



# 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](https://grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees) to apply for certain New York State grants. 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 Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program - Recycling Coordination/Education

This program assists municipalities to expand or improve local waste reduction and recycling. Eligible projects include recycling coordination, education, planning and promotion for recycling and waste reduction to increase public awareness of and participation in local recycling programs.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities, tribal organizations
- **Deadline:** October 31, 2023, 3 PM ET
- **Total Available Funding:** \$5 million
- **Anticipated Amount of Awards:** \$10,000 - \$2 million
- **Contact:** Rebecca Vaughan
- **Contact Email:** RecyclingGrants@dec.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSGG/filenetdcretrieval.aspx?docid={11ed82c9-67ca-4f29-91aa-23443dacc43a}](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/filenetdcretrieval.aspx?docid={11ed82c9-67ca-4f29-91aa-23443dacc43a})

### NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft Spread Prevention - Stewards - Boat Decontamination Programs

This funding must implement successful projects within one of these categories: aquatic invasive species watercraft spread prevention, boat steward education and outreach/voluntary inspection, aquatic invasive species watercraft spread prevention- stewards - boat decontamination programs, invasive species early detection/rapid response and control, lake management planning and implementation, invasive species research and invasive species education and outreach.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities, governmental entities



- **Deadline:** November 1, 2023, 2 PM ET
- **Total Funding Available:** \$500,000
- **Anticipated Amount of Awards:** \$10,000 - \$100,000
- **Contact:** Michelle Higgins
- **Contact Email:** michelle.higgins@dec.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSSGG/filenetdocretrieval.aspx?docid={43d80f76-71a2-4991-8540-2f5ce964cd70}](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSSGG/filenetdocretrieval.aspx?docid={43d80f76-71a2-4991-8540-2f5ce964cd70})

### **NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Fresh Connect SNAP Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program**

These grants will allow SNAP participants to access the CSA model by partially subsidizing the cost of weekly share purchases. The goals of this program are to:

- ◆ support farmers/producers by allowing greater access to their products throughout the state
- ◆ allow SNAP participants the opportunity to access weekly shares of fresh, locally grown produce
- ◆ strengthen community bonds and raise awareness of the bounty of produce in regions across the state
- **Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-profit entities, governmental entities, tribal organizations
- **Deadline:** November 1, 2023, 3:00 PM ET
- **Total Funding Available:** \$250,000
- **Anticipated Number of Awards:** 5-10
- **Contact:** Matthew Wilson
- **Contact Email:** matthew.wilson@agriculture.ny.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0307-freshconnect-csa-snap-program>

## **On the Federal Level...**

### **National Endowment for the Humanities, Dangers and Opportunities of Technology: Perspectives from the Humanities Funding**

This funding supports research that examines technology and its relationship to society through the lens of the humanities, with a focus on the dangers and/or opportunities presented by technology.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Private institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; state governments; county governments; city or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public and state controlled institutions of higher education; and special district governments
- **Deadline:** October 11, 2023
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$1 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$150,000
- **Award Floor:** \$1
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 12
- **Contact Email:** odh@neh.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.neh.gov/program/dangers-and-opportunities-technology-perspectives-humanities>

### **US Dept. of the Interior, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund Matching Grants to Benefit Migratory Birds**

These grants support public-private partnership projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds.

- **Eligible Applicants:** County governments; independent school districts; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); special district governments; small businesses; city or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); 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; private institutions of higher education; and state governments
- **Deadline:** October 12, 2023, 11:59PM ET
- **Total Award Funding:** \$3 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$250,000
- **Award Floor:** \$1000
- **Contact:** Rodecia McKnight
- **Contact Email:** rodecia\_mcknight@fws.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=349808#relatedDocumentsTab>

### **US Dept. of Agriculture, National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program Funding**

These funds support projects that:

- ◆ develop, enhance and exercise state and tribal animal disease outbreak emergency response plans
- ◆ support livestock and poultry biosecurity measures and programs
- ◆ enhance capability and capacity for depopulation, carcass disposal and decontamination in a disease outbreak
- ◆ support animal movement decisions in a disease outbreak
- ◆ enhance animal disease traceability during a disease outbreak
- ◆ support outreach and education on animal disease prevention, preparedness and response
- ◆ develop and deliver training and exercises for animal agriculture sector responders
- ◆ advance the development of sheep and goat vaccines
- ◆ enhance aquatic animal disease preparedness and response
- **Eligible Applicants:** State departments of agriculture; offices of the chief animal health official of a state; land-grant universities and other entities eligible to receive funds under a capacity and infrastructure program (as defined in section 251(f)(1)(C) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(f)(1)(C)). This includes entities eligible for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture Federal Assistance Programs; colleges of veterinary medicine, including



a veterinary emergency team at such college; state or national livestock, poultry or aquaculture producer organizations with direct and significant economic interest in livestock, poultry or aquaculture production; state emergency agencies; state, national, allied or regional veterinary organizations or specialty boards recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association; Indian Tribes; and federal agencies

- **Deadline:** October 20, 2023
- **Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$17 million
- **Award Ceiling:** \$500,000
- **Typical Average Award:** : \$220,000
- **Contact:** Julie Wallin
- **Contact Email:** julie.e.wallin@usda.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppld=349582#relatedDocumentsTab>

### US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Funding

This funding will help the EHDI system infrastructure to improve language acquisition for deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHH) children up to age 3. Funding will support EHDI systems of services so that DHH newborns, infants and young children up to age 3 receive appropriate and timely services, including hearing screening, diagnosis and early intervention (EI).

- **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; independent school districts; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); city or township governments; special district governments; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; state governments; county governments; private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); and others (see information in the link for additional information)
- **Deadline:** November 6, 2023
- **Estimated Total Funding:** \$15.36 million
- **Expected Number of Awards:** 59
- **Contact:** Sandra Battiste
- **Contact Email:** SBattiste@hrsa.gov
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppld=349418#relatedDocumentsTab>

## On the Private Level...

### Impact Fund, Social Justice Grants

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to nonprofit legal service providers, private attorneys and/or small law firms seeking to advance justice in civil rights, human rights, anti-poverty and environmental justice cases that impact marginalized groups.

- **Eligible Applicants:** See grant criteria - <https://www.impactfund.org/legal-grants/application-requirements/grant-criteria>

- **Deadline:** Letters of interest by October 10, 2023
- **Award Amount:** Range from \$10,000- \$50,000
- **Contact Email:** grants@impactfund.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - 1) <https://www.impactfund.org/about-legal-case-grants>
  - 2) <https://www.impactfund.org/legal-grants/application-requirements>

### Lilly Endowment, Religion and Cultural Institutions Initiative Grants

These grants will help improve the public understanding of religion and thus foster greater knowledge of and respect for diverse religious traditions. Funded projects will foster greater respect among people of diverse religious traditions, help to preserve religious freedom for all religious communities and serve to enhance the lives of individuals, families, communities and the wider society.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Museums and cultural organizations in the United States with Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and public charity status
- **Deadline:** October 30, 2023, Noon PT
- **Expected Number of Awards:** Approximately 30
- **Award Amount:** Planning grants of \$100,000 per award
- **Contact Email:** religionandmuseums@lei.org
- **Links to Additional Information:**
  - 1) <https://lillyendowment.org/religion-and-cultural-institutions-initiative/>
  - 2) <https://lillyendowment.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/rcii-request-for-concept-papers.pdf>

### NDN Collective, Community Action Fund (CAF) Grants

These grants will help support Indigenous Peoples' frontline, grassroots and community-based efforts that protect their communities and nations against negative resource extraction that poisons the people, pollutes water, destroys lands, contributes to climate change and violates human rights. CAF supports efforts that include community organizing, amplification of community voices and utilizing various tactics imperative to shifting the political and financial systems impacting Indigenous communities.

- **Eligible Applicants:** NDN's geographic grantmaking focus is Turtle Island (North America) and related Island Nations, which includes the United States, Mexico, Canada, Borikén/Puerto Rico and the U.S. "Territories": American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Grantmaking may be provided to the following recipients:

- ◆ Indigenous-led non-profit organizations within the U.S.
- ◆ U.S. based Tribes, tribal non-profit entities or tribal programs, Alaska Native Villages or their non-profit entities
- ◆ First Nations or Inuit and Metis communities, groups and organizations based in Canada
- ◆ Indigenous communities, groups and organizations based in Mexico
- ◆ Individual Indigenous people leading direct action or movement building work

#### Key Considerations:

A viable community action effort must:





