



THE PLAY FUNDING SYSTEM™

COMPLETE GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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200+ Grants

20+ AI Prompts

Most organizations that pursue playground grants never win one. Not because the money isn't there — there's more than \$3 billion in available funding nationally. They lose because they apply to the wrong grants, submit incomplete documentation, and have no idea what reviewers are actually looking for. This guide changes that. It's built from real awarded grants, real submission processes, and the tools professional grant writers charge \$75–\$150 an hour to provide. Sixteen phases. Twenty AI prompts. Eight professional tools. And at the end, a program from AAA State of Play that applies a real credit to your invoice when you win. Start at the beginning. Work through it in order. By the time you reach the grant listings at the back, you'll know exactly which ones to apply for and exactly how to win them.

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THE COMPLETE GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

What professional grant writers charge \$75–\$150/hour to do — now in your hands.

This system was built by studying 12 professional grant writers across Upwork, Fiverr, LinkedIn, and firm websites — from solo consultants to certified fundraising executives who have secured \$200M+ in grants. It extracts the tools, frameworks, and processes they charge for, and gives them to you as AI prompts.

The previous version of this guide was a strong start. What you're holding now is what separates the organizations that win once from the ones that build a sustainable funding pipeline.

16 PHASES

full grant lifecycle

8 PRO TOOLS

logic models, 990 research, cultivation calls, boilerplate & more

REAL WINNER INTELLIGENCE

5 awarded grants analyzed

The 16-Phase Grant Management System

Professional grant writers don't just write. They manage a complete lifecycle. Here's the full system — every phase, in order, with the tool or prompt that powers it.

#	PHASE	TOOL / PROMPT IN THIS GUIDE
1	Grant Readiness Evaluation	NEW ★ Assess organizational readiness before applying
2	Funder 990 Research	NEW ★ Pull funder 990s, analyze giving history, find board connections
3	Go/No-Go Funder Scoring	NEW ★ Score each funder 0-25, only pursue 20+
4	Local Need Data Gathering	Step 0: Intelligence Prompt
5	Build Grant Profile	Step 1: Grant Profile Template

6	Build Grant Boilerplate	NEW ★ Master Institutional Language Document
7	Program Officer Cultivation	NEW ★ Cultivation email + phone script prompts
8	Grant Matching + Stack Strategy	Step 2: Match + Stack Prompt
9	Eligibility Screen	Step 3: Eligibility Screen Prompt
10	Letter of Inquiry	Step 4: LOI Prompt
11	Logic Model	NEW ★ Logic Model Generator Prompt
12	Community Support Package	Step 5: Letters of Support Prompts
13	Full Narrative	Step 6: Application Narrative Prompt
14	Evaluation Plan	NEW ★ Evaluation Plan Prompt
15	Pre-Submission Compliance Audit	NEW ★ Attachments + Compliance Checklist
16	Post-Award Report + Stewardship	Step 9: Reporting + Relationship Prompts

► **PROFESSIONAL TOOL: Grant Readiness Evaluation**

The single most common reason organizations waste grant writing effort: they're not ready to apply. Funders verify your documentation, financials, and organizational health before awarding. If the house isn't in order, the best narrative in the world won't save you.

Professional grant writers like Alex Aryaan (ASU, \$6.73M secured in 2023) start every engagement with a grant readiness evaluation. It reveals what must be fixed before submitting a single application.

PROMPT — Grant Readiness Self-Assessment:

I am preparing to pursue playground grants for my organization. Please conduct a grant readiness evaluation by reviewing the following checklist and flagging any items that are incomplete, missing, or need updating.

For each item, respond: READY / NEEDS ATTENTION / CRITICAL FIX REQUIRED.
For each CRITICAL FIX: tell me exactly what to do and how long it will take.

LEGAL & COMPLIANCE:

- 501(c)(3) IRS Determination Letter: [current / expired / not obtained]
- Most recent Form 990 filed: [year filed]
- State charitable registration: [current / expired / not applicable]
- SAM.gov registration (required for federal grants): [active / expired / none]
- Audited or reviewed financial statements: [most recent year available]

ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS:

- Organizational chart: [yes / no / outdated]
- Board list with full names, affiliations, terms: [yes / no / outdated]
- Current fiscal year budget approved by board: [yes / no]
- Project budget for this playground: [yes / no / estimates only]
- Contractor quote or cost estimate: [yes / no]

PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION:

- Written program descriptions: [yes / no / outdated]
- Outcome data from past programs: [yes / quantified / no]
- Photos of existing/proposed site: [yes / no]
- Letters of support available: [yes / no / need to request]
- Previous grant award letters: [list years and funders, or 'none']

ONLINE PRESENCE (funders google you before funding you):

- Website reflects current programs: [yes / no / no website]
- GuideStar/Candid profile updated: [yes / no]
- Social media active: [yes / no]

Based on my responses, what must I fix BEFORE applying to any grants?

► PROFESSIONAL TOOL: Funder 990 Research System

Before applying to any private foundation, professional grant writers pull the funder's Form 990 or 990-PF (free at ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer at nonprofit.propublica.org). This is the most powerful intelligence tool in grant writing and almost no one outside the profession uses it.

A funder's 990 reveals: exactly who they funded, how much, for what purpose, and when. It shows their board members (potential connections to your board). It shows their total assets and giving capacity. It shows whether they fund new grantees or only existing relationships.

