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Information on available state, federal and private grants

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On the State Level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now pre-qualify on the NYS Grants Reform Website at grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees to apply for certain New York State grant solicitations. Potential not-for-profit applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process of registering and pre-qualifying immediately, as this is a lengthy process.

NYS Education Department, Stronger Connections Grant Program (SCG)

SCG subgrants will support high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) to help establish safer and healthier learning environments, and to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence and hate that impact school communities.

A “high-need LEA” in New York State for the purposes of the SCG program will be identified based on two criteria:

1. A minimum of 40% of students in the LEA is eligible for free meals based on direct certification through: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid by means of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), or through district submission of such data for students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch; and
2. A minimum of 10% of the student population is chronically absent.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities

■ **Deadline:** September 15, 2023, 5 PM ET

■ **Total Available Funding:** \$69.3 million

■ **Contact:** Erica Meaker

■ **Contact Email:** SCGRFP@nysed.gov

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

1) <https://www.p12.nysed.gov/funding/gc-23-020-stronger-connections-grant-program/home.html>

2) <https://www.p12.nysed.gov/funding/gc-23-020-stronger-connections-grant-program/nysed-gc-23-020-stronger-connections-grant.pdf>



NYS Office of Children and Families (OCFS), Workforce Retention Grants

The Workforce Retention Grant Program supports the early childhood education and childcare workforce by providing funds for staff retention bonuses and recruitment activities.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities, for-profit entities, tribal organizations
- **Deadline:** September 15, 2023, 11:45 PM ET
- **Total Funding Available:** \$500 million
- **Contact Email:** RFP@ocfs.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/grants/workforce-grant/>

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Local Emergency Food Relief Equipment Funding

DEC is providing funding to local emergency food relief organizations to purchase needed equipment.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities
- **Deadline:** October 4, 2023, 3:00 PM ET
- **Total Funding Available:** \$500,000
- **Anticipated Amount of Awards:** \$500 - \$100,000
- **Contact:** Molly Trembley
- **Contact Email:** molly.trembley@dec.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSSGG/filenetdocretrieval.aspx?docid={329cde57-9594-4c0b-a371-63c68e48fbb6}

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Service Program (MHOTRS), School-Based Mental Health Services for Children/Youth

OMH is providing one-time start-up funding of up to \$45,000 to create new school-based mental health clinic satellites. This funding will help treat children/youth in the school environment, support equitable and timely access to resources, promote coordinated care and help to minimize stigma.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities, for-profit entities, governmental entities
- **Deadline:** October 5, 2023, 1:00 PM ET
- **Total Funding Available:** \$8.3 million
- **Number of Awards:** 184-332, depending on award amounts
- **Anticipated Award Amount:** Up to \$45,000 per award
- **Contact:** Carol Swiderski
- **Contact Email:** carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - 1) <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2023/mhoters/index.html>
 - 2) https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2023/mhoters/sbmhc_rfa_final.pdf

NYS Department of Transportation (DOT), Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program

This program provides funding for capital projects to enhance the state's rail and port infrastructure and improve the safety and efficiency of the state's intercity passenger and freight transportation services to increase economic competitiveness.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities, for-profit entities, governmental entities
- **Deadline:** October 6, 2023, 11:45 PM ET
- **Total Funding Available:** \$121.6 million
- **Anticipated Amount of Awards:** Varies; up to \$10 million
- **Contact:** Mary Marsh
- **Contact Email:** rail@dot.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.dot.ny.gov/railgrants>

On the Federal Level...

National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Documenting Endangered Languages Grants

This funding will develop and advance knowledge concerning dynamic language infrastructure in the context of endangered human languages — languages that are both understudied and at risk of falling out of use.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Non-profit, non-academic organizations: independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies and similar organizations located in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activities; two- and four-year institutions of higher education (IHEs), including community colleges, accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members.
- **Deadline:** September 15, 2023
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$4.8 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 25
- **Contact Email:** grantsgovsupport@nsf.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - 1) http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf22615
 - 2) <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2022/nsf22615/nsf22615.htm>

Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), National Leadership Grants for Libraries

These grants support projects that address critical needs of the library and archives fields to advance practice in these professions and to strengthen library and archival services for the American public. The goals for this program are to generate projects that:

- Build the workforce and institutional capacity for managing the national information infrastructure and

...serving the information and education needs of the public

- Build the capacity of libraries and archives to lead and contribute to efforts that improve community well-being and strengthen civic engagement
- Improve the ability of libraries and archives to provide broad access to and use of information and collections with emphasis on collaboration to avoid duplication and maximize reach
- Strengthen the ability of libraries to provide services to affected communities in the event of an emergency or disaster
- Strengthen the ability of libraries, archives and museums to work collaboratively for the benefit of the communities they serve

■ **Eligible Applicants:** See the Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligibility criteria for this program.

