to achieve with your project.

Operation Round Up

Runstone Electric Association Community Trust

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May, August & November

Award Amount: Varies

Operation Round Up Grants are offered to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations within the Runstone Electric Association Community Trust. Priorities for funding include: community service; economic development; education and youth; and environment and disaster relief. Funding requests are assessed on the potential benefit to the community; the level of community support for the program or project; administrative capability of the organization to deliver quality service or program; and predictable and interpretable outcomes. For consideration, completed applications must be submitted with a detailed budget and IRS determination letter.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi provides funding to 501(c)3 organizations based in the state of Mississippi with programs or projects designed to benefit the citizens of the state. Programs must not discriminate on the basis or age, race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability and should not overlap with pre-existing work of public agencies. Letters of Inquiry must be submitted for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation to assess if the project meets funding guidelines. The Foundation does not support individuals, religious organizations, political entities, hospitals, college alumni associations, or projects that do not directly benefit the citizens of Mississippi.

Community Action Grant

Gannett Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February 28th & August 29th

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

Serving specifically, the communities of Hattiesburg and Jackson, the Gannett Foundation's Community Action Grant benefits education, neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged individuals, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. Complete grant proposals should include an IRS determination letter; project budget; and a needs and sustainability statement not exceeding three pages. The Foundation committee reviews all proposals one month after submission and applicants should expect a notice of funding within one to two months after review.

Toyota Grant

Toyota USA Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May & December

Award Amount: Varies

The Toyota USA Foundations funds organizations in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia. Toyota prefers to fund organizations within the state they serve in the areas of environment, education and youth, and safety and diversity. Special preference is given to organizations with an educational focus that shows sustainability. Requests should benefit a large number of people, exhibit clear and measurable outcomes and goals, and target youth within any of the funding areas. Deadlines vary by state and grant seekers are encouraged to apply to the Toyota that most closely serves their area.

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American Century Investment

Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

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Deadline: April & October

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

American Century Investment prides itself in the way they treat employees, so priority is afforded to communities where their employees live and work. Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations operating out of Kansas City, MO; Mountain View, CA; and New York, NY that demonstrate successful programming and strong leadership are eligible for up to \$25,000. Extra precedence is offered to communities with high employee involvement and focus in the following areas: education; early childhood development; economic development; and health. American Century Investment's website provides a detailed list of specific grants available and guides for successful application.

Challenge Grant

The Kerr Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation helps 501(c)3 non-profits headquartered in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The Foundation favor organization proven to excel in categories of education, health, cultural development and community service. Most of the Kerr Foundation's grants are Challenge Grants, which match whatever dollar sum an organization is able to raise independently. All successful grant applications must include the amount requested, project description, project need and impact, target population and geographic area served.

Hall Family Foundation Grants

The Hall Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Hall Family Foundation is committed to developing the community of Kansas City, Missouri through intensive and flexible grant programs. Preference is given to 501(c)3 non-profits that create long term solutions, positively impact the community, promote excellence, exhibit capacity to achieve results, demonstrate innovative and catalytic qualities, indicate a capacity to support ongoing operating costs, and cooperate with community resources and agencies. The foundation excludes individuals, political entities, research, travel expenses, pre-existing operating costs, event promotion, religious organizations, and organizations that seek to compete with government programs. Proposals must include a clear description of the project, a brief background of your organization, a detailed budget, a criteria for measuring the outcome, an IRS determination letter, list of the Board of Directors, and a full record of any outside support for the project.

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Community Works

Northwest Energy

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Northwest Energy Community welcomes proposals from all 501(c)3 nonprofits serving the following needs: community education; health and human services; civic and community; culture and arts; and resource conservation. Grants will favor local organizations over national entities and requests for renovation and equipment purchases over general operating costs.

Northwest Energy will not donate to individuals, political entities, economic or commercial development, and prefers not to be the solitary funder of a project. Northwest Energy reviews applications as they are received so organizations should expect a determination letter within twelve weeks or quarterly.

Martin Family Foundation Grant

Martin Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Spring & Fall

Award Amount: Varies

The Martin Family Foundation is a Christian organization that espouses 501 (c)3 nonprofits that fit their mission to foster family value and develop assets within communities. Extra priority is awarded to organizations that excel in the following categories: faith-based education; sanctity of human life; evangelization and discipleship; and service to the poor and at-risk. Before submitting a full grant proposal, organizations will need to send a Letter of Inquiry. Upon review of LOI's, the Foundation will determine which organizations fit within the framework of their mission and ideal and invite full proposals.

Forest Stewardship Fund

National Forest Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Forest Stewardship Fund advocates the on-the-ground conservation and restoration initiatives that demonstrate an immediate quantifiable impact on the National Forest System.

These projects can range from wildlife protection and grounds keeping, to park infrastructure and civic engagement. Eligibility extend to 501(c)3 nonprofits, universities, and Native American tribes. The NFF will not consider applicants from federal agencies, local government entities, for-profit organizations, educational and/or research organizations, or organizations unable to fund at least 50% of the project. Applications must include a letter of support from the District Ranger of any National Forest or Grassland included in the proposal.

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NEBRASKA

Community Giving

Black Hills Corporation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Black Hills Corporation offers financial support to 501(c)3 nonprofits with a focus in the following areas: arts and culture; civic and community development; education; environment; human services; and youth development. Applications are accepted year-round through the foundation's website. Applicants must include an IRS determination letter along with the proposed program budget.

Nebraska Community Foundation Affiliated Funds

Nebraska Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Nebraska Community Foundation operates as a legal umbrella for its multitude of affiliated funds. A vast, interactive database allows organizations to target benefactors based on town, county, or field of interest. Categories range from community beautification and infrastructure to parks, recreation, and leisure. Preferences and stipulations will vary from affiliate to affiliate.

Fund for Omaha

Omaha Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January & July

Award Amount: \$5,000- \$25,000

The Omaha Community Foundation presents itself as a connector between 501(c)3 nonprofits that service the Omaha metropolitan area and the larger philanthropic community.

Applicants are judged based on their compatibility with the following criteria: strong understanding of the needs being addressed; connection within the community; emphasis on learning and adapting as dynamics change; commitment to work toward data-driven decision making; and exploration of creative solutions grounded in sustainable practices. Letters of Intent are only accepted through the online portal require the prospective grantee to create an account on their website.