HOW TO USE PROPUBLICA NONPROFIT EXPLORER:

- Go to nonprofit.propublica.org and search the foundation's name
- Download their most recent 990-PF (private foundation) or 990 (public charity)
- Look at Schedule I — this is the list of every grant they made that year with recipient, amount, and purpose
- Look at Part VII — officers and key employees (check for connections to your board/staff)
- Look at Part X — balance sheet (tells you their total assets and what they can realistically give)
- Search 2–3 years of 990s to see patterns in giving amounts and recipient types
- Note: does their grant list show mostly existing relationships, or do they regularly fund new organizations?

PROMPT — Funder 990 Intelligence Analysis:

I've pulled the Form 990 data for a foundation I'm considering applying to. Please analyze the following information and give me a funder intelligence brief.

FOUNDATION NAME: [name]

FROM THEIR 990 (paste what you find):

- Total assets: \$
- Total grants given last year: \$
- Number of grants made: [number]
- Largest grant: \$ to [recipient] for [purpose]
- Smallest grant: \$
- Average grant: \$
- Sample of recent recipients and amounts: [list 5-10 from Schedule I]
- Board members: [list from Part VII]

MY ORGANIZATION:

[Paste your Grant Profile]

Please tell me:

1. What is the typical grant range I should request?
2. Do they fund organizations like mine, or is this a stretch?
3. Do they appear to fund new grantees or primarily existing relationships?
4. Are there any board members I should cross-check against my own board/staff?
5. What language patterns appear in their funded projects that I should mirror?
6. Go/No-Go recommendation with reasoning.

► PROFESSIONAL TOOL: Go/No-Go Funder Scoring Framework

Professional grant writers use a formal scoring system before investing any writing time. DH Leonard Consulting, Unlock-Grants, and Spark the Fire all sell versions of this. The rule: only pursue funders scoring above threshold. Below threshold is wasted time — no matter how attractive the award amount looks.

FUNDER SCORECARD — Score each funder on these 5 dimensions (0–5 each, max 25):

DIMENSION	SCORE (0-5)	SCORING GUIDE
Mission Alignment	___ / 5	5 = playground/youth/community is their explicit focus 1 = tangential connection only 0 = no apparent connection
Geographic Fit	___ / 5	5 = explicitly funds our county/city 3 = funds our state broadly 0 = different region entirely
Budget Range Match	___ / 5	5 = their typical grant = 50-150% of our ask 3 = we're at edge of their range 0 = far outside their range
First-Time Grantee Openness	___ / 5	5 = 990 shows regular new grantees 3 = unclear from 9900 = 990 shows same recipients repeatedly

Relationship Status	___ / 5	5 = board/staff connection exists 3 = no connection but warm outreach possible 0 = cold, no path to relationship
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DECISION RULE:

Score 20–25: Apply. This is your strongest opportunity. Pursue relationship immediately.

Score 15–19: Apply only if you can move the score up — specifically on Relationship Status (make a cultivation call first) or First-Time Grantee Openness (verify via 990).

Score below 15: Do not apply. The probability of success doesn't justify the hours invested. Move to the next prospect on your list.

► **PROFESSIONAL TOOL: The Grant Boilerplate / Institutional Language Document**

The single biggest time-saver in professional grant writing. Nonprofit Nomad, Funding for Good, and Emily Harkless at Summit Grant Strategies all build this for every client as their first deliverable. It's not a profile — it's a complete, living document of all organizational language at every length a funder might request.

Without it, you rewrite your mission statement from scratch every time, your program descriptions drift between applications, and you introduce errors by pasting from old proposals that have outdated data.

PROMPT — Build Your Master Grant Boilerplate Document:

Please help me build a Master Grant Boilerplate Document for my organization. This will be my single source of truth for all grant applications. I will paste your output into a Google Doc and update it after every submission.

Create the following sections. For narrative sections, produce content at multiple word counts so I can paste the right length for each funder.

SECTION 1: QUICK REFERENCE DATA (no word count needed)

- Legal organization name:
- EIN (Tax ID):
- IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter date:
- Year founded:
- Annual operating budget: \$
- Current fiscal year: [e.g., July 1 2025 - June 30 2026]
- Primary service area (legal description):
- Primary contact name and title:
- Executive Director:
- Board Chair:
- Number of board members:
- Website:
- Social media handles:

SECTION 2: MISSION STATEMENT VARIANTS

- 1 sentence (under 25 words):

- 2-3 sentences (50-75 words):
- Full paragraph (100-150 words):

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY & BACKGROUND

- 100-word version:
- 250-word version:

SECTION 4: PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (for each major program)

Program 1: [Program Name]

- 50-word version:
- 150-word version:
- Most recent outcome data (# served, outcomes, dates):

SECTION 5: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY STATEMENT

- 150-word version (staff, experience, past grants, track record):
- 300-word version:

SECTION 6: DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

- 100-word version:
- 200-word version:

SECTION 7: EVALUATION METHODOLOGY STATEMENT

- How we measure program success (data collected, tools, frequency):

SECTION 8: SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

- How programs continue beyond grant funding (100 words):

SECTION 9: PAST GRANT AWARDS

- List: Funder | Year | Amount | Purpose | Status

SECTION 10: KEY STAFF BIOS

- Executive Director: 100-word bio:
- Project Lead for this playground: 100-word bio:

MY ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

[Paste your full Grant Profile here]

MAINTENANCE RULE (from professional grant writers):

Update this document within 48 hours of: (1) submitting any grant application, (2) receiving any grant award or rejection, (3) any staff change, (4) any program launch or retirement, (5) the end of each fiscal year. This is how professionals keep their boilerplate accurate across multiple concurrent clients.

