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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 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.

New York State Office of Mental Health Partnership to Support Aging in Place in Communities Severely Impacted by COVID-19

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for developing a “Partnership to Support Aging in Place in Communities Severely Impact by COVID-19” program to support adults age 55 and older to age in place in either OMH supportive housing or other community housing where older adults reside. The program model will require the development of formal partnerships between the primary applicant, an Office of Mental Health (OMH) licensed provider, a NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) provider and the NYS Office for Aging (NYSOFA) local Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Grant funding can be used to develop a new program that meets all program requirements or to expand and enhance an existing program.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are either not-for-profit agencies with 501(c)(3) incorporation that are funded or licensed by OMH and operate outpatient programs for adults or local government units in New York State. State-operated programs are not eligible. Agencies that do not meet eligibility criteria may partner with an eligible applicant, but they themselves are not eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** A minimum of six awards will be funded up to \$300,000 a year. Proposals will be ranked/scored for award within the \$9,000,000 available total funding.
- **Deadline:** Letters of Intent due June 3, 2021. Applications due June 30, 2021.
- **Contact:** Carol Swiderski
Email: carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov
Website: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2021/geri/>



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) provides funding through the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant program to not-for-profit community-based organizations for projects that address communities' exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit community organizations with a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply. Not-for-profit community-based organizations may partner with a not-for-profit corporation that will serve as their fiscal sponsor. Projects must serve an environmental justice community, as defined in DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting. Please see RFA in the NYS Grants Gateway for full eligibility requirements.
- **Funding:** Approximately \$4,120,588 is available. Applicants will be awarded between \$50,000 and \$100,000 each until funding has been exhausted. Funding from this grant opportunity is provided from the state Environmental Protection Fund with dollars designated to Environmental Justice. Funding will be utilized to fund as many eligible projects as possible, which may include partial funding of projects.
- **Deadline:** July 1, 2021 at 3 p.m.
- **Contact:** Dana McClure
Email: dana.mcclure@dec.ny.gov
Website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/31226.html>

On the federal level...

Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

To further the Department of Justice's commitment to advancing civil rights, increasing access to justice, supporting crime victims, protecting the public and building trust between law enforcement and the community, the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system. The program supports public safety efforts through partnerships with social services and other organizations to improve responses to individuals with MI and CMISA. The program encourages early intervention; maximizes diversion opportunities for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders; promotes training for justice and treatment professionals; and facilitates communication, collaboration and the delivery of support services among justice professionals, treatment and service providers, and governmental partners.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include city or township, county, state and Native American tribal governments; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and mental health agencies – an agency of a state or local government or its contracted agency that is responsible for mental health services or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services.

BJA will only accept applications that demonstrate the proposed project will be administered jointly by an agency with responsibility for criminal or juvenile justice activities and a mental health agency. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

- **Funding:** up to \$550,000 per award with total funding of \$10,000,000
- **Deadline:** June 22, 2021
- **Contact:**
Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
Website: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/justice-and-mental-health-collaboration-program-jmhcp/overview>

Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing Initiatives Program Education and Outreach Initiative

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) supports fair housing organizations and other nonprofits that assist victims of believed housing discrimination; enforce the Fair Housing Act and other federal, state and local laws; and prohibit discrimination in housing transactions and residential settings across the nation, including rental housing, nursing homes, permanent shelters and other locations where people live and receive services. The Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI) offers supplemental grant funding to create and disseminate fair housing education and outreach. HUD is committed to reminding both housing providers and the public of important federal fair housing laws that protect persons from discrimination, including harassment and intimidation in housing and related services on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability. Funding is broken down into three components:

- ◆ National Based Programs - \$1,300,000
 - (a) **\$1,000,000** for a national media campaign
 - (b) **\$300,000** for a national programs component – disability deinstitutionalization and integration educational campaign
- ◆ Regional/Local Program
 - (a) **\$5,923,649** for general education and outreach activities aimed to inform people of their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.
- **Eligibility:** Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (QFHOs) and Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations (FHOs), public or private not-for-profit organizations or institutions, and other public or private entities that are formulating or carrying out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices; agencies of state or local governments; and agencies that participate in the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) are eligible to apply. Individuals, foreign entities and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement.
- **Funding:** \$7,223,649
- **Deadline:** June 14, 2021
- **Contact:** Kimberly R. Harley
Email: Kimberly.R.Harley@hud.gov
Website: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy21_eoi

On the private level...