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NEVADA

Charitable Investments

Bank of the West

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Bank of West supports 501(c)3 organizations in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. To be fully eligible, your organization must be an equal opportunity employer, governed by a board of directors, and able to demonstrate fiscal and administrative stability, and must fit within the bank's charitable giving categories. Those categories include: educational and job training; and community and economic development. Funding will be denied to individuals, fraternal or alumni associations, political entities, capital campaigns, talent or beauty contests, and recreational trips. A letter of inquiry is required for the first step of the selection process. If selected, the grant-seekers must complete the full application on-line.

Education

Cathay Bank Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: \$1,000- \$10,000

The Cathay Bank Foundation offers educational focus grants to 501(c)3 nonprofits, specifically equal opportunity employers with innovative programs that assist low- and moderate-income youth. Specific programs should focus on topics such as: financial literacy for youth and adults; effective mentoring programs for at-risk youth; student scholarship programs; literacy, English as a Second Language (ESL) programs; and entrepreneurship programs for the underserved youth. Funding will not be provided to private foundations, organizations with political ties, hospitals, veteran and/or military organizations, or organizations that channel grant funds to third parties. The first step is submitting a Letter of Inquiry. Each selected organization is expected to submit a full grant proposal with a complete, detailed budget for final review.

Nevada Energy Grant

Nevada Energy Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$5,000- \$25,000

As a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, The Nevada Energy Foundation bolsters 501(c)3 organizations within the state of Nevada to benefit the four following areas of focus: education and youth; arts and multiculturalism; health and human services; and the environment. The Foundation aims to partner with nonprofits that work for and within diverse populations and underserved demographics. Education and Youth grants are awarded to organizations that provide communities with scholarships to accredited academic institutions, youth mentoring programs, life skills, literacies, workforce preparation, minority enrichment programs, STEM initiatives, and innovative teaching strategies. The Foundation prides itself on maintaining a close relationship with all grant recipients and encourage regular assessment of a program's performance. All eligible grants are reviewed bi-monthly by committees which may authorize immediate funding or request further information from the organization before making a final decision.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Foundation Grant

The Edwin S Webster Foundation

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Deadline: May & November

Award Amount: \$10,000- \$25,000

The Edwin S. Webster Foundation is dedicated to supporting 501(c)3 organizations in the New England area with capital programs, special projects, and operating income. Areas of focus include: hospitals; medical research; education; youth agencies; cultural activities; and minority enrichment programs. The Foundation prefers to work with organizations in their community that are well known to them, so don't expect to earn a grant without developing a prior relationship. The best way to guarantee sponsorship is to gain strong support from a member on the board of trustees. Proposals must be submitted through the Foundation's online grant system

Grant Program

KLA Tencor Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling Additional Information: Varies

The KLA Tencor Foundation is a non-for-profit organization seeking to support other non-for-profits in their communities. Domestically, these communities include: Arizona, California, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia. The Foundation is committed to four main Pillars of Focus: STEM education; wellness; local community; and international community. Deadlines are rolling, but each organization is generally limited to one contribution per year. The best applicants will have diverse boards, effective leadership, and continuity and efficiency of administration. The Foundation posts a lengthy, specific list of additional grant restrictions on their website. Grant requests must be submitted through the online portal, and all other inquiries are received by the Foundation via email.

People's United Community Giving

People's United Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$7,500

The People's United Community Foundation serves communities where People's United Banks operate. Grants are only offered to organizations that acquiesce to at least one of the following three areas of focus: community development; youth development; and affordable housing. Only organizations that have been recognized 501(c)3 nonprofits for at least 2 years will be considered with a strong partiality toward entities that exhibit strong leadership, effective board governance, sound administration, stable financial conditions, competency in mission-driven endeavors, a sustainable and scalable business strategy, an ability to demonstrate positive change within target communities, clear performance metrics and results, and strong relationships with community leaders. All applications must be submitted through the online portal.

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NEW JERSEY

Campbell Soup Foundation

Campbell Soup Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April & December

Award Amount: Varies

The Campbell Soup Foundation has been providing aid to 501(c)3 organizations that serve the community of Camden, New Jersey since 1953. Priority is given to applicants with an established relationship to Campbell Soup or Pepperidge Farm. Proposals must be clear and compelling, with an ability to demonstrate strong and effective leadership, measurable outcomes, and capable of drawing funds from outside sources. To be considered for a grant, organizations must complete an eligibility survey. Once deemed eligible, a Letter of Intent should be submitted for review. Organizations with an approved LOI will receive a Request For Proposal. Final proposals must be sent in concise narrative form along with an IRS documentation letter. Proposals are reviewed by the Campbell Soup Foundation staff, trustees, and executive committee.

Foundation Grant

Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January, February, May, July, October

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$15,000

The Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation has a mission to support 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that serve the community and population of New Jersey. The Foundation favors programs and projects that offer opportunities and solutions for the physically, mentally, or economically disadvantaged. The Foundation does not provide grants to political or lobbying activities, capital campaigns, endowments, operating budgets. Deficit reduction, loans or housing projects, or environmental projects. Once eligibility is confirmed, organizations must create an online account and submit a Letter of Intent through the Foundation's dashboard. If accepted, your organization will receive a proposal request within the week. If denied, you may resubmit an LOI the following fiscal year.

Healthcare Grant

The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$25,000

The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey works with 501(c)3 nonprofits who address key health issues for the Foundation's priority areas of focus. These areas include: vulnerable populations in the greater Newark community; at-risk individuals and families in the MetroWest Jewish community; clinical research and medical education for target demographics; and promotion of "humanism in medicine" with a direct impact on patient care. The review process takes these five factors into heavy consideration: mission appropriateness; impact and value; sustainability; efficacy and evaluation; and agency partnership. All applications must be submitted through the Foundation's website, which, following a brief questionnaire, will direct you to one of four application forms. Final applications cannot be submitted until all required documentation is included.

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NEW MEXICO

Challenge Grant

The Kerr Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation helps 501(c)3 non-profits headquartered in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The Foundation favor organization proven to excel in categories of education, health, cultural development and community service. Most of the Kerr Foundation's grants are Challenge Grants, which match whatever dollar sum an organization can raise independently. All successful grant applications must include the amount requested, project description, project need and impact, target population and geographic area served.

Healthy Kids Healthy Families

Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: September

Award Amount: Varies

Healthy Kids Healthy Families is an ongoing health initiative by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico to foster and promote children's health and well-being. The HKHF program partners with local 501(c)3 nonprofits that excel in serving the community in the following key areas: nutrition; physical activity; disease prevention and management; and supporting safe environments. Applicants must demonstrate measurable outcomes that benefit youth, families, and individuals in New Mexico. Final determinations are announced in November.