► **PROFESSIONAL TOOL: Program Officer Cultivation**

Submitting without a prior relationship is a cold application. According to Unlock-Grants research and confirmed by multiple professional grant writers: “You have several strikes against

you just by not having a relationship.” Program officers often have preferences that aren’t published anywhere. A 10-minute call can reveal what the website never will.

The process: research first (990 + website + past grantees), then reach out. Do not reach out blind. Pros prepare a one-paragraph pitch, 2-3 specific questions, and then listen.

PROMPT — Cultivation Email (Pre-Application Outreach):

Please write a cultivation email to the program officer of the following foundation.

This email should be sent BEFORE we submit an application.

Tone: Warm, professional, brief. No more than 200 words.

Goal: Introduce our project, ask if it aligns with their current priorities, and request a 10-15 minute call or email exchange.

The email should:

- Open with one sentence about their foundation's mission (show we did our homework)
- Introduce our organization in one sentence
- Describe the playground project in 2-3 sentences with one specific impact stat
- Ask directly: 'Before we submit a formal application, I'd welcome your thoughts on whether this project aligns with your current funding priorities.'
- Offer 2-3 specific times for a brief call, OR invite an email response
- Never use: 'I hope this email finds you well' or any filler opener

FUNDER: [Foundation name and program officer name if known]

THEIR STATED PRIORITIES: [from the AAA Funding Guide listing]

MY ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE: [Paste your Grant Profile]

ONE KEY STAT: [e.g., nearest playground is 4.2 miles away, 68% of families below poverty line]

PROMPT — Phone Call Script (Cultivation Call):

Please write a 2-minute phone script for a cultivation call with a foundation program officer. This call is to build a relationship BEFORE applying.

Structure the script as:

1. Opening (10 seconds): Who I am and why I'm calling
2. Hook (20 seconds): The specific community problem in one vivid sentence
3. Project summary (30 seconds): What we're proposing and the specific ask
4. Connection to their mission (15 seconds): Why we think this fits their priorities
5. Two questions to ask them (the most important part – then LISTEN):
 - 'Does this sound like the kind of project you're currently funding?'
 - 'Is there anything about how you're approaching [their focus area] this year that would shape how we frame our proposal?'
6. Close: Thank them and confirm next step

Also include: 3 things to listen for that signal strong fit, and 2 things that would signal this is NOT the right grant to pursue.

FUNDER: [Foundation name]

THEIR PRIORITIES: [from the listing]

MY PROJECT: [brief description from Grant Profile]

► **PROFESSIONAL TOOL: The Logic Model**

Many funders now require a logic model as part of the application. Even when not required, including one signals sophisticated project planning and separates your application from the 90% that don't include one. Professional grant writers at Creecreations, DH Leonard Consulting, and Grantsmanship Center all list the logic model as a core required deliverable.

A logic model is a visual chain: Inputs → Activities → Outputs → Short-term Outcomes → Long-term Impact. For a playground grant, it looks like this:

PLAYGROUND LOGIC MODEL — SAMPLE STRUCTURE	
INPUTS	Grant funding (\$45,000) Organization staff time Volunteer labor (community build day) Donated materials Contractor expertise Site land (owned) Partner organizations
ACTIVITIES	Site preparation Equipment procurement from AAA State of Play Safety surface installation Community build day (volunteers) Ribbon-cutting celebration Ongoing maintenance program
OUTPUTS	1 accessible playground installed 8 pieces of inclusive play equipment 2,500 sq ft safety surface 1 shade structure 50+ volunteer hours contributed 200+ community members at opening
SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES (0-12 months)	Increased physical activity among 200+ children in zip code Reduced nearest playground distance from 4.2 miles to 0.3 miles Community engagement and pride Safe outdoor play environment available daily
LONG-TERM IMPACT (1-5 years)	Measurable reduction in sedentary behavior Improved child health outcomes Strengthened neighborhood bonds Model for future inclusive playground projects Sustainable maintenance funded through community stewardship

PROMPT — Build Your Logic Model:

Please build a complete Logic Model for my playground grant application. Format it as a table with these rows: Inputs, Activities, Outputs, Short-term Outcomes (0-12 months), Long-term Impact (1-5 years).

For each row, provide 5-8 specific, concrete items. Do NOT use generic language. Every item should be specific to MY organization and THIS project.

After the table, write a 2-sentence 'Logic Model Summary' I can paste into applications that don't have space for the full visual: one sentence describing the input-to-output chain, one sentence describing the outcome-to-impact chain.

MY ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE:
[Paste your Grant Profile]

SPECIFIC PROJECT DETAILS:

Site address or location: [location]

Equipment planned: [types, number of pieces]

Target population and number served: [description]

Community contribution (volunteer hours, local match): [details]

► PROFESSIONAL TOOL: The Evaluation Plan

The evaluation plan is a required section in most serious grant applications and completely absent from most beginner applications. It's not the same as listing outcomes. An evaluation plan specifies: what data you will collect, how, from whom, with what tools, how frequently, who analyzes it, and what you will do with the findings.

Professional grant writers from CFRE-certified specialists to Upwork's top-rated writers cite evaluation plans as one of the sections that most clearly separates competitive from non-competitive applications.

PROMPT — Evaluation Plan:

Please write a complete Evaluation Plan for my playground grant application. This should be a standalone section I can paste into any grant that asks for it.