- ◆ have relationships in the community and on the ground (known partners, including community relationships, partnerships and other supports, networks and allies)
- ◆ have a clear intention with a clear result, including the strategies, tactics and mechanisms to move a project forward
- ◆ be a grassroots, community-based group or organization with a limited annual budget of no more than \$1 million and with limited access to donors
- ◆ have a tax identification number

■ **Deadline:** October 31, 2023, 5 PM MT

■ **Expected Award Amounts:** \$15,000-\$30,000

■ **Contact Information & Email:**

**English and French speaking applicants:** Thomas Kenote, Program Officer, at [thomas@ndncollective.org](mailto:thomas@ndncollective.org)

**Spanish speaking applicants:** Helen Aldana, Program Officer, at [helen@ndncollective.org](mailto:helen@ndncollective.org), Álvaro Mena, at [becas@ndncollective.org](mailto:becas@ndncollective.org)

■ **Link to Additional Information:**

<https://grants.ndncollective.org/community-action-fund/>

### Prudential Emerging Visionaries Awards

This program awards grants to young people, ages 14-18, for innovative solutions to financial and societal challenges in their communities. Entries will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- ◆ innovation – thinking innovatively to build financial health and resiliency or to solve social issues within the community
- ◆ potential to scale – creating meaningful impact in the future, the ability to scale beyond the local community
- ◆ connection – showing a deep understanding of a problem or barrier
- ◆ changemaker quality – making a change for the good of all, showing leadership or taking action to solve a problem and looking to activate others

■ **Eligible Applicants Must:**

- ◆ be individuals between the ages of 14 - 18 when applying and not older than 18 by the end of the entry period (November 2, 2023)
- ◆ be legal residents of the United States or Puerto Rico
- ◆ have started their project on or before June 1, 2023
- ◆ if selected as a winner, bring one chaperone to the in-person event on April 20-23, 2024
- ◆ file one application per person
- ◆ submit applications in English

(Prudential Emerging Visionaries and Prudential Spirit of Community National Honorees and State Honorees are NOT eligible to apply. Employees and their children and grandchildren of Prudential, Ashoka, Financial Health Network or its affiliates and participating advertising and promotion agencies are NOT eligible to apply)

■ **Deadline:** November 2, 2023, 11:59 PM ET

■ **Number of Awards:** 25

■ **Winners:**

- ◆ 25 winners will receive \$5,000 each — 20 of these winners will be selected from the Societal Solutions category and five winners from the Financial Solutions category.
- ◆ The five winners from the Financial Solutions category will be invited to join a pitch-off at the Prudential

Emerging Visionaries Awards Summit at Prudential's headquarters. From there, one Financial Solutions Grand Prize winner will receive an additional \$10,000 award, for a total of \$15,000.

- ◆ One winner from either category will also receive the Prudential Employees' Choice Award—an additional \$5,000, to be awarded at the Prudential Emerging Visionaries Awards Summit at Prudential's headquarters. Note: The Financial Solutions Grand Prize winner is not eligible to win the Prudential Employees' Choice Award.

- All 25 winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Prudential's headquarters in Newark, New Jersey, from April 20-23, 2024, for the Prudential Emerging Visionaries Awards Summit. This will be an engaging experience during which awardees will receive coaching, skills development and an opportunity to meet with senior leaders from Prudential to help take their solution to the next level.

■ **Contact Email:** [emergingvisionaries@ashoka.org](mailto:emergingvisionaries@ashoka.org)

■ **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.changemakers.com/en/challenge/emergingvisionaries>

### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Evidence for Action (E4A) Grants to Advance Racial Equity

Evidence for Action (E4A) grants prioritize research to evaluate specific interventions to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being and equity outcomes. The foundation is concerned both with the direct impacts of structural racism on the health and well-being of people and communities of color (e.g., Black, Latina/o/x, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander people and other races and ethnicities)—as well as how racism intersects with other forms of marginalization, such as having a low income, being an immigrant, having a disability or identifying as LGBTQ+ or a gender minority.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. Submissions from teams that include both U.S. and international members are eligible, but the lead applicant must be based in the United States. Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are either institutes of higher education, public entities or nonprofits that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations. Other types of nonprofit and for-profit organizations are also eligible to apply.

