



GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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On the State Level

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Urban & Community Forestry (UCF) Funding

This program focuses on the care of public trees and supporting communities as they build and maintain their own urban and community forestry programs. Public trees are green infrastructure—a vital part of cities, towns and villages that use nature to provide services to community members. Trees are an investment that need care to provide the maximum benefits over time. Of the \$10 million dollars available for this round of grants, \$3 million is set aside for communities with populations of 65,000 or less.

- **Deadline:** August 12, 2026, 2 PM
- **Eligible Entities:** Municipalities; not-for-profit organizations; Indian Nations and Tribes; state agencies (only for inventory of forested natural areas)
- **Eligible Projects:**
 - ◆ traditional street and landscaped park tree inventory and assessment
 - ◆ street tree and landscaped park tree inventory and assessment using ground-based remote sensing technologies
 - ◆ forested natural areas inventory and assessment
 - ◆ management plans based on inventory and assessment data
- **Total Funding Available:** \$10 million
- **Maximum Award:** \$2.5 million
- **Minimum Award:** \$50,000
- **Email:** UrbanAgriculture@agriculture.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/urban-and-community-forestry>
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/ucf2026rfa.pdf>

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Research Grants

This funding is dedicated to innovative, novel and well-integrated research studies that address several prioritized research topics and other research areas identified in the HABs Research Guide and key to the HAB Roadmap and statewide strategy to reduce HABs and their impacts to public health and the environment.

- **Deadline:** September 15, 2026, 3 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, not-for-profit organizations, tribal organizations
- **Total Funding Available:** \$2.5 million
- **Contact:** Brian Duffey
- **Email:** HABResearchGrant@dec.ny.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/harmful-algal-blooms>



- ◆ <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/harmful-algal-blooms/harmful-algal-bloom-hab-research-grant-program>
- ◆ https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2026-05/habs_rfa_guidelinesandbidinstructions.pdf

On the Federal Level

US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Meat & Poultry Processing Expansion Funding

This funding is available to very small processors, small processors and to intermediate processors to maximize the value and utilization of their existing capacity, with a focus on promoting local supply chains.

Funding will be divided equally into two separate competitions: one for very small processors and small processors and one for intermediate processors. Each competition will have its own ranking and award process. Cost share is required. Applicants will be required to identify sources and amounts that will make up the required cost share in the application and will need to verify cost share funding prior to final award approval. Two types of applications for each of the funding competitions will be accepted:

- ◆ Processing Expansion Projects: Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$2 million to support a range of activities to increase and diversify processing capacity of American meat and poultry, including equipment-only purchases over \$250,000, and necessary improvements, upgrades, renovations or retrofits to an existing facility needed to install the equipment. A match requirement of 50 percent of the project cost is required
 - ◆ Simplified Equipment-Only Projects: Awards will range from \$10,000 to \$250,000 for projects that only request the cost of equipment and do not include renovation, labor, installation, or certification costs. A match requirement of 25 percent of the project cost is required
- **Deadline:** August 7, 2026
 - **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; for profit organizations other than small businesses; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; small businesses; producer owned cooperatives; tribal entities
 - **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$60 million
 - **Maximum Award:** \$2 million
 - **Minimum Award:** \$10,000
 - **Email:** mppep@usda.gov
 - **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/8929785a-4c30-4580-a04d-d6e9bff263da>
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362298>
 - ◆ <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/meat-and-poultry-processing-expansion-program-phase-4>

US National Science Foundation (NSF), Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE): Future Computing Research Funding

The NSF CISE Directorate supports research and education projects that develop new knowledge in all aspects of computing, communications and information science and engineering through the following Future Computing Research (Future CoRe) programs:

- ◆ Algorithmic Foundations (AF)
- ◆ Communications and Information Foundations (CIF)



- ◆ Computer Systems Research (CSR)
- ◆ Computing Education Research (CER)
- ◆ Cyber-Physical System Foundations and Connected Communities (CPS)
- ◆ Foundations of Emerging Technologies (FET)
- ◆ Human-Centered Computing (HCC)
- ◆ Information Integration and Informatics (III)
- ◆ Networking Technology and Systems (NeTS)
- ◆ Robust Intelligence (RI)

Future CoRe anticipates a portfolio of awards with a range of budgets and durations, including projects of smaller scope. Project durations and budgets must be commensurate with the scope of the proposed work up to the maximum limit of \$1,000,000 with a duration up to 4 years.