New Mexico Children's Grants

New Mexico Children's Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March

Award Amount: \$1,000- \$6,000

The NMCF is the New Mexico's only private grant-making organization devoted exclusively to children, partnering with 501(c)3 organizations that address at least one of four mission needs: physical; mental; educational; and social. Proposal summary sheets must include organization name and information; project title and length; requested amount; geographic area to be served; and the number of children affected. Additionally, proposals must include a list of active board members, IRS documentation, budget plans, and a proposal narrative. Priority will be bestowed upon child-centricity, community need, innovation, evidence of collaboration, scope of children affected, and indication that the grant may lead to other funds.

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NEW YORK

Just Energy

Just Energy Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Just Energy Foundation supports local 501(c)3 nonprofits that are equally committed to fostering a culture of giving, and furthering societal goals. The Foundation focuses on education, environmental stewardship, and volunteer programs to get young people more involved in their communities. All funding decisions are made by an Executive board of directors.

Pinkerton Grants

The Pinkerton Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May and December

Award Amount: Varies

The Pinkerton Foundation serves qualifying 501(c)3 organizations that promote engaging activities, high expectations for the participants, and opportunities for young people to serve, lead, and learn. The Foundation only offers capital grants to organizations with which they have pre-existing working relationships and will not provide funds to individuals, medical research, religious education, or media ventures. Programs that can make substantial gains within the timetable of three years will be given priority. All applicants must submit a Letter of Inquiry through the Foundation's web portal, which will be reviewed bi-annually.

People's United Community Giving

People's United Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$7,500

The People's United Community Foundation serves communities where People's United Banks operate. Grants are only offered to organizations that acquiesce to at least one of the following three areas of focus: community development; youth development; and affordable housing. Only organizations that have been recognized 501(c)3 nonprofits for at least 2 years will be considered with a strong partiality toward entities that exhibit strong leadership, effective board governance, sound administration, stable financial conditions, competency in mission-driven endeavors, a sustainable and scalable business strategy, an ability to demonstrate positive change within target communities, clear performance metrics and results, and strong relationships with community leaders. All applications must be submitted through the online portal.

The Bender Family Grant

The Bender Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000

The Bender Family Foundation works within the city of Albany and the surrounding community, benefitting programs that serve the areas of arts, culture, education, history, and the environment. The Foundation favors organizations with directors that actively volunteer in the community. Capital campaigns and expenditures may receive grants but individuals and fund drives will not. Applicants must fill out a questionnaire prior to consideration. If the Foundation is unfamiliar with your organization, they will request a site visit, during which you must provide brochures, annual reports, and full descriptions of key staff. Your organization will be notified if a pre-application questionnaire is approved and a full application will be due within 6 weeks. Grantees must submit a written evaluation 6 months into the project and again within 2 months of project completion.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina

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Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Blue Cross Blue Shield aims to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for North Carolinians. The BCBS favors an outcome-approach by proactively supporting 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that can demonstrate a measurable path to success with regards to two priority areas: health care and healthy living. BCBS offer nonprofit leadership programs to help develop your organization with a focus on connecting, opening doors, and collaboration. Funding is not typically awarded to individuals, annual campaigns, political entities, religious projects, endowments, or advertising purchases. The Blue Cross Blue Shield does not accept unsolicited applications.

Child Care Grant

The Duke Endowment
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: December 15th and June 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Duke Endowment provides financial backing to qualifying 501(c)3 nonprofits that advance innovation, strengthen organizations, and replicate success. The two main areas of work within Child Care are out-of-home care and prevention and early intervention for at-risk children. A new pre-application process will determine the eligibility of an organization before enacting the labor of developing a full proposal. Within 30 days of submitting the pre-application form, organizations will receive a Request for Proposal or a notice that the project does not align with the Duke Endowment's current priorities.

Melvin R. Lane Fund

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: up to \$50,000

The Melvin R Lane Fund is intended to support 501(c)3 organizations that work toward a better quality of life for the needy, youth, elderly, and mentally and/or physically disabled member of society. The fund focuses on capacity building projects (improving communications, volunteer recruitment, development, collaborations, technology, etc.) to empower nonprofits to become sustainable, scalable organizations. Eligible organizations must have two or more full-time employees, an operating budget exceeding \$100,000, and a central location on one of the following North Carolina counties: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey. Grant-seekers must fill out a pre-application form and a Letter of Intent. Selected organizations will then be invited to submit a full application. Organization awarded the grant are expected to attend bi-annual convening sessions to evaluate the progress of the project.

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NORTH DAKOTA

FM Area Foundation Funds

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April or May

Award Amount: \$500 - \$15,000

The Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation offers a wide variety of funds designed to strengthen a community of giving. The Foundation promotes collaborative efforts in the following areas of impact: basic human needs; education; community building; and arts, culture, and creativity. Programs should address needs in Cass County, North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota. Grant proposals are evaluated by an executive committee based on the extent to which the proposal addresses a community need, maximizes community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations, anticipates long-term sustainability, and demonstrates a capacity of the organization and staff to achieve the desired results. All proposals must be approved by the FM Area Foundation Board of Directors.

Bush Prize for Community Innovation

Bush Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Fall

Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation is available to 501(c)3 public charities and government entities such as schools. Applicants will be judged on whether their organization presents a pattern of innovative solutions and inclusive, collaborate and resourceful processes, in addition to their leadership capacity to foster a culture of innovation. Priority is given to organizations that serve communities in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and 23 Native Nations. Applications can be submitted through the online portal for initial review. Finalists are notified in late June and final decisions are made in October.

Statewide Greatest Needs

North Dakota Community Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: July 31st

Award Amount: \$5,000

The North Dakota Community Foundation offers \$5,000 grants to 501(c)3 nonprofits based on the level of need. With no strict area of focus, the NDCF purports to judge every applicant on its own merits, with emphasis on organizations that have limited access to alternative sources of funding. Special consideration will be given to organizations that demonstrate fiscal integrity, commitment within the group's overseeing body (Board of Directors or Trustees), local involvement in the community, an imaginative or new approach to a problem, and a capacity for the program to be replicated in another setting. Low priority is given to individuals, national organizations, sectarian projects, projects already provided for by government agencies, and organizations that field substantial fund-raising efforts with paid and volunteer staff. The application form can be downloaded, completed, and submitted through the NDCF website.

