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Grant Newsletter – June 2024

Thank you for signing up for our monthly grants newsletter!

Successful Funding Highlight

Recipient: Clyde S. Walton, Inc. (Lansdale, PA)

Project: Biodiesel Storage Tank & Loading Equipment Installation

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Summary: Funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) provides grants to business owners to increase the availability of domestic biofuels and to give Americans cleaner, more affordable fuel options. As part of a recent \$43 million HBIIP grants announcement, Clyde S. Walton, Inc., in Lansdale, PA, will receive a grant of more than \$810,000 to install a 30,000-gallon biodiesel storage tank and loading equipment at its home heating oil distribution facility. This project is expected to increase the amount of biodiesel sold by more than 5 million gallons per year.

Upcoming Webinar and In Case You Missed It

Upcoming Webinar

On **Thursday, June 20th, 2024, at 9:30 AM** our office is hosting a "Programs and Services" webinar with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Topics covered will include:

- Access to Capital: Loans & Financing
- Technical Assistance & Management
- Intro to Government Contracting
- Disaster Assistance

This webinar is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about these topics! If you'd like to join us, [please register here](#).

In Case You Missed It

Earlier this year, our office hosted two webinars to discuss various federal funding opportunities and best practices. Please find the recordings below:

- [Federal Grants 101](#) - in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services
- [Inflation Reduction Act Information Session](#) - with the Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania

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Small Business Administration

[Veterans Business Outreach Center Program](#)

Agency: [SBA](#) > [Office of Veterans Business Development](#)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to invite proposals for funding from eligible non-profit organizations, local and state government agencies, private sector firms, and institutions of higher education to provide quality training and counseling to veteran small business owners and entrepreneurs. A key component of this program is for applicants to provide training to transitioning military personnel and spouses through the Boots to Business (B2B) Training Program, and to veterans and military spouses through the Reboot and Military Spouse Pathway to Business Training Programs.

Additionally, applicants will provide counseling, training, technical and financial skill development, comprehensive business assessments, and mentoring services to veteran, active duty, Reserve, National Guard, military spouse and family member entrepreneurs, and small business owners interested in starting, expanding and diversifying small businesses.

Closing Date: July 19, 2024 (11:50 PM EST)

[Women's Business Center Application Readiness and Procurement Assistance](#)

Agency: [SBA](#) > [Office of Women's Business Ownership](#)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide grant funding for organizations to establish Women’s Business Centers (WBCs) to assist women entrepreneurs with application readiness for certification in the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) and Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Programs, procurement assistance, and entrepreneurial development. Eligible Applicants must be private, non-profit organizations with 501(c) tax exempt status from the U.S. Treasury’s Internal Revenue Service.

This grant program provides opportunities for three distinct WBC projects:

- **WBC Project 1** will focus on training, coaching, and technical assistance related to eligibility and certification for the WOSB and EDWOSB Programs.
- **WBC Project 2** will focus on providing targeted training for women entrepreneurs to ensure Federal contract procurement readiness.
- **WBC Project 3** is an opportunity for Applicants to design individual projects related to the growth and entrepreneurial development of women in the Federal government marketplace.

Applicants may submit proposals for one or more WBC projects.

Closing Date: August 7, 2024



U.S. Department of Agriculture

[Conservation Innovation Grants State Program](#)

Agency: [Agriculture](#) > [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

Description: The Natural Resources Conservation Service is announcing the availability of Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) State Program funding to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies for projects carried out in the state of Pennsylvania. All non-foreign, non-federal entities and individuals are invited to apply, with the sole exception of federal agencies. Projects may be between one and three years in duration. The maximum award amount for a single award in FY 2024 is \$75,000.