NYSHealth Foundation Healthy Food, Healthy Lives

Launched in 2021, NYSHealth's Healthy Food, Healthy Lives initiative seeks to advance policies and programs that support food security and expand New Yorkers' access to healthy and affordable food. To this end, the Healthy Food, Healthy Lives initiative works to enable policies that promote healthy and affordable food and support the testing and scaling of programs that connect people to healthy and affordable food. The current request for proposals aims to support a more robust, diverse food system that promotes health and equity throughout New York State.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit organizations, government agencies, for-profit organizations and academic organizations are eligible to apply. All applicants must be New York State-based, but applicants may partner or subcontract with a non-New York-based organization if it offers resources and expertise beneficial to the project. Individuals are ineligible.
- **Funding:** Individual project budgets will be capped at \$300,000. Project budgets must be commensurate with work proposed.
- **Deadline:** Online inquiry form due June 9, 2021 at 1 p.m. Full proposal due Aug. 25, 2021 at 1 p.m.
- **Contact:**
Email: HFHLRFP@nyshealth.org.
Website: <https://nyshealthfoundation.org/rfp/advancing-healthy-food-healthy-lives/>

Russell J. Efos Foundation RJE Sprout Fund

The Russell J. Efos Foundation, named after New York filmmaker, musician and artist Russell Efos, created the RJE Sprout Fund to support artists with the direct funds needed to complete projects. To continue Russell's commitment to collaboration and artistry in its many diverse forms, the Sprout Fund directly supports artists from all backgrounds, whether formally trained, self-taught or those whose creative work falls outside the boundaries of traditional art forms. Artists are particularly encouraged to apply for funding for projects that involve their communities, including art classes, art therapy, outreach and non-traditional projects. Funding will be prioritized for artists working with marginalized and underserved audiences, as well as topics and subject matters connected to these audiences.

- **Eligibility:** All artists are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 18 or older. Funding will be awarded to artists who submit an application form and are selected by the RJE Foundation board and leadership.
- **Funding:** A total of \$50,000 will be awarded in June 2021, but awards will continue to be administered throughout the calendar year on an ongoing basis.
- **Deadline:** Rolling
- **Contact:** James Gaddy, Executive Director
Email: jamesgaddy@rjefoundation.org
Website: <https://rjefoundation.org/sproutfund/#fund-application>

Scholars Awards...

WONGDOODY Summer Scholarship

The WONGDOODY Scholarship Program aims to amplify underrepresented voices and support students pursuing careers in art direction, copywriting, UX design and content strategy. WONGDOODY is committed to increasing representation in the creative ranks of the industry, and to that end, will be awarding the summer session scholarship to a Black non-cis-male student pursuing a career in one of the aforementioned fields who has been marginalized by societal constructs. This includes women (both cis and trans), non-binary individuals and trans men. The scholarship is inclusive and supportive, and self-definition is at the sole discretion of the applicant. WONGDOODY will be considering the first 100 applicants to apply during the enrollment period.

- **Eligibility:** To be eligible, an applicant must identify as a Black, non-cis-male. This includes cis and trans women, non-binary individuals and trans men. Applicants must also be currently enrolled at a college in the United States and have completed at least the sophomore year of undergraduate studies or the first year of portfolio or graduate school; maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by their school and be pursuing a creative-focused role in experience design, marketing or advertising, including but not limited to experience designers, strategists and content creators.
- **Funding:** \$5,000
- **Deadline:** June 25, 2021
- **Contact:**
Email: scholarship@wongdoody.com
Website: <https://wongdoody.com/scholarship/>

ISNA Scholarships

The Islamic Society of North America administers several need-based scholarships to allow Muslim students who are actively involved within the community to pursue higher education. The Dr. Abdulmunim A. Shakir Scholarship, established by Dr. Shakir out of a commitment to accessible education, will support 20 freshmen students in their first year of higher education. The Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Scholarship is a scholarship endowment for two students studying Islamic studies and/or journalism. The Amana Mutual Funds Scholarship awards a scholarship to a student pursuing finance, economics or mathematics.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, enrolled in a U.S. accredited college or university and a Muslim student actively engaged in the community.
- **Funding:**
Dr. Abdulmunim A. Shakir Scholarship - \$1,000
Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Scholarship - \$1,500
Amana Mutual Funds Scholarship - \$2,500
- **Deadline:** June 30, 2021
- **Contact:**
Email: akhan@isna.net
Website: <https://isna.net/scholarships/>





Brown Girls Do College Scholarship

The annual Brown Girls Do® College Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to full-time undergraduate students pursuing higher education in any field of study. Priority will be given to first-generation students who demonstrate financial need, however, the organization invites all who qualify to apply. To apply, students should submit enrollment verification from a four-year university; proof of academic standing (college grade point average or final semester report card from high school); proof of annual household income (Social Security numbers can be obscured for privacy and security); and a 500-word essay exploring how dance has impacted their life, plans for completing their undergraduate degree and first-generation status, if applicable.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a U.S. resident, enrolled in an accredited four-year university and be in good academic standing. If applicants do not have a college grade point average, a high school report card from the student’s final semester can be submitted instead.
- **Funding:** \$1,000 per award
- **Deadline:** June 30, 2021
- **Contact:**
Email: info@browngirlsdoballet.com
Website: <https://www.browngirlsdoballet.com/scholarship-form/>

Grant writing

Candid

Candid offers a variety of free trainings at its center in New York City, partner locations and online:

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 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 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.

Candid is actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and will make changes to its in-person programming as necessary. Please check Candid’s website for updates.

In addition: Classes are held at Candid, located at:
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www.candid.org/contact-us

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