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Dorthea Haus Ross

Dorthea Haus Ross Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$25,000- \$50,000

The Dorthea Ross Foundation aims to support 501(c)3 nonprofits that fight for the basic human rights of the world's most vulnerable children. With a strong preference toward grassroots organizations, the Ross Foundation gauges applicants on the following criteria: proven and measurable impact; sustainable impact; cost-effective impact; community-based solutions; sustainable funding model; and position to expand to help more children across the world. The Ross Foundation does not typically fund general operating costs, capital grants, or capacity building grants, nor do they offer grants to individuals, private foundations, research, political entities, or recurring campaigns or fundraisers.

Just Energy

Just Energy Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Just Energy Foundation supports local 501(c)3 nonprofits that are equally committed to fostering a culture of giving, and furthering societal goals. The Foundation focuses on education, environmental stewardship, and volunteer programs to get young people more involved in their communities. All funding decisions are made by an Executive board of directors.

The Hersey Foundation Grants

Hershey Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January 15th and July 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Hershey Foundation works with tax exempt, 501(c)3 organizations that work with children and young adults in Northeast Ohio. Preference is given to project that provide creative educational programs for children, arts, cultural, and science programs for children, early childhood education programs, equipment that directly impacts the children, capital campaigns, and endowment campaigns. The Foundation will not fund individuals, technology, annual campaigns, research or feasibility studies, consulting services, operating budgets and salaries, individual loans, scholarships, general purposes, and mass mailings. The Hershey's Foundation meets biannually to approve grants. A Letter of Inquiry must be submitted for consideration. If selected, the Foundation will contact you about submitting a full proposal.

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OKLAHOMA

Challenge Grant

The Kerr Foundation

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Deadline: August

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation helps 501(c)3 non-profits headquartered in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The Foundation favor organization proven to excel in categories of education, health, cultural development and community service. Most of the Kerr Foundation's grants are Challenge Grants, which match whatever dollar sum an organization is able to raise independently. All successful grant applications must include the amount requested, project description, project need and impact, target population and geographic area served.

Hardesty Family Grant

Hardesty Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: November

Award Amount: Varies

The Hardesty Family Grant is offered annually to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations in the Tulsa metropolitan area. Libraries, primary/secondary schools, universities, civic and community centers are all eligible for the grant but that eligibility extends to organizations that serve the following disciplines: arts and culture; research; aviation; nature and environment; and health and wellness. Applications must be submitted online with IRS documentation, a detailed budget, and a list of Executive Staff and Board of Directors.

Wellness Initiative

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: July 14th

Award Amount: Varies

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation's Wellness Initiative aspires to create a culture of health in Oklahoma City. Funds are available for any local 501(c)3 nonprofit committed to improving the health indicators of citizens, building infrastructure that promotes health, increasing the availability and accessibility of healthy-life choices, and increasing physical activity for target populations. Target populations include school-aged youth, kids and adults who lack access to health information, and adults who are currently inactive or somewhat active but are capable of a more active lifestyle. Focus is put on the daily number regimen presented by OK5210 (5 or more fruits and vegetables, 2 hours less of screen time, 1 hour of physical activity, 0 sugar-sweetened beverages) as a template for a healthy lifestyle. Grant applications must be filled out online and will be evaluated based on compatibility with the goals and objectives of the Wellness Initiative and OK5210. Applications must include a detailed program budget, listing both revenue and expenses, along with a plan to measure outcomes.

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Community Giving Application

Umpqua Bank

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$10,000

Umpqua Bank's Community Giving Grants present a great solution for 501(c)3 nonprofits with a strong link to the community. Umpqua prioritizes organizations that serve their target areas: economic opportunities and youth development and education. Within those categories, the bank is further focused on the following initiatives: Early Childhood learning; childhood hunger; literacy and math achievement benchmarks; parent engagement and support; positive youth development; arts access for youth; financial education; affordable housing; college, tech, and career readiness; asset building for individuals and families. The fund is specifically intended for projects and programs that are clearly described and directly support the funding areas and goals. Applications can be filled out through the Umpqua Bank's web portal.

The Bill Healy Foundation Grant

The Bill Healy Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Annually

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$25,000

The Bill Healy Foundation funds to 501(c)3 status organizations Hawaii and Oregon. Both small and large grants are awarded to qualified groups that share the Foundation's commitment to environmental conservation and the wellbeing of children. To begin an application, grant-seekers must download standard forms including the Word Grant Consideration Application. This application will then be reviewed by the grant committee. Upon selection, organizations will receive an invitation for a full grant proposal. Each board member reviews applications two weeks prior to the board meeting.

Community Grant Program

The Oregon Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May

Award Amount: \$20,000 on average

The Oregon Community Foundation's Community Grant Program is targeted toward small and moderate sized 501(c)3 nonprofits. The Foundations guiding principles are 1) the belief "that creative and sustainable solutions come from people who work in partnership to address common needs and aspirations"; 2) "high priority to investments that create positive substantive change and attempt to resolve problems at their source"; and 3) respect for "Oregon's diverse regions and populations" and a mission to "Advance equity, diversity and inclusion through our programs." Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria: local support; applicant organization; extent to which project addresses a pressing community need. The most common reasons for projects getting declined funding, according to the Foundation's site, are little to no outside funding, lack of community support, and requests that predominantly pertain to operating costs. Also, frequent grant recipients will likely be declined. The Foundation asks that organizations not apply for funding to the same project more than once or more than one grant at one time.

PENNSYLVANIA

Children, Youth & Families

The Heinz Endowment
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March 1st & August 1st
Award Amount: Varies

If you're a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in southwestern Pennsylvania, the Heinz Endowment's Children, Youth & Families Fund is the grant for you. This fund prioritizes work in the strategic areas of creativity, learning, and sustainability. After creating an account with the Heinz Endowments, you will need to pass a short eligibility quiz before proceeding to the full application. A Patriot Act compliance form must be attached at the top of your submission. After a review process, the Heinz Endowment Board will either decline your application or request more information. From there, the full proposal can be submitted. Proposals less the \$50,000 can be considered on a rolling basis.

Charity Donations

Flyer Charities
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount: Varies

The Philadelphia Flyers Charities are a great resource for 501(c)3 organizations that serve the Greater Philadelphia area. The charities represent a range of nonprofits that provide educational and recreational resources for underserved youth. If your organization fits that mold, then proposals can be submitted online or in writing. A full proposal must include the organizations mission and description, contact information, 501 (c)3 determination letter, summary of program or project to be funded, and the requested amount. Applicants typically receive a response to their funding request in as little as six weeks.