Structure the plan to answer these questions:

1. WHAT we will measure:

- List 4-5 specific indicators tied to our project outcomes
- Each indicator should be directly observable and countable
e.g., 'Number of children using playground per week (measured by weekly counts)'

2. HOW we will collect data:

- Observation/usage counts
- Community surveys (parents, children)
- Partner organization records
- Photo documentation
- Attendance records from organized events

3. WHEN we will collect data:

- Baseline (before project completion): [what and when]
- 3-month post-completion check
- 6-month interim report
- 12-month annual report

4. WHO is responsible:

- Name and title of person overseeing evaluation
- Who collects data vs. who analyzes it

5. WHAT WE WILL DO with findings:

- How findings are reported to the funder
- How findings inform future programming or maintenance

- How findings support future grant applications

MY ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE:
[Paste your Grant Profile]

PROJECT OUTCOMES (from your Logic Model):
[Paste your short-term and long-term outcomes]

► **PROFESSIONAL TOOL: Pre-Submission Compliance Audit**

According to Thompson Grants: “Far too many high-scoring narratives are disqualified simply because the application packet was missing a single attachment.” Professional grant writers run a formal compliance audit before every submission. Spark the Fire sells a standalone Compliance Checklist product. This is the version built for playground grants.

YOUR PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST — Check every item before hitting Submit:

✓	ITEM	STATUS
	REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter (current)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Most recent Form 990 (year filed matches what funder expects)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audited or reviewed financial statements (most recent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current organizational budget (board-approved)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project budget (line-by-line, matches narrative)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board list (full names, affiliations, terms)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
	NARRATIVE COMPLIANCE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	All required sections present (per funder's specific instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Word/character limits met for EVERY section	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formatting requirements followed (font, margins, page limits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget narrative matches budget figures exactly	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	All claim numbers match your organization's actual data	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
	SUPPORTING MATERIALS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letters of support attached (at least 2 recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photos of site or existing conditions attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contractor quote or AAA State of Play estimate attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOUs from partner organizations (if claiming partnerships)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Key staff bios attached (if required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix

SUBMISSION		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Online portal account created and verified (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signature authority confirmed with Executive Director / Board Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Final review by second person completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission deadline confirmed (time zone noted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of submitted application saved with timestamp	<input type="checkbox"/> Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fix

PROMPT — AI Compliance Audit:

Please conduct a compliance audit of my grant application before I submit it.

Check the following and flag any issues with CRITICAL / WARNING / OK:

1. **NARRATIVE COMPLETENESS:** Does the application answer every question the funder asked? List any questions from the funder's guidelines that appear to be missing or only partially answered in my draft.
2. **BUDGET-NARRATIVE ALIGNMENT:** Does every expense in the budget appear in the narrative, and does every activity in the narrative have a corresponding budget line? List any mismatches.
3. **OUTCOME MEASURABILITY:** Are all stated outcomes specific and measurable? Flag any vague outcomes and suggest a more specific rewrite.
4. **DATA ACCURACY:** Are all statistics and numbers internally consistent? Flag any numbers that appear in more than one place with different values.
5. **ATTACHMENTS:** Based on the funder's requirements below, list every attachment that should be included and confirm each is present.

FUNDER'S APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

[Paste the complete funder guidelines or application instructions]

MY DRAFT APPLICATION:

[Paste your full draft narrative and budget]

The 9 Core Application Steps

The following steps apply after you’ve completed the professional pre-work above (readiness evaluation, 990 research, funder scoring, boilerplate, and cultivation call). These are in your previous version of this guide with prompts already built. Here is the condensed reference.

STEP	ACTION	KEY PROMPT TECHNIQUE
0	Build Your Local Need Case	Include national stats + local data. Ask AI to generate 3 versions of your need hook.
1	Grant Profile + Boilerplate	Complete all fields including site readiness, match available, photos, and community support.
2	Match + Stack Strategy	Identify funder pairs where one can serve as match for another. Stack grants simultaneously.
3	Eligibility Screen	Binary verdict: APPLY / DO NOT APPLY / VERIFY FIRST. No hedging.
4	Letter of Inquiry	Open with specific child/community situation. Mirror funder's exact language. Under 400 words.
5	Community Support Package	3 letters (parent, educator, community leader). Each addressed to specific funder.
6	Full Narrative	Write as if playground already exists. Present tense. Real quotes. Real names.
7	Committee Review	Simulate 75-application reviewer. Rewrite weakest 3 sentences.
8	Pipeline + Calendar	Apply to 3-4 simultaneously. Stack them. Flag 60-day deadlines.
9	Post-Award Report	Use report to document the win story for your next application.

Real Winner Intelligence

These are actual awarded playground grants — and the specific decisions that made them fundable. Study them before writing a word.

✓ **Brusly, LA + Ontonagon, MI — KaBOOM!/NFL PLAY 60 (\$10,000 each)**

Two towns of ~2,000 people beat much larger cities by mobilizing 160,000+ online votes. Community ownership proof was the differentiator. STEAL: Attach a community mobilization plan. Show the funder the community has already activated.

✓ **CADES, Delaware County PA — Inclusive Playground for 250,000+**

Named every specific disability population served, exact accessibility features, and the number of people who couldn't access existing playgrounds. STEAL: Name specific populations, not general ones.

✓ **City of Clinton, MO — LWCF Kids' World Playground**

Had site plans, contractor quotes, and match funding committed BEFORE applying. Produced a construction time-lapse video for reporting. STEAL: Be shovel-ready before applying. Have real quotes. AAA State of Play can provide them.

✓ **Atlanta PAL + Others — Georgia Playspace Refresh Fund 2025 (up to \$25,000)**

Required: recent photos, vision statement, materials list, AND cost quotes. Applications without quotes were eliminated in first review. STEAL: Treat the budget as a proof document, not a placeholder.

