Grant Newsletter - September 2023

Thank you for signing up for our Monthly Newsletter!

Successful Grant Highlight

Recipient: Berman Museum, Ursinus University
Project: Digitization of the Berman's Francoise Gilot collection and archives
Agency and Grant Type: Institute of Museum and Library Services
Amount: $47,160

Save the Dates:

Our Office will be hosting monthly webinars with federal Agencies to go over funding opportunities and best practices:

- September 21 – National Endowment for the Humanities and the Arts Grants
    - Register here
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    - Register here

Please stay tuned for additional info to sign up for these webinars.

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Grant Details

(By Agency)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

[Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)](#)

Agency: USDA

Description: USDA has made funding available to advance partner-driven solutions to conservation on agricultural land. Eligible organizations interested in partnering with NRCS on conservation projects can develop applications for the RCPP competition. The lead partner for an RCPP project is the entity that submits an application, and if selected for an award is ultimately responsible for collaborating with NRCS to successfully complete an RCPP project.

Closing Date: Year Round

More information: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=348189

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[**Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program**](#)

Agency: USDA

Description: The purpose of the HBIIP is to increase significantly the sales and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by expanding the infrastructure for renewable fuels derived from U.S. agricultural products. The program is also intended to encourage a more comprehensive approach to market higher blends by sharing the costs related to building out biofuel-related infrastructure.

Closing Date: September 30th, 2023

Additional Information: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/higher-blends-infrastructure-incentive-program

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[**Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP)**](#)

Agency: USDA

Description: The CFPCGP is intended to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system and to foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food systems. Understanding that low-income individuals experience disproportionate access to healthy foods, projects are to address food and nutrition insecurity, particularly among our nation's most vulnerable populations. Nutrition Security is defined as having consistent access, availability, and affordability of foods and beverages that promote well-being. Communities that are partially or fully located in Opportunity Zones are particularly encouraged to apply.

Close Date: October 30th, 2023

Additional Information: https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/programs/hunger-food-security-programs/community-food-projects-competitive-grant-program-cfpcgp

U.S. Department of Commerce

CHIPS Incentives Program – Commercial Fabrication Facilities

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Description: The CHIPS Incentives Program aims to catalyze long-term economically sustainable growth in the domestic semiconductor industry in support of U.S. economic and national security. This is the first Notice of Funding Opportunity under this program. It seeks applications for projects for the construction, expansion, or modernization of commercial facilities for the front- and back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors.

Closing Date: Pre-applications (which are recommended) will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning on Monday, May 1, 2023 and full applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning on Monday, June 26, 2023

More Info: https://www.nist.gov/chips/guides-and-templates-chips-incentives-program-commercial-fabrication-facilities

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EDA-DISASTER-2023 FY 2023 Disaster Supplemental Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration

Agency: Economic Development Administration

Description: Subject to the availability of funds, awards made under this NOFO will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, and of wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2021 and 2022…."

Deadline: There are no submission deadlines. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Disaster Supplemental NOFO, cancellation of this Disaster Supplemental NOFO or all available funds have been expended.
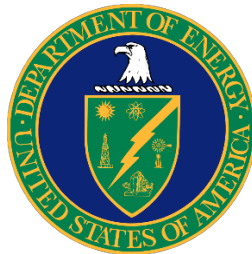
More Info: FY23 Disaster Supplemental

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CHIPS for America Teaming Partner List

CHIPS for America invited entities to join a teaming partner list on CHIPS.gov. This public list will enable entities to share information, foster collaboration, and advance shared goals around the CHIPS Act. Many entities are interested in participating in the CHIPS Act opportunities but may not be eligible to apply on their own. Therefore, the Department of Commerce is making it easier to facilitate potential partnerships and collaborations.

Click here to join the partners listing - https://www.nist.gov/chips/chips-america-teaming-partner-list

Department of Energy

Solar for All Competition

Agency: Department of Energy

Description: This competition will award up to 60 grants to states, territories, Tribal governments, municipalities, and eligible nonprofit recipients to expand the number of low-income and disadvantaged communities primed for distributed solar investment—enabling millions of low-income households to access affordable, resilient, and clean solar energy. Grantees will use funds to expand existing low-income solar programs or design and deploy new Solar for All programs nationwide. EPA will not fund individual projects under this competition.

Closing Date: September 26, 2023

More Info: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=348957

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Limited Competition: Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program (P42 Clinical Trial Optional)

Agency: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Description: The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is announcing the continuation of the Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program, referred to as Superfund Research Program (SRP) Centers. SRP Center grants will support problem-based, solution-oriented research Centers that consist of multiple, integrated projects representing both the biomedical and environmental science and engineering disciplines; as well as cores tasked with administrative (which includes research translation), data management and analysis, community engagement, research experience and training coordination, and research support functions. The scope of the SRP Centers is taken directly from the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, and includes: (1) advanced techniques for the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effect on human health of hazardous substances; (2) methods to assess the risks to human health presented by hazardous substances; (3) methods and technologies to detect hazardous substances in the environment; and (4) basic biological, chemical, and physical methods to reduce the amount and toxicity of hazardous substances.

Closing Date: Oct 02, 2023

More Info: Funding Opportunity Number RFA-ES-23-001

Department of Homeland Security:

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Agency: FEMA

Description: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funds can be used for "capability- and capacity-building" activities (i.e., building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, and planning and planning-related activities), hazard mitigation projects, and project management costs.