Unrestricted Grant Funds

Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April
Award Amount: Varies

The Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation empowers 501(c)3 organizations local to Blair County, Pennsylvania. Organizations that typically receive funding seek to do at least one of the following: promote scientific research; support art, music and culture; provide scholarships or otherwise assist deserving persons in obtaining an education; assist the improvement of living and working conditions for the health and welfare of the community; provide facilities for public recreation; provide funds to assist in the delivery of medical devices. Application packets should include a cover sheet, IRS documentation, your most recently audited financial record, a 1-5-page project narrative, a detailed budget, a complete list of Board of Directors, letters of support that illustrate a community need for your project. Complete grant applications must be in by 4 PM on the final business day of April. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

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RHODE ISLAND

BlueAngel Community Health Grant

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August
Award Amount: \$8,000- \$30,000

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island wants to improve the quality of life of their customers and the citizens of Rhode Island by providing assistance to local 501(c)3 nonprofits with the same goal. Over the last three years, the BlueAngel Community Health Grant has made preventing and reducing childhood obesity its major focus so any programs that provide greater access to affordable healthy goods, safe places to be active, and/or education on the importance of good nutrition, physical activity, and healthy weight will receive priority when pursuing this grant. Additional favor will go to programs that offer innovative health initiatives, evidence-based intervention or prevention plans, and collaborations with one of more like-minded agencies. Letters of intent must be submitted to the Blue Cross Blue Shield for approval before full proposals will be accepted. All grant awards are announced in December and funding begins the following January.

Lattner Family Grant

Lattner Family Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March 1st & September 1st
Award Amount: Varies

Headquartered in Florida, the Lattner Family Foundation provides opportunities to 501(c)3 nonprofits in Georgia, Kansas, Rhode Island, and Texas. As a primarily Christian institution, the Foundation favors faith-based initiatives but offers support to any organization that serves one or more of the following areas of giving: arts & humanities; education; environment; and health and human services. Applications should be submitted online, including a mission statement, organization name and contact info, history of the organization, the purpose of the grant request, a list of officers and the board of directors, and IRS documentation.

Foundation Grant

The Champlin Foundation
[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April
Award Amount: Varies

Since 1932, the Champlin Foundation has been a force of good in the Rhode Island community, partnering with nonprofit organizations to serve areas of healthcare, education, social services, youth services, libraries, the arts, historic preservation, conservation & parks, and animal welfare. If your organization has 501(c)3 status and serves the Foundation's area of focus (permanent housing, school playgrounds, senior centers), applications can be sent to a mailing address, posted online. Complete applications must include the organization's capital funding needs, associated costs, amount requested, as well as the status of any external funding or fundraising efforts. Public schools have an extended deadline through June 30th, and the annual meeting to evaluate and select grantees takes place in November. Successful applicants should expect to hear back shortly after that period.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Duke Energy Grant

Duke Energy Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April 1- May 31

Award Amount: Varies

Duke Energy is a pillar of the Carolina community, and the Duke Energy Grant is designed to strengthen 501(c)3 nonprofits that develop programs to serve that community. To be considered, your program must not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, creed, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, or national origin and must demonstrate an effective method for measuring the desired outcomes and their positive impact on the community. The Foundation will not grant funding to individuals, political entities, religious organizations, sports teams, animal shelters, capital investments, endowments, general operating costs, or any effort to reduce cost of Duke Energy. After completing an eligibility quiz, grant-seekers must create an account with Duke Energy and submit a full application through the online portal. Local community development grants, which max out at \$10,000, are evaluated and granted on a rolling basis, but major grant proposals are reviewed and accepted or decline in the usual biannual schedule.

Health and Wellbeing of Children and Families Grant

Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: August 16th

Award Amount: Varies

The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation seeks to build and promote a healthier South Carolina by addressing inequities at the economic level. Organizations with a qualifying 501(c)3 status can apply for a grant if proposed programs comply with at least one of the Foundation's following investment strategies: Access to Care; Building a Stronger Workforce for Health; Improving the Quality and Value of Health and Health Care; Investing in the Health and Well-being of SC Children and Families; and Research Projects. Letters of Intent must include contact information, project title, total amount requested, length of grant, counties served by the project, and a detailed description of the project, which should include health needs, expected timeframes, intended use of funds, and anticipated results. Letters of Intent must be submitted by 5 PM on August 16th

Connected Communities Grants

The Central Carolina Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: September 1st

Award Amount: Up to \$75,000

The Central Carolina Community Foundation seeks to inspire innovation in building communities. That's why any 501(c)3 nonprofit that nurtures a welcoming community, vibrant social offerings, and/or superb public places may be eligible for one of the Connected Communities Grants. Eligible organizations must be registered for 2017 Midlands Gives and provide services in one of the following South Carolina counties: Calhoun; Clarendon; Fairfield; Kershaw; Lee; Lexington; Newberry; Orangeburg; Richland; Saluda; and Sumter. The Foundation is drawn to ideas that enhance community connections in the Midlands, incorporate novel approaches to creating a vibrant, connected community, raise public awareness of the area/region, provide a measurable level of community involvement, prioritize new or expansion projects, and promote philanthropy across the region. The Foundation does not fund routine operating expense, fundraising projects, debt reduction, endowments, capital campaigns, medical research, or conference travel. Applications are only accepted online through the CCCF web portal. Letters of Intent are reviewed by the Community Impact Committee. From there, selected organizations will be sent requests for proposals. Final proposals are reviewed by a Board of Trustees and awards are announced in December.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Community Giving

Black Hills Corporation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Black Hills Corporation makes donations for civil, cultural, social, and charitable purposes to build and strengthen vibrant communities. Black Hills Energy evaluates each grant request based on its own merits, with a preference for 501(c)3 organizations that support the following areas: arts & culture; civic & community development; education; environment; human services; and youth development. Applications must be submitted online.

Larson Family Grant

Larson Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Larson Family Foundation offers grants exclusively to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations within the state of South Dakota. The Foundation's evaluation process prioritizes programs that demonstrate the following: need for program in community it serves; impact on those who will benefit from the request, as well as the number of people who will be served; impact of request on organization requesting it; soundness of organization and its financial management; continued support after involvement of Foundation; accuracy and completeness of application; and level of volunteer and board support. The Foundation will only support organizations that offer services to all individuals regardless of race, creed, color, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin. Letters of intent must include a brief statement of the organization's history, mission, and goals, as well as a summary of the amount requested and the activities those funds are intended for. Selected grant-seekers will receive a request for a full application, including IRS documents, six copies of the proposal, names of the organizations administrative staff and Board of Directors, and qualifications of staff connected to the project.