✓ **Mississippi Schools — BCBS Foundation 2024**

Selected schools with zero playground or aged/broken equipment — documented with photos and dates. STEAL: If your equipment is damaged or absent, photograph it today.

Ready to Build?

AAA State of Play can provide the contractor quotes, site plans, and equipment specifications your grant applications need. Once funding is secured, we're with you from design through installation.

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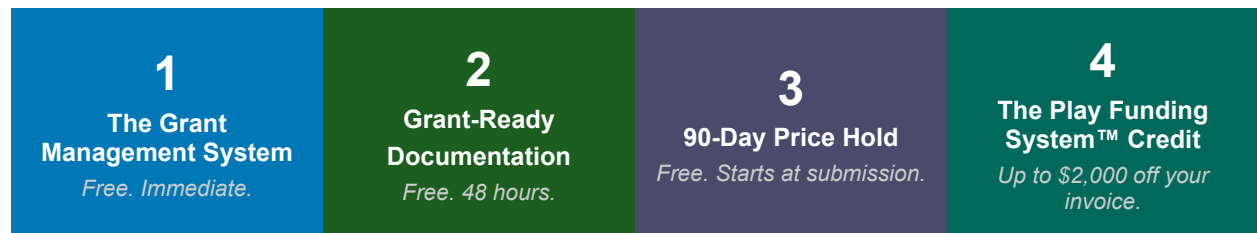
SECTION 17

THE PLAY FUNDING SYSTEM™

After you find the grant, we help you win it. After you win it, we help you build the playground.

Everything in this guide has been about finding the right grant and writing the strongest possible application. This final section is about what happens at the intersection of a winning application and a playground purchase.

The Play Funding System™ is AAA State of Play's program that takes you from grant research to a playground on the ground. It has four components. Three of them cost you nothing. One activates when you win.



COMPONENT 1 The Grant Management System

You already have this. It's what you're reading.

The complete professional grant management system in your hands: 200+ grants across all 50 states, the 16-phase process, AI prompts for every stage, real winner case studies, logic model builder, funder 990 research, and the pre-submission compliance checklist.

Available to every organization that provides an email address at aaastateofplay.com/playground-funding-guide. No purchase required. No minimum. Nothing to pay.

COMPONENT 2 Grant-Ready Documentation Package

Request it when you're actively applying for a specific grant

When you're preparing to submit a grant application, AAA State of Play builds a complete documentation package for your application file. This is one of the most common gaps in rejected applications — grant reviewers see proposals without a formatted vendor quote, without site plans, and without professional confirmation that the equipment exists at the price stated.

WHAT'S IN YOUR DOCUMENTATION PACKAGE:

- Itemized equipment quote with model numbers, specifications, and quantities — formatted specifically for grant submission
- Site layout sketch showing equipment placement on your site
- ADA compliance notes confirming the specified equipment meets Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines
- Validity letter on AAA State of Play letterhead confirming the quote is current, accurate, and available for your grant application
- 90-day price commitment starting from your grant application submission date

To request your documentation package, visit aaastateofplay.com/play-funding-system/, or call 1-877-826-2776. The package is delivered within 48 hours of your request.

⚠️ WHY THIS MATTERS: THE LOCK-IN EFFECT

Once AAA State of Play's equipment quote is incorporated into your grant application, switching vendors before the grant comes through requires resubmitting your application with a new vendor's documentation. Most organizations — and most grant reviewers — prefer not to do that. Get the documentation early. Get it right. Build your application around it.

COMPONENT 3 90-Day Price Hold

Activates when you submit your grant application

When you submit a grant application using AAA State of Play documentation, we commit your quoted equipment price for 90 days from your application submission date. If you're applying for a government grant with a longer review cycle, the hold can be extended to 120 days with manager approval.

WHAT THE PRICE HOLD MEANS IN PRACTICE:

- You submit your application with confidence that the budget numbers are locked
- Material cost changes during the grant review period do not affect your quote
- You can tell your board, your funder, and your community the budget is firm
- The hold starts at grant application submission date, not at documentation delivery date

COMPONENT 4 The Play Funding System™ Credit

Activates on closed, paid orders of \$15,000 or more

When you win a grant and purchase playground equipment from AAA State of Play with a qualifying order, we apply a credit to your invoice. The credit amount depends on your order size and which brand you purchase.

Credit Tier Structure

ORDER SIZE (SALE PRICE)	OWN BRAND CREDIT	THIRD-PARTY CREDIT
\$15,000 – \$24,999	\$500 off equipment invoice	\$500 toward surfacing or delivery
\$25,000 – \$49,999	\$1,000 off equipment invoice	\$750 toward surfacing or delivery
\$50,000+	\$2,000 off equipment invoice	\$1,500 toward surfacing or delivery

Understanding the Two Brand Tracks

The Play Funding System™ operates on two tracks depending on which equipment you purchase. The credit structure is different because the two tracks have different margin profiles — and we’re being transparent about that.