■ **Deadline:** September 10, 2026

■ **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; institutions of higher education (IHEs): two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Special instructions for international branch campuses of US IHEs: if the proposal includes funding to be provided to an international branch campus of a US institution of higher education (including through use of sub-awards and consultant arrangements), the proposer must explain the benefit(s) to the project of performance at the international branch campus and justify why the project activities cannot be performed at the US campus; Tribal Nations: an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the secretary of the interior acknowledges as a federally recognized tribe pursuant to the federally recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. §§ 5130-5131.

■ **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$280 million

■ **Maximum Award:** \$12 million

■ **Minimum Award:** \$600,000

■ **Email:** cise-af@nsf.gov

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

- ◆ <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/b543ecd2-b3cb-4280-b709-a4fb2ea82889>
- ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360149>
- ◆ <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/future-core-computer-information-science-engineering-future-computing/nsf25-543/solicitation>

US Dept. of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Partners for Fish & Wildlife (PFW)

This funding helps private landowners restore and protect habitats for fish and wildlife. It offers both technical assistance and financial support, mainly through cooperative agreements.

■ **Deadline:** September 30, 2026, 11:59 PM

■ **Eligible Applicants:** Small businesses; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; county governments; for profit organizations other than small businesses; unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled “Additional Information on Eligibility”; special district governments; private



institutions of higher education; public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; independent school districts; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); state governments; individuals; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); city or township governments

- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$15 million
- **Maximum Award:** \$750,000
- **Contact:** Andreas Moshogianis
- **Email:** andreas_moshogianis@fws.gov
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/213b091b-76cd-4987-ad5f-beeaf8939fc7>
 - ◆ <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361814>
 - ◆ https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/213b091b-76cd-4987-ad5f-beeaf8939fc7/attachments/62b6f3f8-2a2b-428f-b828-804eb795d780/4.10.26_Foa_Content_of_F26AS00068.pdf

On the Private Level

Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, Visual Arts Education & Cultural Resilience Grants

These grants support public engagement with the visual arts through philanthropic, educational, curatorial and research initiatives. Visual arts & education grants provide project-based support for exhibitions, publications, public programs and academic initiatives that advance the presentation, study and interpretation of the visual arts. Cultural resilience grants provide unrestricted support to sustain institutional capacity and core programming across the visual arts field.

- **Deadline:** September 11, 2026, 11:59 PM
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
 - ◆ be a U.S.-based nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, or qualifying public institution or entity working through an established fiscal sponsor
 - ◆ demonstrate that the visual arts are a primary focus of its mission and activities, with sustained engagement through exhibitions, collections, public programming, scholarship, education, or artist-centered institutional initiatives
- **Award Amounts:** \$25,000 - \$50,000
- **Email:** grants@frankenthalerfoundation.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.frankenthalerfoundation.org/>
 - ◆ <https://www.frankenthalerfoundation.org/grants>
 - ◆ https://www.frankenthalerfoundation.org/images/HFF_2026_Grantmaking_Guidelines.pdf

Park Foundation, Environment Program Grants

Clean drinking water resources and a stable climate are fundamental to human and ecosystem health and well-being. For everyone to thrive, people and the communities in which they live need agency through democratic governance, data and information to inform decision-making, protective laws and regulations and tools for long-term resiliency.