■ **Deadline:** November 5, 2023

- **Award Amounts:** There is no explicit range for allowable budget requests. Request the amount of funding needed to complete and disseminate findings from the proposed research project—including direct and indirect costs for the entire duration of type grant. The size of the budget will be weighed in relation to the importance and likely contribution of the proposed work. Pilot studies and formative stage research are expected to correspond with lower budgets.

■ **Contact:** [granteehub@rwjf.org](mailto:granteehub@rwjf.org)

■ **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/active-funding-opportunities/2021/evidence-for-action--innovative-research-to-advance-racial-equity.html>

# Scholar Awards...

## Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

This program awards fellowships to immigrants and children of immigrants who are pursuing full-time graduate degrees at United States institutions.

### ■ Eligible Applicants Must:

- ◆ have both birth parents born outside of the US as non-US citizens, and both parents must not have been eligible for US citizenship at the time of their births. In addition, one of the following must be true of the applicant as of the October 26 application deadline:

1) US Citizen by Birth: the applicant is a US citizen by birth and one of the following is true:

- a) both of the applicant's birth parents were born abroad as non-US citizens and were not eligible for US citizenship at the time of their births
- b) the applicant was raised by only one of the birth parents, the parent that raised the applicant was born abroad as a non-US citizen, and the second birth parent was not a part of the applicant's life growing up and the applicant has no contact with the second birth parent

2) born abroad: the applicant was born abroad as a non-US citizen and one of the following is true:

- a) Naturalized Citizen: the applicant has been naturalized as a US citizen either independently or as a minor child under the application of one of the applicant's parents
- b) Adopted: the applicant was born outside of the US or one of its territories and was subsequently adopted by American parents and awarded US citizenship because of adoption
- c) Green Card: the applicant is in possession of a valid green card
- d) Refugees & Asylees: the applicant has been granted asylum or refugee status in the US
- e) If none of the other categories apply and the applicant was born abroad, the applicant must have graduated from both high school and college in the US (this includes current and past DACA recipients).

- ◆ have a bachelor's degree by the fall of 2024
- ◆ be planning to enroll full-time in an eligible graduate degree program at a US university for the full 2024-25 academic year
- ◆ be 30 years of age or younger as of the application

■ **Deadline:** October 26, 2023, 2 PM ET

■ **Award Amount:** \$90,000 for each individual award

■ **Number of Awards:** 30

■ **Contact:** [PDSoros@pdsoros.org](mailto:PDSoros@pdsoros.org)

■ **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.pdsoros.org/>

## Hertz Foundation STEM Fellowships Awards

This fellowship program provides up to five years of funding for STEM Fellowships, valued at up to \$250,000, and the freedom to pursue innovative projects wherever they may lead.

### ■ Eligible Applicants Must Be:

- ◆ be college seniors, first-year graduate students or in a gap year preparing to apply to graduate school
- ◆ intend to pursue a PhD in the applied physical and biological sciences, mathematics or engineering
- ◆ intend to direct their studies toward understanding and solving major, near-term problems facing society
- ◆ be citizens or permanent residents of the United States

■ **Deadline:** October 27, 2023, 11:59 PT

■ **Award Amount:** Each award includes up to 5 years of funding, valued at \$250,000

■ **Contact Email:** [fellowshipinfo@hertzfoundation.org](mailto:fellowshipinfo@hertzfoundation.org)

■ **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.hertzfoundation.org/the-fellowship/apply-for-fellowship/>

## Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards

The Youth Awards honor Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community in various categories including: community service, education, engineering, entrepreneurship and business, green sustainability, healthcare and science, media and entertainment, public service and social justice and technology.

### ■ Eligible Applicants Must:

- ◆ be enrolled in high school and graduating in the spring of 2024
- ◆ have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or 7.5 on a 10.0 scale
- ◆ enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2024-2025
- ◆ be of Hispanic heritage (includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines)
- ◆ if selected, attend the virtual regional awards ceremony

■ **Deadline:** November 13, 2023

■ **Number of Awards:** 31

■ **Award Amounts:** Vary

- ◆ 10 Gold level grants of \$4,000 each
- ◆ 10 Silver level grants of \$3,000 each
- ◆ 10 Bronze level grants of \$2,000 each
- ◆ One regional winner will receive a national level grant of \$10,000

■ **Contact Email:** [info@hispanicheritage.org](mailto:info@hispanicheritage.org)

■ **Links to Additional Information:**

1) <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>

2) <https://www.colgate.com/en-us/make-the-u>





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