OWN BRAND <i>PlaygroundEquipment.com</i>	THIRD-PARTY BRANDS <i>Landscape Structures, GameTime, etc.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit applied directly to equipment invoice • Reduces the amount your grant needs to cover • Most flexible — reduces your total purchase price 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit applied to surfacing, delivery, or installation • Never applied to equipment invoice • Fills budget gaps that grants often don’t cover • Surfacing and delivery are real costs — this is real value

The Real Math — What This Means for Your Budget

Here’s how a typical \$30,000 own-brand order works under The Play Funding System™:

	OWN BRAND — \$30,000 ORDER EXAMPLE
Equipment at sale price	\$30,000
Play Funding System™ Credit	- \$1,000 (applied to invoice)

Net equipment cost	\$29,000
Surfacing estimate (separate)	\$4,000
Delivery estimate	\$1,200
Total project cost	\$34,200
What your \$25,000 grant covers	Equipment after credit: \$29,000 Remaining gap: \$4,200 (surfacing + delivery)
How the gap gets closed	Community fundraising, second smaller grant, or budget

HOW THIS STACKS WITH REAL GRANTS

Say you win a \$20,000 KABOOM! grant, a \$5,000 Walmart Spark Good grant, and place a \$30,000 own-brand order. Here's the picture:

SOURCE	AMOUNT
KABOOM! grant award	\$20,000
Walmart Spark Good award	\$5,000
Play Funding System™ Credit (at \$25K–49K tier)	\$1,000 off invoice
Your organization's match / budget	\$4,000
TOTAL COVERED	\$30,000 equipment fully funded

Grant stacking plus the PFS credit closed a \$30,000 project with \$4,000 out of pocket. The grant guide, the AI prompts, the documentation package, and the price hold all existed to make this happen.

Program Rules — What You Need to Know

✓ WHO QUALIFIES

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Schools, school districts, and educational institutions
- Municipal and local government agencies
- Parks and recreation departments
- HOAs and community associations
- Churches and faith-based organizations
- Any organization actively pursuing a grant from this guide

X WHAT DISQUALIFIES

- Order total below \$15,000 at sale price
- Organization not pursuing a specific named grant
- Credit combined with any other promotion, discount, or sale pricing
- Order placed by a contractor or third party, not the end organization
- Same project has already received a Play Funding System™ credit
- Private individuals or for-profit businesses

⚠ IMPORTANT: WHAT THE PROGRAM IS NOT

- Not a cash payment, check, or reimbursement
- Not a guarantee of grant approval or award
- Not a grant-writing service — this guide enables you to write your own
- Not stackable with any other AAA promotion, discount, or sale event
- Not activated on quotes — only on closed, paid orders
- One credit per project — not per organization per calendar year

How to Get Started

You've already completed Step 1 by downloading this guide. Here's the full path:

1	Use this guide to identify the 3–5 best-fit grants for your organization. Use the Go/No-Go Scoring Framework in Section 3 to prioritize.
2	Pull funder 990s on ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer. Score each funder. Only apply to grants scoring 20+ out of 25.
3	Visit aaastateofplay.com/play-funding-system/ to submit your request online, or call 1-877-826-2776 or email sales@aaastateofplay.com . Tell us which grant you're applying to and your project details. We deliver in 48 hours.
4	Submit your grant application with the AAA documentation package included. Tell us your submission date. Your 90-day price hold starts.
5	Your AAA rep will follow up with you periodically while you wait for the grant decision and can help you identify backup grants if needed
6	If you win: call your rep. Your Play Funding System™ credit activates on a qualifying order of \$15,000+. We build your playground.
7	If you don't win this cycle: your documentation is still valid. Review the Post-Award Reporting section, adjust your application, and apply to the next best grant on your list.

Ready to Fund Your Playground?

Start with Step 3 above. One call. 48 hours to your documentation package. Then apply. Then build.

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AI Prompt: Plan Your Play Funding System™ Strategy

Use this prompt to build a complete funding strategy that combines the grants in this guide with The Play Funding System™ program:

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I am pursuing playground grants and planning to use The Play Funding System™ from AAA State of Play. Help me build a complete funding strategy.
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MY PROJECT:
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Organization type: [nonprofit / school / municipality / HOA / church]
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Location: [City, State]
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Equipment budget needed: $[amount]
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Surfacing + delivery estimate: $[amount]
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Total project cost: $[amount]
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Brand I'm considering: [PlaygroundEquipment.com own brand / third-party brand]
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Timeline (when I need the playground): [month/year]
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PLAY FUNDING SYSTEM™ CREDIT I QUALIFY FOR:
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[Based on equipment budget, state which tier applies: $500/$1,000/$2,000 own brand OR $500/$750/$1,500 third-party]
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Please do the following:
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1. FUNDING GAP ANALYSIS
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Calculate: Equipment cost - PFS Credit = net equipment cost.
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Then show me how much I need from grants to close the gap completely.
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2. GRANT STACKING STRATEGY
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From the grants in the AAA Play Funding System guide, identify:
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a) One primary grant (largest, best fit) to cover the bulk of the gap
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b) One or two secondary grants ($500-$5,000) to stack on top
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c) Whether any of the secondary grants could serve as match for the primary
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3. APPLICATION TIMELINE
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Working backward from my target playground date, build a calendar showing:
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- When to request the AAA Grant-Ready Documentation Package
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- When to submit each grant application
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- When to expect decisions
- When to place the equipment order to hit my timeline

4. TOTAL FUNDED SCENARIO

Show me the complete picture if I win the grants you identified:

Grant 1 award: \$

Grant 2 award: \$

PFS Credit: \$

My organization contributes: \$

Total project cost: \$

Fully funded? [Yes/No/Gap of \$X remains]

MY ORGANIZATION PROFILE:

[Paste your completed Grant Profile from Section 1 of this guide]

THE GRANT LISTINGS

200+ Grants — National Programs + All 50 States

Use the Grant Management System in Part 1 to identify, apply for, and win these grants.