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation

Bush Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Spring

Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation is available to 501(c)3 public charities and government entities such as schools. Applicants will be judged on whether their organization presents a pattern of innovative solutions and inclusive, collaborate and resourceful processes, in addition to their leadership capacity to foster a culture of innovation. Priority is given to organizations that serve communities in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and 23 Native Nations. Applications can be submitted through the online portal for initial review. Finalists are notified in late June and final decisions are made in October.

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1st and 10 Foundation Grant

1st and 10 Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Annual

Award Amount: \$1,500-\$15,000

The 1st and 10 Foundation is committed to building stronger communities and advocating 501(c)3 nonprofits that share that mission. Applications are evaluated on the following criteria: compliance with foundation principles; meeting the needs of the community; measurability of progress, goals, and outcomes; and sustainability beyond the grant period. The Foundation will not support churches, schools, fundraising events, projects for the benefit of individuals, building/renovating expenses, travel payments, or groups outside of Southern West Virginia and East Tennessee. Requests are limited to one per organization, and after three years, organizations will be asked to fund projects on their own for one year before resuming funding again. Organizations that are awarded grants will be asked to complete a post-grant evaluation to be completed by the middle of July.

Discretionary Small Grant

Tennessee Disability Coalition The Tennessee Disability Coalition is an affiliate of the Southeast Americans with Disabilities Act, so it's no surprise the that their goal is to promote the self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities. This extends to workplace concerns such as healthcare provisions and other benefit securities, as well as funding for 501(c)3 organizations and government entities that support, empower, and value people with disabilities. The Discretionary Small Grant is designated to build capacity in the disability community to serve individuals affected by disabilities. To obtain such funds, an organization must undergo a two-step process. First, a letter of interest must be submitted with a detailed budget outline. If selected, organizations will receive a request for proposal. If awarded a grant, organizations should submit progress report at the five month mark and at the time of project completion.

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$10,000

Health & Well Being

The HCA Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March, June, September, December

Award Amount: Varies

The HCA Foundation sets out to support health & wellbeing, childhood & youth development, and the arts in Middle Tennessee. They achieve this by supporting 501(c)3 organizations with similar goals. The Foundation has contributed more than \$146 million to 175 different organizations since 1998. Priority will always be granted to organizations with a clear commitment to maximizing available resources, a history of delivering quality services, a well-defined sense of purpose, and a proven ability to meet objectives. Grant-seekers will be evaluated based upon the following criteria: relationship to HCA's mission, critical need in the community, past relationship with the organization, and measurable outcomes. First time applicants must submit a 1-2-page letter of inquiry before being afforded the opportunity to submit a full application.

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TEXAS

Educational Institutions

Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation

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Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation supports the American Dream in its every manifestation. In 2015, 21% the Foundation's contributions went to educational institutions. To apply for a grant, organization must be a qualifying 501(c)3 nonprofit in the Houston area or at least within the state of Texas. Written applications should be mailed with the following: mission, history, and achievements of the organization; names of present officers and board members; IRS determination letter; financial statements; need for the program along with the specific population that will benefit; goals and objectives for the program; overall project costs; project budget; future funding plans; number of paid staff and volunteers used annually; and sources and amounts being solicited and/or received or pledged. Lobbying the directors of the Foundation individually can only hurt your organization's chances of being selected.

Laura Jane Musser Hawaii Grant

Laura Jane Musser Fund

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: November

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Laura Jane Musser Foundation fosters government and 501(c)3 status organizations in the states of Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Wyoming. Priority funding is awarded to following areas: rural initiative; environmental; intercultural harmony; and the arts. Applications should highlight cooperation within communities with short term positive change in 12-18 months. Communities applying for the rural initiative grant must have a population of less than 10,000 to be considered. Proposals should include a narrative, personnel list, budget, letters of support and IRS or Government determination letter.

Toyota Grant

Toyota USA Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May & December

Award Amount: Varies

The Toyota USA Foundations funds organizations in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia. Toyota prefers to fund organizations within the state they serve in the areas of environment, education and youth, and safety and diversity. Special preference is given to organizations with an educational focus that shows sustainability. Requests should benefit a large number of people, exhibit clear and measurable outcomes and goals, and target youth within any of the funding areas. Deadlines vary by state and grant seekers are encouraged to apply o the Toyota that most closely serves their area.

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Education Grants

Applied Materials Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January 15th & June 15th

Award Amount: Varies

Applied Materials supports 501(c)3 organizations that offer services in education, arts & culture, civic engagement, environment, and technology. Education grant proposals should focus on programs that benefit students in grades K-12, stress traditional skills (such as reading, writing, math, science, and technology), address critical education needs through innovative learning, expand existing efforts to reach more students or a wider geographic area, offer opportunities for employee engagement, and actively partner with other nonprofit groups to create, implement, and evaluate shared programs. All submissions must go through the online portal. Applied Materials and its Foundation evaluates requests semi-annually and send outs responses during the months of March and August.

Rocky Mountain Power Grant

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March 15

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$5,000

As the philanthropic arm of Rocky Mountain Power, the Foundation of the same name serves the growth and vitality of communities in Utah, Wyoming, and Southeastern Idaho. The Foundation limits its grants to charitable organizations with 501(c)3 tax exemption status, but eligibility is further restricted to programs related to: educational and research institutions; cultural enrichment; youth organizations; and health and human services. Funds are not allotted to individuals, political entities, religious groups, discriminatory organizations, endowments, capital campaigns, advertising feeds, or debts incurred by operating costs. Applications can be found on the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation's website, but should not be submitted online. Upon completion, applicants must print and mail the form along with a complete proposal. This document should include a letter of request, a project summary, a complete budget, and an IRS determination letter.

The Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Grant

The Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Grant

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: February LOI

Award Amount: Varies

Founded by Richard Keith and Shirly Stranquist Hemingway in 1987, this Foundation aims to promote charitable activity in Utah and Idaho but its main priorities are Arts & Culture, Environmental Stewardship, and Self Sufficiency. All grant-seekers must have specific, well defined programs with goals compatible with the Foundation's mission. In 2016, the Foundation focused their funds exclusively on organizations with which they had an established working history, but Letters of Inquiry are being accepted again in 2017. After the LOI is submitted, organizations will be evaluated based on mission alignment, strategy, organization capacity, and impact. The proposals that fare the best against this scrutiny will move on to the Board for final review. Expect to hear final decisions by December

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VERMONT

Foundation Grant

National Life Group Foundation

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Deadline: March

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

The National Life Group Foundation aspires to do good in communities by supporting local 501(c)3 nonprofits. The Foundation offers grants to fund projects with committed leadership, a base of support, and a well-planned approach to underlying issues or needs. The Foundation prefers not to invest in new programs, but proven models with metrics to indicate success. The Foundation does not fund individuals, endowments, travel expenses, daycare, scholarships, higher educational institutions, religious organizations, labor unions, fraternal groups, debt reduction, or completed works. Applications may be submitted online.

