



# GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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## Questions?

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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](http://grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees) in order 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 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Hudson River Estuary Grants for River Education**

Funding is available for projects and plans to enhance education about the estuary along the tidal waters of the Hudson in order to make opportunities to learn about the Hudson River Estuary more accessible for a wide range of people. Projects must implement one of the following: (1) the planning or construction of shoreline facilities for education about the Hudson River Estuary, (2) the purchase of resources to assist in teaching students, families, tourists and residents about the estuary, (3) the purchase, repair or construction of floating classrooms, (4) use of the internet, Web applications for mobile devices and social media or (5) curriculum development or educator professional development directly linked to the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda.

■ **Eligibility:** The applicant must be a not-for-profit, a tribal organization or governmental entity in New York State.

■ **Funding:** \$200,000 with projects ranging from \$10,500 to \$40,000

■ **Deadline:** Aug. 14, 2019

■ **Contact:** Susan Pepe  
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Web: [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html)

### **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Hudson River Estuary Grants for River Access**

Funding is available to support projects and plans to improve access for fishing, swimming, boating and/or wildlife-dependent recreation on tidal waters, providing universal access and storm resiliency. Projects must implement one of the following DEC objectives: (1) to plan, design and construct improvements for new access sites for boating, swimming, fishing, enjoyment of nature or



wildlife-dependent recreation or educational interpretation of the estuary for people of all abilities, (2) to develop, retrofit, repair or make improvements to existing river access sites to become more resilient to erosion, tidal flooding and sea-level rise and/or to improve access for people of all abilities to recreation and education opportunities in and along the estuary, (3) to purchase, construct or repair small human-powered craft used to get the public out on the tidal waters of the estuary, (4) ADA designs, plans, assessments and ADA transition planning for existing access sites along the Hudson River estuary, or (5) to apply for plans or designs, or development of handbooks, that provide regional approaches for improving access to the Hudson River estuary and/or storm resiliency and/or use for people of all abilities.

- **Eligibility:** The applicant must be a not-for-profit, governmental entity or tribal organization in New York State.
- **Funding:** \$200,000 with projects ranging from \$10,500 to \$50,000
- **Deadline:** Aug. 14, 2019
- **Contact:** Susan Pepe  
Email: HREPgrants@dec.ny.gov  
Web: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5091.html

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## On the federal level...

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### Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), YouthBuild

Under this announcement (FOA-ETA-19-04), DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training and employment services to at-risk youth, ages 16-24, while they provide meaningful service work in their communities. In addition to construction skills training, YouthBuild grantees may offer occupational skills training in other in-demand industries.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be private, nonprofit or public agencies.
- **Funding:** \$85 million is available for grants ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million
- **Deadline:** Aug. 6, 2019, at 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
- **Contact:** Stephanie Pena  
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Web: www.doleta.gov/grants/find\_grants.cfm (summary), www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/FOA-ETA-19-04.pdf (full announcement), www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=316733 (application)

### National Science Foundation, Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST)

ITEST is an applied research and development (R&D) program providing direct student learning opportunities in pre-K-12. The learning opportunities are based on innovative use of technology to strengthen knowledge and interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and information and communication technology (ICT) careers. To achieve this purpose, ITEST supports projects that engage students in technology-rich experiences that: (1) increase awareness and interest of STEM and ICT occupations; (2) motivate students to pursue appropriate education pathways to those occupations; and (3) develop STEM-specific disciplinary content knowledge and practices that promote critical thinking, reasoning and communication skills needed for entering the STEM and ICT workforce of the future.

- **Eligibility:** Unrestricted
- **Funding:** \$25-30 million is available for 22-30 awards
- **Deadline:** Aug. 19, 2019
- **Contact:**  
Phone: 703-292-8620  
Email: DRLITEST@nsf.gov  
Web: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19583/nsf19583.htm#cont

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## On the private level...

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### American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Focus Grant

This program is designed to advance innovative, high-risk, potentially high-yield research projects that focus on a specific area of suicide prevention. This year's focus is on opioids and suicide and pain and suicide.