Local governments, including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, state agencies and federally recognized tribal governments (who choose to apply as subapplicants) are considered subapplicants. They must submit subapplications to their state, territory or tribal applicant agency. (PEMA)

Closing Date: A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOF) for FY2023 will likely be announced in August. Start now to get ready to apply!

More information - https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities#start

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

Agency: HUD

Description: HUD will provide grants and loans to HUD-assisted properties to improve energy or water efficiency or make the properties more resilient to climate impacts. GRRP provides owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing with capital resources to reduce carbon emissions, make utility efficiency improvements, incorporate renewable
energy sources, and make properties more resilient against the effects of climate hazards. HUD has three paths (cohorts) of funding available to meet the needs of properties at all stages of redevelopment.

Closing Date: Rolling application submission process through May 2024

Additional Information: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Housing/documents/GRRP_Elements_NOFO_FR-6700-N-91B.pdf

National Endowment for the Humanities

Climate Smart Humanities Organizations

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities

Description: Climate Smart Humanities Organizations supports organizations by offering federal matching funds for comprehensive organizational assessments that lead to strategic climate action and adaptation plans.

Through the Climate Smart program, your humanities organization can undertake activities such as energy audits, risk assessments, and meetings with consultants. The resulting climate smart plan helps you establish goals and prioritize actions that reduce your 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 14, 2023

More information: https://www.neh.gov/program/climate-smart-humanities-organizations-0

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Spotlight on Humanities in Higher Education Program

Agency Name: National Endowment for the Humanities

Description: Spotlight on Humanities in Higher Education program supports the exploration and development of small projects that would benefit underserved populations through the teaching and study of the humanities at small and medium-sized colleges and universities. NEH invites applications from two- and four-year institutions of higher education, as well as from nonprofit organizations and state, local, or Native American Tribal governments aiming to advance the humanities at these institutions. The program especially aims to benefit community colleges; minority-serving institutions; rural colleges and universities; colleges and universities enrolling a majority of students receiving Pell grants; and institutions that have not received funding from the NEH Division of Education Programs since 2018.

Close Date: January 18, 2024

Additional Information:
https://www.neh.gov/program/spotlight-humanities-higher-education

[Awards for Faculty 20230412-HB](#)

Agency: [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

Description: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Research Programs is accepting applications for the Awards for Faculty program. This program strengthens the humanities at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities by encouraging and expanding humanities research opportunities for individual faculty and staff members. Awards support individuals pursuing scholarly research that is of value to humanities scholars, students, and/or general audiences.

Closing Date: April 10, 2024

More Info: [NEH — Division of Research Programs](#)

Department of Labor

[Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants](#)

Agency: Department of Energy

Description: Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (SCC4) will increase community colleges' capacity and responsiveness to meet employers' skill development needs and equitably support students in obtaining good jobs in in-demand industries. Applicants will use strategies rooted in evidence designed to build further evidence on the effectiveness of sector-based career pathways programs in promoting positive employment outcomes.

Closing Date: November 14, 2023

More Info: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/skills-training-grants/scc

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Agency Name: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Description: The Museums for America program supports museums of all sizes and disciplines in strategic, project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, professional development, community debate and dialogue, audience-focused studies, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Museums for America has three project categories: • Lifelong Learning • Community Engagement • Collections Stewardship and Access

Close Date: November 15th, 2023

Additional Information: https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-america

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Agency Name: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Description: Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation. Inspire! has three project categories:
• Lifelong Learning
• Institutional Capacity
• Collections Stewardship and Access

For the FY2024 grant cycle, the IMLS invites applications that commemorate America's 250th anniversary as part of the agency's IMLS250: All Stories, All People, All Places initiative. IMLS believes that the semiquincentennial is an opportunity to commemorate all lived experiences through civic engagement, public programs, and collections stewardship in preparation for 2026

Close Date: November 15th, 2023

Additional Information:
https://imls.gov/grants/available/inspire-grants-small-museums

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Agency Name: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Description: The Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) program is designed to build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums. The AAHC program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Close Date: November 15th, 2023

Additional Information:
https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museum-grants-african-american-history-and-culture

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program

Agency: DOT

Description: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for two programs: the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program and the Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Program, referred to jointly as the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program. While applicants may choose to apply for only one grant program, this combined solicitation will allow applicants to apply for both funding opportunities by submitting one application. It also aims to better enable the Department to proactively assist project sponsors in matching projects with the most appropriate grant program(s) and facilitating individual projects in potentially receiving funding from multiple grant programs. A

Closing Date: September 28, 2023

More Info: https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rcnprogram/reconnecting-communities-how-apply

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Thriving Communities Program

Agency: Department of Transportation

Description: for the Thriving Communities Program, the USDOT selects and funds Capacity Builder teams to provide deep-dive technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to under-resourced and disadvantaged communities across the U.S. to help ensure these communities have the technical tools and organizational capacity to comprehensively plan for and deliver quality infrastructure projects and community development projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive. USDOT selects Capacity Builders and communities through separate but coordinated application and review processes.

Close Date: this application is expected to open in the coming weeks. subscribe to be notified here.

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 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.