Grantmaking

The Canaday Family Charitable Trust

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: LOI February

Award Amount: varies

The Canaday Family Charitable Trust is all about Vermont. They prefer to sponsor organizations and projects that are Vermont-based and Vermont-focused. They want to see a record of grassroots support, and want to be involved with projects from their conception, not brought in to cover operating costs. If a project only takes place partially in Vermont, the Canady Trust will cover the Vermont portion of the endeavor and leave the rest to an outside investor. The Trust requests specificity, clarity, and brevity in proposals and is particularly interested in the educational aspects of whatever project your organization is proposing. Keep in mind, these funds are only available to 501(c)3 qualifying organizations. The Foundation will not fund individuals, capital campaigns, endowments.

People's United Community Giving

People's United Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$7,500

The Peoples United Community Foundation offers financial assistance to 501(c)3 nonprofits that have been operating in the states of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York or Vermont for at least two years. Areas of priority for the foundation include community development, youth development and affordable housing. Funding requests are accepted exclusively through the foundation's website during the funding window. New grant seekers are eligible for one grant request per year, and returning applicants are encouraged to apply within the same grant cycle as the previous year funded. People's United is searching for applicants that can demonstrate strong leadership and governance, stable and scalable financial models, effective partnerships with community leaders, and clarity when outlining goals, metrics and results. First time applicants can receive a maximum of \$10,000.

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Competitive Grants

The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia

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Deadline: May 5th and November 5th

Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$100,000

The Community Foundation is focused on results-based grantmaking that serves Richmond and Central Virginia in one or more of their priority funding areas: cultural vibrancy; economic prosperity; educational success; and health & wellness. Competitive Grants offer program and operating support to 501(c)3 nonprofits that match with the Foundation's culture. Partnering with the Jenkins Foundation and the Sheltering Arms Foundation Fund, The Community Foundation works to build a strong and sustainable network of nonprofits throughout the region. Eligible organizations must submit a summary proposal through the online portal by creating an account with the Foundation. If your organization is chosen by the Foundation, you will receive an invitation to submit a full proposal.

Home Office Grant

Carmax Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: October 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The CarMax Foundation's mission is to invest in the communities that they do business in. The Home Office Giving Program is focused on the greater Richmond, Virginia area. Ideally, this fund extends to 501(c)3 nonprofits serving the city of Richmond or the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, or Henrico. Programs should support educational opportunities for children, youth leadership, or healthy living and demonstrate a demand for this kind of work in the community it is intended to serve. The Foundation will not support individuals, endowments, capital campaigns, fraternal clubs, labor or political parties, discriminatory organizations, loan or debt repayments, or requests for donation vehicles. Eligible organizations must submit a preliminary online proposal by the October deadline. Selected candidates will be notified January of the following year if they should continue to submit a full proposal.

Community Grants

Hampton Roads Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Hampton Roads Community Foundation serves southeastern Virginia by supporting 501(c)3 nonprofits that can demonstrate community impact, equity, collaboration & partnership; and innovation & creativity. Community Grants are set aside for organizations that serve at least one of the following focus areas: cultural vitality; economic stability; educational success; environmental stewardship; vibrant places; and health & wellness. Eligible organizations must serve Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Isle of Wight County, or the Eastern Shore of Virginia. As a rule, the Foundation will not fund individuals, endowments, ongoing operating costs, capital campaigns, religious organizations, political entities, scholarships, debt repayments, travel expenses, national/international organizations, or projects that would normally be government run. Applications can be submitted by creating an account through the HRCF web portal and following instructions.

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WASHINGTON

Foss Foundation Grant

The June & Jillian Foss Foundation

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Deadline: March

Award Amount: \$7,500

The June and Julian Foss Foundation sees family as the central building block of a healthy society, and supports projects and programs directed toward children and young, especially those with a mental illness or physical disability. The Foundation promotes 501(c)3 nonprofits that offer programs to strengthen families, promote equality, recognize the innate value of self and others, enhance capacity for individuals to recognize their own capabilities, and advocate self-sufficient living. The Foundation believes in the active inclusion of diverse perspectives, but will not fund individuals, construction, endowments, capital campaigns, scholarships, or national organizations. Applications are evaluated based on their compatibility with the Foundation's values. Letters of Intent are only accepted through online submission.

Charitable Investments

Bank of the West

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Bank of West supports 501(c)3 organizations in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. To be fully eligible, your organization must be an equal opportunity employer, governed by a board of directors, and able to demonstrate fiscal and administrative stability, and must fit within the bank's charitable giving categories. Those categories include: educational and job training; and community and economic development. Funding will be denied to individuals, fraternal or alumni associations, political entities, capital campaigns, talent or beauty contests, and recreational trips. A letter of inquiry is required for the first step of the selection process. If selected, the grant-seekers must complete the full application on-line.

Foundation Grant

The Glaser Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$500-\$50,000

The Glaser Foundation has been serving the community of King County in Washington State since 1952, providing services to populations that need it most. The Board of Directors is currently accepting program proposals from 501(c)3 organizations that focus on the following: educational/vocational training; health related issues; services to the elderly; services to children with disabilities; services to children from disadvantage backgrounds; services to at-risk youth. If your organization meets the eligibility criteria, application forms can be downloaded from the website and e-mailed to the directly to the foundation. All applications must be approved by the Board directly, so it may take up to 9 months to hear back.

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WEST VIRGINIA

1st and 10 Foundation Grant 1st and 10 Foundation Grant

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Deadline: Annually

Award Amount: \$1,500-\$15,000

The 1st and 10 Foundation is committed to building stronger communities and advocating 501(c)3 nonprofits that share that mission. Applications are evaluated on the following criteria: compliance with foundation principles; meeting the needs of the community; measurability of progress, goals, and outcomes; and sustainability beyond the grant period. The Foundation will not support churches, schools, fundraising events, projects for the benefit of individuals, building/renovating expenses, travel payments, or groups outside of Southern West Virginia and East Tennessee. Requests are limited to one per organization, and after three years, organizations will be asked to fund projects on their own for one year before resuming funding again. Organizations that are awarded grants will be asked to complete a post-grant evaluation to be completed by the middle of July.