Closing Date: July 31, 2024

[Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Competitive Grants Program](#)

Agency: [Agriculture](#) > [National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#)

Description: The Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Program provides grants to non-profits to increase the number of military veterans gaining knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on and immersive model farm and ranch programs offered regionally that lead to successful careers in the food and agricultural sector. The program encourages the development of training opportunities specifically designed for military veterans. AgVets projects will offer onsite, hands-on training and classroom education leading to a comprehensive understanding of successful farm and ranch operations and management practices. Projects may also offer workforce readiness and employment prospects for service-disabled veterans. Ensuring there are pathways for military veterans interested in pursuing careers in agriculture — regardless of age or production choice — strengthens agricultural production and rural economies across the United States. NIFA requests applications for the AgVets to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for training programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

Closing Date: July 11, 2024

[Rural Community Development Initiative Grants](#)

Agency: [Agriculture](#) > [Rural Development](#)

Description: Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

RDCI funds may be used to improve housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Closing Date: July 10, 2024

[Composting and Food Waste Reduction \(CFWR\) Pilot Project](#)

Agency: [Agriculture](#) > [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

Description: This program provides financial assistance to municipalities, school districts, counties, local governments, special district governments, tribal governments, or tribal organizations to carry out food waste reduction and composting objectives. While applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that meet more than one of the objectives below (inclusion of multiple objectives will be considered when ranking proposals), the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production will accept proposals that address at least one of the below goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives of this program are:

Food Waste Reduction Objectives

- Reduce municipal food and waste
- Divert residential and commercial food waste from landfills

Composting and Conservation Objectives

- Generate compost
- Increase agricultural producers' access to compost
- Reduce reliance on, and limit the use of, chemical fertilizer
- Improve soil quality
- Encourage waste management and permaculture business development
- Increase rainwater utilization (capture, infiltration, or absorption)

Closing Date: September 4, 2024



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
FOR THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Dialogues on the Experience of War](#)

Agency: [NEH](#) > [Division of Education Programs](#)

Description: The National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Education Programs is accepting applications for the Dialogues on the Experience of War program. This program supports the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war and military service, in the belief that these sources can help U.S. military veterans and others think deeply and in dialogue about the issues that they raise. Dialogues discussion groups may include exclusively veterans (including a subset of veterans such as students or residents of a group facility); nonveteran students or members of the public; military-affiliated persons; or any mix of these groups.

Closing Date: September 17, 2024

[Climate Smart Humanities Organizations](#)

Agency: [NEH](#) > [Office of Challenge Programs](#)

Description: As energy costs rise and natural disasters become more frequent, humanities organizations - such as museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, and colleges and universities - face an enormous task: to anticipate operational, physical, and financial impacts of climate-related events on their institutions, while also reducing their own impact on the environment. Climate Smart Humanities Organizations supports these efforts by offering federal matching funds for comprehensive organizational assessments that lead to strategic climate action and adaptation plans.

Through the Climate Smart program, humanities organizations can undertake activities such as energy audits, risk assessments, and meetings with consultants. The resulting climate smart plan helps establish goals and prioritize actions that reduce the organization's impacts on the environment through mitigation and vulnerability from extreme events through adaptation. Together, mitigation and adaptation can inform a robust road map that addresses climate challenges, protects assets, and facilitates collaboration between internal and external stakeholders. Strategic planning for climate change is an essential part of sustaining humanities organizations' operations and activities—becoming climate smart.

Closing Date: September 18, 2024

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS

National Endowment for the Arts

Local Arts Agencies National Cohort Program

Agency: [NEA](#)

Description: To further strengthen the Local Arts Agencies (LAA) field, the NEA is launching the Local Arts Agencies National Cohort Program (LAANCP). The NEA's primary goals for this program are:

1. To build and strengthen a network of LAAs throughout the country and facilitate a multi-dimensional learning community for LAA leaders to exchange strategies and tools to respond to the field's trends and learn from peers and the field's experts;
2. To offer resources and other assistance to LAAs based on best practices in the field. To these ends, the NEA is currently managing a two-part research study about the LAA field. We expect early study findings to inform the work of the LAANCP initiative.

The NEA seeks a Cooperator to manage this new initiative, providing services such as dedicated coaching, virtual programming, access to on-demand resources, in-person convenings, networking, and peer learning activities.