These grants support efforts on a national scale or in New York State that promote:

- ◆ strong and enforced water policies
- ◆ increased investment in and commitment to publicly owned and operated water infrastructure
- ◆ empowerment of communities and individuals to exercise their rights to protect drinking water resources
- **Deadline:** September 22, 2026
- **Eligible Applicants:** must be recognized as a 501(c) 3 or 509 (a) 2 under IRS guidelines. The foundation recommends that organizations that are new to the foundation submit a letter of inquiry before submitting a full proposal
- **Award Amounts:** Vary
- **Email:** info@parkfoundation.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.parkfoundation.org/>
 - ◆ <https://www.parkfoundation.org/grants/how-to-apply/>
 - ◆ <https://www.parkfoundation.org/funding-priorities/environment/>

J.W. Couch Foundation, Supporting Initiatives for the Environment, Historical Preservation, Wellness and Education

These grants support efforts to protect the environment, further conservation and preservation initiatives and save historical architecture that preserves community heritage. These grants also support initiatives that promote wellness and mental health and organizations seeking to provide and further education for all communities.

- **Deadline:** September 25, 2026
- **Eligible Applicants:** Non-profit organizations located in the United States
- **Award Amounts:** Vary
- **Email:** info@couchfoundation.org
- **Link to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://jwcouchfoundation.org/about>
 - ◆ <https://jwcouchfoundation.org/contact>

Bob Woodruff Foundation, Grants for Programs that Serve the Military & Veteran Community

Funding is provided for programs that serve the military and veteran community. The focus is on programs that improve the health and well-being of service members, veterans, their families and caregivers, and that:

- ◆ improve social determinants of health
- ◆ decrease barriers to physical and mental healthcare
- ◆ increase access to programming that fosters a healthy lifestyle
- ◆ enhance opportunities for veterans to thrive after service
- **Deadline:** Rolling
- **Eligible Applicants Must:**
 - ◆ provide direct services to the military and veteran population



- ◆ be administered through a non-profit organization
 - ◆ demonstrate financial responsibility and sustainability, including a minimum of 70% program spend and have filed an IRS Form 990EZ or 990 for the past two fiscal years
 - ◆ provide an audited financial statement or a certified financial statement (to include a balance sheet and an income statement)
 - ◆ have two years' worth of gross receipts greater than \$50,000
- **Award Amounts:** Vary
 - **Email:** grants@bobwoodrufffoundation.org
 - **Link to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://bobwoodrufffoundation.org/>
 - ◆ <https://bobwoodrufffoundation.org/our-partners/veteran-serving-organizations/grants-for-organizations/grant-application-criteria/>

Scholar Awards

Marshall Graduate Scholarships

These scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to fifty scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study.

- **Deadline:** September 29, 2026, 5 PM
- **Eligible Applicants:** United States citizens who (at the time they take up their scholarship) hold a first degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States with a minimum GPA of 3.7. To qualify for awards tenable from October 2027, candidates must have graduated from their undergraduate college or university after April 2024
- **Scholarship Value:** University fees, cost of living expenses, annual book grant, thesis grant, research and daily travel grants, fares to and from the United States and, where applicable, a contribution towards the support of a dependent spouse
- **Number of Awards:** 50
- **Email:** apps@marshallscholarship.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.marshallscholarship.org/about/>
 - ◆ <https://www.marshallscholarship.org/apply/eligibility/>
 - ◆ <https://www.marshallscholarship.org/apply/>

Coca-Cola Scholars Program, Scholarships

These achievement-based scholarships are awarded to students in their final year of high school. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

- **Deadline:** September 30, 2026
- **Eligible Applicants Must Be:**
 - ◆ an enrolled high school/home schooled student attending school in one of the 50 U.S. states, the District of



Columbia, Puerto Rico, or select DoD schools who will graduate in the 2026-2027 school year

- ◆ a U.S. citizen, U.S. National, U.S. permanent resident, refugee, asylee, Cuban-Haitian entrant, or humanitarian parolee – based on guidelines utilized by the U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility
 - ◆ expecting to receive a high school diploma during the current academic year
 - ◆ planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution
 - ◆ able to verify a minimum overall B/3.0 GPA in high school coursework
- **Scholarship Value:** \$20,000
 - **Number of Awards:** 150
 - **Email:** scholars@coca-cola.com
 - **Link to Additional Information:**
 - ◆ <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>
 - ◆ <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/#FAQs>

Links to State and Federal Grants

NYS Grants Management

- ◆ <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/>
- ◆ <https://simpler.grants.gov/>

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- **Introduction to Proposal Writing**
- **Introduction to Project Budgets**
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