- **Eligibility:** Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply. Applications from the Veterans Administration are eligible, but applications from for-profit organizations and federal or state government agencies will not be accepted.
- **Funding:** \$500,000 per year for up to three years
- **Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2019
- **Contact:** Carl Niedzielski, Research Grants Manager  
Phone: 212-363-3500, ext. 2015  
Email: cniedzielski@afsp.org  
Website: afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information

## The Nature Conservancy, Natural Climate Solutions Accelerator Program

Proposals are sought for grant funding of projects with the potential to substantially increase the use of natural climate solutions through the U.S. Natural Climate Solutions Accelerator Program. Natural solutions may include reforestations, restoring coastal wetlands and practices that prevent the conversion of natural and working lands. This funding is focused on helping to kick-start innovative and transformative approaches to capturing greenhouse gas emissions by using natural and working lands in the United States.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit organizations located in the United States
- **Funding:** \$1.7 million is available for two distinct funding rounds from \$50,000 up to \$250,000 per project
- **Deadline:** Aug. 16, 2019
- **Contact:** Eriks Brolis,  
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Email: [NCSAccelerator@TNC.org](mailto:NCSAccelerator@TNC.org)  
Website: [www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/tackle-climate-change/climate-change-stories/natural-climate-solutions-accelerator-grant](http://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/tackle-climate-change/climate-change-stories/natural-climate-solutions-accelerator-grant)

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## Scholars awards...

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### Rheumatology Research Foundation, Medical and Graduate Student Preceptorship Program

The purpose of this program is to introduce medical and graduate students to rheumatology-related health care by supporting a full-time clinical or research experience in the broad area of rheumatic disease. Applicants may request clinical or research positions.

- **Eligibility:** Students enrolled in LCME or AOA COCA accredited medical schools, undergraduate students who have been accepted into medical school, students enrolled in an accredited graduate school or undergraduate students who have been accepted into graduate schools are eligible to apply. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or noncitizen national or in lawful possession of a permanent resident card.
- **Funding:** \$4,000 will be awarded for an eight-week research or clinical preceptorship and \$2,000 for a four-week preceptorship to be completed within 12 months of the award start date
- **Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2019

#### ■ **Contact:**

Phone: 404-365-1373  
Email: [Foundation@rheumatology.org](mailto:Foundation@rheumatology.org)  
Website: [www.rheumresearch.org/preceptorships](http://www.rheumresearch.org/preceptorships)

### NYS Higher Education Services Corporation, Excelsior Scholarship Program

The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other financial aid programs, allows eligible students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term; be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen; have either graduated from high school in the U.S., earned a high school equivalency diploma or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test; have combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less; be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University; be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program; if attended college prior to the 2019-20 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively); be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award; be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by a NYS award that you have previously received; and execute a contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS.
- **Funding:** A recipient of an Excelsior Scholarship may receive up to \$5,500. To determine the award amount, the resident tuition rate charged by SUNY or CUNY will be reduced by the amount of certain other student financial aid awards that an applicant has or will receive for the academic year, including a NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award and/or federal Pell grant. The Excelsior Scholarship will cover any remaining tuition liability up to \$5,500 and a tuition credit will cover any remaining tuition expenses not covered by the Excelsior Scholarship.
- **Deadline:** Aug. 15, 2019
- **Contact:**  
Phone: 888-697-4372  
Email: [scholarships@hesc.ny.gov](mailto:scholarships@hesc.ny.gov)  
Website: [www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html)





# Grant writing

## The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center offers a variety of free trainings in its center in New York City and online, including the following:

### Introduction to Fundraising Resources & Databases:

Discover the resources offered at Foundation Center New York, both in-person and online. Learn about the New Foundation Directory Online, the most comprehensive prospect research tool with over 140,000+ grantmaker profiles, and receive a preview of Foundation Maps and Grants to Individuals Online. It's advisable to allow for time after the class to use the library at your own pace.

### Introduction to Finding Grants:

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

**In addition:** Classes are held at the Foundation Center, located at:  
32 Old Slip, 24th Floor  
New York, NY 10005

**For a schedule of classes,** additional training opportunities or for more information, call 212-620-4230 or visit [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org).

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