► National Grants

KABOOM Community- Built Playspace Grants

<https://kaboom.org/grants/community-built>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Since 1996, KABOOM! has collaborated with partners to build, open or improve more than 17,000+ playgrounds across the country in their quest to end playspace inequity. Depending on your community's needs, available space on your property, and available funding, KABOOM! offers three different types of playspaces. Opportunities for Community-Built Playspace grants are specific to certain cities or metropolitan areas within the U.S. KABOOM! is currently seeking applicants in the list of cities and metropolitan areas on their website. If your community isn't within one of the communities listed, they do not recommend applying at this time. For more details on how the entire process comes together, the Community Build Playgrounds Summary is on the website for download.

Land and Water Conservation “State Side” Grants - National Parks Service

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/stateside.htm>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) supports close to home recreation opportunities and provides community access to the outdoors. It's likely that one of your favorite state or local parks has received support from LWCF. Since its inception in 1965, LWCF has helped fund over 46,000 projects in communities and neighborhoods across the country. They provide matching funds to state and local governments. The first step for potential applicants is to contact the appropriate State office to find out about local application deadlines, state priorities and selection criteria, and what kinds of documentation are required to justify a grant award.

Lowe's Hometowns

<https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-hometowns>

Deadline: Varies. The nomination window for the 2026 Lowe's Hometowns grant program will open February 2026.

Award Amount: Varies

Lowe's is investing \$100 million in a 5-year program to restore and revitalize community spaces across the country through the Lowe's Hometowns program. Each year through 2026 Lowe's selects 100 large-scale community projects, chosen from consumer nominations, to be completed in partnership with local nonprofits, Lowe's store associates and community volunteers. Additionally, nearly 1,700 additional projects are selected and completed by Lowe's stores, supply chain and store support centers across the country. Lowe's Hometowns restores and revitalizes spaces that serve as hubs and heartbeats of communities including food pantries, parks, community centers, gardens, safe and affordable housing, first responder facilities and programs serving veterans. The 100 projects selected in 2025 spanned 44 states and Washington, D.C. Follow along on social media for project updates using #HowLoweHelps.

► Regional Grants

Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Program – Area Development Program

ARC is a regional committee authorized by Congress

<https://www.arc.gov/grants-and-opportunities/area-development-program/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies, there is a match requirement for ARC grants

Grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission are typically sorted into two general categories: construction and non-construction. Non-profit organizations applying for this grant must align with at least one of the five focus areas set by the ARP: building businesses, workforce ecosystem, community infrastructure, regional culture and tourism, and leaders and local capacity. The strongest project proposals are strategic, impactful, collaborative and sustainable. Appalachian nonprofits must work with their state governments to design impactful investment opportunities supporting ARC's mission and investment priorities.

Cambia Health Foundation – (ID, OR, UT, WA)

<https://www.cambiahealthfoundation.org/focus-areas/resilient-children-and-families.html>

Deadline: TBA, A Request for Proposals is anticipated to be released in September 2026, subject to change.

Award Amount: Varies

The Cambia Health Foundation seeks to improve the lives of those residing in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Focus areas include Resilient Children and Families: Increase access to school-based whole-person health models with a strong behavioral health component; prioritize models focused on prevention and early intervention in partnership with parents and caregivers. They do not accept unsolicited proposals. You are invited to [join their email list](#) to learn about funding opportunities as they are announced.

Columbia Bank Community Grants – (AZ, CA, CO, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA)

<https://www.columbiabank.com/our-impact/partnerships>

Deadline: TBA
Award Amount: Varies

Columbia Bank is an award-winning regional bank serving the western United States. They maintain more than 350 locations across Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. In 2025, it completed its purchase and rebranding of Umpqua Bank, taking over Umpqua's Community Grants program. It is unclear what the new grantmaking process will be. Grantseekers should keep checking the website for 2026 funding announcements.

Daniels Fund - (CO, NM, UT, WY)

<https://www.danielsfund.org/grants/overview>

Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount: Varies

The Daniels Fund supports highly effective nonprofit organizations working to improve lives and strengthen communities in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. The Daniels Fund's main priorities are helping people with disabilities, early childhood education, homelessness, K-12 education reform, drug and alcohol addiction, amateur sports, youth development, and aging. The Daniels Fund accepts grant applications by invitation only. If you are interested in applying, complete the Grants Eligibility Quiz online to determine if you should proceed with a grant inquiry. Their funding is highly competitive, with only the top organizations in their field selected.

Philip L. Graham Fund - (DC, MD, and VA)

<https://plgrahamfund.org/>

Deadline: To be announced soon in 2026. Mandatory Letter of Inquiry first
Award Amount: Varies

The Fund awards grants across a geographically vast area that includes 10 counties in Virginia and Maryland as well as the District of Columbia. Grantees include large, regional organizations as well as small, community-based groups. Their areas of focus are health & human services, education, arts & humanities, and community endeavors. The Community Endeavor grants have supported a broad spectrum of organizations, such as institutions of national significance located in the metropolitan area as well as the improvement of local parks and playgrounds.

M & T Charitable Foundation (14 states in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic & Florida)

<https://www.mtb.com/about-us/getting-involved/giving-back/charitable-foundation>

Deadline: Rolling. Application portal for 2026 charitable requests is now open.
Award Amount: Varies, increased requirements for requests over \$10,000

This foundation's mission is to establish meaningful partnerships and amplify impact to build inclusive communities across M&T Bank's footprint. 501C3 organizations must operate or serve individuals within the cities/towns where M&T Bank conducts business. Does not fund (among others) booster clubs, PTA's, public schools, municipalities, athletics or sports teams. Applications should be submitted at least 8 weeks before a decision is needed.