■ **Deadline:** September 20, 2023

■ **Total Award Funding:** \$11.5 million

■ **Anticipated Number of Awards:** 39

■ **Contact Email:** imls-librarygrants@imls.gov

■ **Links to Additional Information:** <https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/2023-07/fy24-ols-nlgl-nofo.pdf>

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Solar for All Grants

Solar for All grantees will provide subsidies and other financial assistance to residential rooftop and residential-serving community solar projects benefiting low-income and disadvantaged communities; in addition to project-deployment technical assistance, such as workforce development, community outreach and other project-deployment support (e.g., interconnection technical assistance, siting and permitting support) to help overcome barriers to solar deployment.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** See section III of the funding opportunity announcement for eligibility information.

■ **Deadline:** September 26, 2023, 11:59 PM ET

■ **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$7 billion

■ **Award Ceiling:** \$400 million

■ **Award Floor:** \$25 million

■ **Expected Number of Awards:** 60

■ **Contact Email:** ggrf@epa.gov

■ **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppld=348957#relatedDocumentsTab>

US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Continuum of Care (COC) Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants (YHDP)

These grants support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. The population to be served by the program is youth ages 24 and younger experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. Strategic goals and several objectives undergird the plan, including:

1. Support Underserved Communities

Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

2. Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing

Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

3. Promote Homeownership

Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements and wealth-building in underserved communities.

4. Advance Sustainable Communities

Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** County governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; special district governments; state governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); city or township governments; others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

■ **Deadline:** September 28, 2023, 8 PM ET

■ **Estimated Total Funding:** \$3.13 billion

■ **Award Ceiling:** \$15 million

■ **Award Floor:** \$2,500

■ **Expected Number of Awards:** 8,000

■ **Contact:** Robert Waters

■ **Contact Email:** CoCNOFO@hud.gov

■ **Link to Additional Information:** https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy23_coc

US Dept. of Transportation (DOT), Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Pilot (RCN)

The RCN Program supports reconnection of communities divided by transportation infrastructure – with a priority on helping disadvantaged communities improve access to daily needs (jobs, schools, healthcare, grocery stores and recreation). Funds will support planning and capital construction activities that aim to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation or replacement of highways, roadways or other infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access or economic development.

■ **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); county governments; state governments; city or township governments; others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

■ **Deadline:** September 28, 2023, 11:59 PM ET

■ **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$198 million





- **Award Ceiling:** \$100 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 50
- **Contact:** Andrew Emanuele
- **Contact Email:** reconnectingcommunities@dot.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - 1) <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rcnprogram>
 - 2) https://usq.valideval.com/teams/rcn_planning/signup

National Science Foundation (NSF), Racial Equity in STEM

These grants fund projects that will: (1) substantively contribute to institutionalizing effective research-based practices, policies and outcomes in STEM environments for those who experience inequities caused by systemic racism and the broader community; (2) advance scholarship and promote racial equity in STEM in ways that expand the array of epistemologies, perspectives, ideas, theoretical and methodological approaches that NSF funds; and (3) further diversify project leadership and institutions.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Unrestricted (Subject to any clarification in text field of grant entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility")
- **Deadline:** October 10, 2023, 5 PM ET
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$25 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$5 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 35
- **Contact Email:** EDURacialEquity@nsf.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - 1) <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2022/nsf22634/nsf22634.htm>
 - 2) https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf22634

US Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Historic Preservation Fund- African American Civil Rights (AACR)- History Grants

AACR grants will help document, interpret and preserve sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens.

- **Eligible Applicants:** State governments, local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian organizations as defined by 54 USC 300300
- **Deadline:** October 10, 2023, 11:59 PM ET
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$24 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$75,000
- **Award Floor:** \$15,000
- **Contact Email:** STLPG@nps.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:** <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm>

On the Private Level...