Toyota Grant

Toyota USA Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May & December

Award Amount: Varies

The Toyota USA Foundations funds organizations in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia. Toyota prefers to fund organizations within the state they serve in the areas of environment, education and youth, and safety and diversity. Special preference is given to organizations with an educational focus that shows sustainability. Requests should benefit a large number of people, exhibit clear and measurable outcomes and goals, and target youth within any of the funding areas. Deadlines vary by state and grant seekers are encouraged to apply to the Toyota that most closely serves their area.

Education

The Ross Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: April and October

Award Amount: Varies

The Ross Foundation strongly believes in the value of education, investing in programs and initiatives throughout Wood, Ritchie, Doddridge, Pleasants, and Jackson County, West Virginia. Priority is given to 501(c)3 organizations whose work focuses on arts education, after school programming, day care services, education clubs, mentorship programming, reading and STEM initiatives. The Foundation will not fund programs specific to a single school, unless the program demonstrates an intent to replicate its outcome across a larger educational platform. Applications are submitted online through the Ross Foundation's website. All grants spanning beyond one year will be subject to annual review and funding maxes out at three years.

Highmark Foundation Grant

Highmark Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: Varies

The Highmark Foundation supports 501(c)3 nonprofits that work in West Virginia with a focus in the following areas: chronic disease; healthy communities; family health; and service delivery systems. The Foundation prefers to fund evidence-based programs that impact multiple counties with replicable long-term models that attract collaborate funding by community leaders. The Foundation will fund demonstrations, pilot projects, model programs, and expansions as well as established initiatives. Grant proposals can be submitted online but must include an organization history and mission, a statement about the problem being addressed, a project description, a community context report, a statement of measurable success, requested funding, and IRS letter of designation.

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Alliant Energy Foundation Grants

Alliant Energy Foundation

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Deadline: May 1st

Award Amount: \$500-\$5,000

The Alliant Energy Foundation assists 501(c)3 nonprofits who serve three focus areas: helping families; education; and the environment. Education grants are awarded to programs with a focus in STEM, general education, agricultural education, youth development, college readiness, and workforce development. Strong grant proposals must meet identified community needs with measurable impact, demonstrate strong financial integrity, present innovative solutions, promote sustainability, and exhibit community partnerships and funding support from a variety of sources. Applications are accepted exclusively through the Alliant Energy eGrant portal. Short eligibility quizzes must be completed before candidates can access the full application.

Community Grant

Green Bay Packers Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: June 1st

Award Amount: \$3,000-\$10,000

The Green Bay Packers Foundation feels a special kinship with the state of Wisconsin. That's why they fund yearly initiatives based on rotating areas of focus. The deadline for 2017 has already come and gone, but the Foundation is welcoming applications for 2018 in the areas of athletics, education, arts, and culture. Qualifying 501(c)3 organizations are encouraged to submit applications online. Submissions must include a project description, complete budget, program goals, anticipated community impact, an IRS letter of determination, and a full list of the Board of Directors and outside funders. The Foundation Board of Trustees meets in November to go over submissions and grantees will be notified shortly thereafter.

Harley Davidson Foundation Grant

Harley Davidson Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March, June, September, December

Award Amount: Varies

The Harley Davidson Foundation works with 501(c)3 nonprofits that support education programs within the Wisconsin public school system. Areas of focus include education, health, and the environment. Grants will be awarded in accordance to the proposal's relevance to the Foundation's areas of interest, the clarity in stating the expected outcomes, the strategy for achieving said outcomes, and the extent to which the strategy involved a collaborative approach to problem-solving or issues affecting the targeted groups or organizations. The foundation will not fund individuals, political causes, endowments, athletic teams, religious organizations, conferences, or capital campaigns. All applications must be submitted online.

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Laura Jane Musser Hawaii Grant

Laura Jane Musser Fund

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Deadline: November

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Laura Jane Musser Foundation fosters government and 501(c)3 status organizations in the states of Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Wyoming. Priority funding is awarded to following areas: rural initiative; environmental; intercultural harmony; and the arts. Applications should highlight cooperation within communities with short term positive change in 12-18 months. Communities applying for the rural initiative grant must have a population of less than 10,000 to be considered. Proposals should include a narrative, personnel list, budget, letters of support and IRS or Government determination letter.

Martin Family Foundation Grant

Martin Family Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Spring & Fall

Award Amount: Varies

The Martin Family Foundation is a Christian organization that espouses 501 (c)3 nonprofits that fit their mission to foster family value and develop assets within communities. Extra priority is awarded to organizations that excel in the following categories: faith-based education; sanctity of human life; evangelization and discipleship; and service to the poor and at-risk. Before submitting a full grant proposal, organizations will need to send a Letter of Inquiry. Upon review of LOI's, the Foundation will determine which organizations fit within the framework of their mission and ideal and invite full proposals.

Rocky Mountain Power Grant

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: March 15

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$5,000

As the philanthropic arm of Rocky Mountain Power, the Foundation of the same name serves the growth and vitality of communities in Utah, Wyoming, and Southeastern Idaho. The Foundation limits its grants to charitable organizations with 501(c)3 tax exemption status, but eligibility is further restricted to programs related to: educational and research institutions; cultural enrichment; youth organizations; and health and human services. Funds are not allotted to individuals, political entities, religious groups, discriminatory organizations, endowments, capital campaigns, advertising fees, or debts incurred by operating costs. Applications can be found on the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation's website, but should not be submitted online. Upon completion, applicants must print and mail the form along with a complete proposal. This document should include a letter of request, a project summary, a complete budget, and an IRS determination letter.

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GRANT WRITING RESOURCES

GuideStar Blog

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The Guidestar Blog provides helpful insight from readers and success in grant writing. Additional resources such as for-profit classes and books are included to help in preparing a successful grant proposal.

Foundation Center

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Gain knowledge and search for available grant resources for qualified non-profit organizations.

Purdue OWL

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Purdue's Online Writing Lab provides valuable grant writing resources. This includes assistance in making a proposal, clarity in the proposal and planning a successful proposal.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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Additional grant writing resources and assistance from professional grant writers. Includes common mistakes and how to write a winning proposal.

Upworks

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Hire qualified freelance grant writers based on an organization's specific needs. Grant writer experience and fees vary.

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