Closing Date: August 6, 2024



Environmental Protection Agency

Solid Waste Infrastructure Grant Program (Region 3)

Agency: [EPA](#)

Description: This funding opportunity solicits applications designed to increase the ability of EPA Region 3 states (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West

Virginia and the District of Columbia) to manage food scraps more sustainably through composting. In particular, the program seeks to increase capacity for food scraps composting in the region through the upgrade of yard waste composting facilities. The upgraded yard waste composting facilities will be capable of processing waste food which increases the capacity for wasted food composting in the region.

Closing Date: August 30, 2024



U.S. Department of Justice

[Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement](#)

Agency: [Justice](#) > [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\)](#)

Description: The Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement program seeks to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training. Supported training programs must address one or more of the following areas of focus:

1. De-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force
2. Safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis
3. Safe encounters with individuals with disabilities
4. Successfully participating on a crisis intervention team
5. Making referrals to community-based services and support

The COPS Office recognizes that de-escalation and crisis response training must be dynamic and ongoing, and for this reason, training is supported in a variety of formats designed to meet the needs of the law enforcement profession. The FY 24 Safer Outcomes program has three unique, separate solicitations (interested applicants should ensure that they apply under the solicitation that meets their eligibility and intent):

1. **Support for Law Enforcement Agencies:** The goal of this solicitation is to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through

relevant training. Awards under this solicitation will be made to law enforcement agencies seeking to implement training and related supports on this topic. Training is supported for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, and mental health professionals working on crisis intervention teams as employees of a law enforcement agency or under a legal agreement with a law enforcement agency.

2. ***Expansion of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers:*** The goal of this solicitation is to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through the expansion of the COPS Office network of regional de-escalation training centers. These centers provide relevant de-escalation and crisis response training for law enforcement in a multistate region. Awards under this solicitation will be made to training centers administered by institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations with experience providing training to law enforcement at the national or regional level. Training is supported for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, and mental health professionals working on a crisis intervention team as an employee of a law enforcement agency or under a legal agreement with a law enforcement agency.
3. ***Curriculum Integration for Law Enforcement Academies and State-Level Training Commissions:*** The goal of this solicitation is to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through the integration of de-escalation and crisis response training into the curriculum of law enforcement academies and state-level training commissions.

Deadline: July 23, 2024 (for all 3 of the solicitations under the program)

[Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)

Agency: [Justice](#) > [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#)

Description: With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to support state, local, and tribal jurisdictions as they develop or expand their ability to utilize crime gun intelligence by equipping them with the tools and personnel they need.

Grantees receive funding to establish Crime Gun Intelligence Centers, in collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to identify crime guns and their sources, and then prosecute the perpetrators

Closing Date: July 17, 2024 (8:59 PM EST)



U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

[Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#)

Agency: [HUD](#) > [Office of Community Planning and Development](#)

Description: The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is an initiative designed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness. The goal of the YHDP is to support selected communities, including rural, suburban, and urban areas across the United States, in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Additionally, HUD is committed to sharing the experience of YHDP communities and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. A map of all currently awarded YHDP communities can be viewed [here](#).

Closing Date: August 29, 2024



U.S. Department of the Interior

[Historic Preservation Fund - African American Civil Rights](#)

Agency: [Interior](#) > [National Park Service](#)

Description: The African American Civil Rights (AACR) grant program documents, interprets, and preserves sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens. The 2008 NPS report [Civil Rights in America, A](#)

[Framework for Identifying Significant Sites](#) serves as the foundation reference document for the grant program and for grant applicants to use in determining the appropriateness of proposed projects and properties. Non-federal matching share is not required, but preference will be given to applications that show community commitment through non-federal match and partnership collaboration. Grants will fund a broad range of planning, development, and research projects for historic sites including: survey, inventory, documentation, interpretation, education, architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and "bricks and mortar" repair.

Projects are split into two categories: physical "preservation projects" and "history projects." "Preservation" grants are for the repair of historic properties. "History" grants are for more interpretive work, like exhibit design or even historical research.

Closing Date: September 5, 2024

Please read through all eligibility requirements for a grant before completing an application. This is not a comprehensive list of all available funding opportunities, but a selection of recently announced funding opportunities Please visit the [grants.gov website](https://www.grants.gov) to search all available grants.

To learn more about the grant request process and how to best research, prepare and apply, please visit our grants page on our website [here](#).

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