NY Foundation, Special Project Fund Grants

The New York Health Foundation (NYHealth) has a broad mission to improve the health of all New Yorkers, especially people of color and others who have been historically marginalized. The foundation concentrates most of its grantmaking in three strategic priority areas: primary care; healthy food, healthy lives; and veterans' health. The Special Projects Fund supports projects that address other important and emerging health care and public health issues that fall outside the three priority areas.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit entities with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation or a for-profit organization with a significant ability to have impact in New York State. See the request for proposals (RFP) for additional eligibility criteria.
- **Deadline:** September 12, 2023, 1 PM ET
- **Award Amount:** Vary (see awards from previous years)
- **Contact Email:** specialprojectsfund@nyhealthfoundation.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - 1) <https://nyhealthfoundation.org/rfp/2024-special-projects-fund/>
 - 2) <https://nyhealthfoundation.org/>

Kelly Brush Foundation, Active Fund

The Active Fund strives to inspire and empower people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives. This fund awards grants for purchasing sports or recreation equipment designed for people with spinal cord injuries that enables an applicant to be active.

- **Deadline:** September 13, 2023, 5PM EDT
- **Average Award Amount:** \$3,500
- **Contact Email:** grants@kellybrushfoundation.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - 1) <https://kellybrushfoundation.org/theactivefund/>
 - 2) <https://kellybrushfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-The-Active-Fund-Guidelines-SMApply-Fall.pdf>

Scholar Awards...

Thurgood Marshall College Fund and Sallie Mae Fund, Completing the Dream Gap Scholarships

These scholarships offer financial assistance to outstanding students attending an accredited post-secondary institution. Two hundred sixty (260) students completing a two-year, four-year or trade/vocational certificate/certification program will be selected to receive a gap scholarship of \$2,500. Students must be in good academic standing, but at risk of not returning to or graduating/completing due to an outstanding financial need, and/or emergency situation that leads to a financial aid crisis.



■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ◆ Be enrolled full-time or part-time at an accredited post-secondary institution or continuous education program
 - Two-year schools
 - Four-year schools
 - Vocational/Technical certificate/certification program
- ◆ Complete their degree or program by the end of the Spring 2024 semester (can be either Fall 2023 or Spring 2024)
- ◆ Have a current cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher
- ◆ Be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551
- ◆ Be a diverse candidate
 - Diverse shall include, but not be limited to: (gender, disability, race, ethnicity, belonging to an underserved community)
- ◆ Demonstrate leadership abilities
- ◆ Demonstrate good moral character in all aspects of life, including personal, professional, educational, in the community and in online presence

■ **Deadline:** Rolling until June 28, 2024, or until funds are exhausted

■ **Amount of Award:** \$2,500

■ **Number of Awards:** 260

■ **Contact:** info@tmcf.org

■ **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarship/tmcf-sallie-mae-fund-completing-the-dream-gap-scholarship/>

The Gates Scholarships (TGS)

These last-dollar scholarships will be awarded to outstanding minority high school seniors from low-income households. Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance (Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and transportation, and may include other personal costs.) that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA), or the methodology used by a scholar's college or university.

■ **Eligible Applicants Must Be:**

- ◆ A high school senior
- ◆ From at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native (proof of tribal enrollment will be required), Asian & Pacific Islander American and/or Hispanic American
- ◆ Pell-eligible
- ◆ A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- ◆ In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

■ **Deadline:** September 15, 2023

■ **Award Amount:** Full cost of attendance not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution.

■ **Contact Link:** <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/contact-us/>

■ **Links to Additional Information:** <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>

Home Depot Path to Pro Scholarships

The Path to Pro program funds scholarships for post-secondary education in either trade schools or accredited two-year schools (technical/vocational school or college)

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ◆ Be a high school senior, high school graduate or have a GED equivalent
- ◆ Plan to enroll, or be enrolled, in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school (technical/vocational school or college) in the United States
- ◆ Not be an employee or dependent of an employee of the The Home Depot. Employees of The Home Depot and their dependents are eligible to apply for a scholarship from The Homer Fund
- ◆ Have a focus on carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing or construction management

■ **Deadline:** September 30, 2023

■ **Number of Awards:** 125

■ **Award Amount:** \$2,000

■ **Links to Additional Information:** <https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation>



Candid offers a variety of free trainings (see below). For more information visit:
<https://learning.candid.org/event-calendar/>

Introduction to Foundation Directory Online:

This class provides learning opportunities designed to develop skills, practices and behaviors that best prepare people working in the social sector for success.

Introduction to Finding Grants:

This class will provide an introduction to finding grants for nonprofits, including what funders are looking for and a hands-on guided online research session.

Introduction to Proposal Writing:

This class provides a standard overview of how to write a proposal for a foundation grant and includes a hands-on personalized session in developing a proposal outline.

Introduction to Project Budgets:

This class will provide step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance of Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.

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