Meyer Foundation – Greater Washington Region

<https://www.meyerfoundation.org/our-grantmaking/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Meyer Foundation supports organizations that are building power to achieve a racially and economically just Greater Washington. The first step is to submit an Interest Form available on their website, and within 30 days they will let you know if they want to receive a full application from you. The Foundation defines the Greater Washington Region to include Washington DC, Montgomery and/or Prince George's counties in Maryland, Arlington, Fairfax and/or Prince William counties and/or the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and/ or Manassas Park in VA.

National Life Group Foundation – (TX, VT)

<https://www.nationallife.com/OurStory-OurFoundation>

Deadline: Jan. 1st - March 31st Open grant period annually

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

The Foundation does not fund new programs. They instead focus on proven programs. They are primarily focused on programs that help end childhood hunger, address children's mental health and those that support community development in the Montpelier, VT and Dallas, TX areas. The vast majority of their funding is centered on central and northern VT and the Dallas, TX area where their employees live and work. Decisions on grant awards will usually be made within 3 months after the March 31 deadline.

Northwestern Energy - (MT, SD, NE)

<https://www.northwesternenergy.com/community-works/community-works-fund>

Deadline: Rolling. Local committees review requests year-round

Award Amount: Varies

Northwestern Energy welcomes proposals from 501(c)(3) nonprofits serving the following needs in their service area of Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska: education; health and human services; civic and community; culture and arts; and resource conservation. Northwestern Energy reviews online applications as they are received so organizations should expect a determination letter within twelve weeks or quarterly.

TD Charitable Foundation Regional Grants

<https://www.td.com/us/en/about-us/communities/ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/td-charitable-foundation>

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a bimonthly basis. 2026 deadlines are Jan 16, Mar 13, May 15, Jul 31, Sept 11

Award Amount: Minimum to apply for is \$5,000

TD Charitable Foundation has a mission to support, respect, and improve the quality of life in the diverse communities they serve. Their four priorities for funding are better health, connected communities, financial security, vibrant planet. Email for questions about your regional grant: New England: newenglandcharitablegiving@td.com • New York, Southern CT and Northern New Jersey—Bergen/Passaic counties: newyorkcharitablegiving@td.com • Pennsylvania and Central, Southern and Coastal New Jersey: panjcharitablegiving@td.com • Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., North Carolina and South Carolina: midsouthcharitablegiving@td.com • Florida: floridacharitablegiving@td.com

Edwin S Webster Foundation – New England Area

<http://websterfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

Deadline: May 1, November 1

Award Amount: \$10,000 - \$25,000 (average grant \$15,000)

The Edwin S. Webster Foundation is dedicated to supporting 501(c)(3) organizations in the New England area with capital programs, special projects, and operating income. Areas of focus include hospitals, medical research, education, youth agencies, cultural activities, and minority enrichment programs. The Foundation prefers to work with organizations in their community that are well known to them, so don't expect to earn a grant without developing a prior relationship. The best way to secure funding is to gain strong support from a member of the board of trustees. Proposals must be submitted through the Foundation's online grant system.

Welborn Baptist Foundation – Tri-State Region: IN, IL, KY

<https://welbornfdn.org/nonprofit-excellence/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Welborn Baptist Foundation accepts grant applications from nonprofits located in and serving 14 counties in the Tri-State region: Indiana: Dubois, Gibson, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties. Illinois: Gallatin, Saline, Wabash, Wayne, and White Counties. Kentucky: Henderson County. Their areas of focus are early education, healthy communities, and Christ-centered communities.

► Foundation Grants

Action for Healthy Kids

<https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/grants-support/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Action for Healthy Kids provides schools and districts with the resources they need to create healthy learning environments where students thrive. As of Jan 2026, they have no open grant opportunities. Subscribe to their emails to stay informed on new grant offerings in the future.

Alliant Energy Foundation – (IA, WI)

<https://www.alliantenergy.com/foundation/community-grants>

Deadline: Jan 15, May 15, Sept 15 - They accept applications all year but review them only 3 times a year

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation focuses their giving in Iowa and Wisconsin on four strategic areas: hunger and housing, workforce readiness, environmental stewardship, community safety and engagement.

Playground updates and new equipment for public parks can be applied for, with standard grant awards being \$1,000.

Amcor Cares Community Support Grants

<https://www.amcor.com/about/foundation>

Deadline: Quarterly

Award Amount: \$1,000 or more

Amcor Cares is dedicated to communities in which there is an Amcor facility. Check the website for the states in which there is a facility. This grant is meant for those looking to receive donations over \$1,000 and applications are reviewed quarterly. Applicants should expect notification of status in the following quarter. Priorities include fighting hunger and homelessness, disaster relief, expanding STEM education, building life skills, improving health and wellness, and promoting arts and culture.

Ameren Grants (IL, MO)

<https://www.ameren.com/illinois/company/community/grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

To make an impact in Ameren communities, serve the underserved, and create a thriving region, Ameren awards grants and sponsorships to nonprofits that are working to address three core areas: meeting critical needs, helping communities thrive, and creating education and economic opportunities in regions within Illinois and Missouri. Information on the website is available for applicants living in and serving IL or MO.

American Express Grant Program

<https://www.americanexpress.com/en-us/company/corporate-sustainability/community-impact/apply-grant/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Amex Community Impact programs focus on supporting small business owners, helping communities impacted by natural disasters and engaging employees in community giving and volunteering efforts. Their current grant initiatives are:

[Shop Small Grants Program](#) Grants for small businesses to grow, innovate, and support their local communities. Amex allows small businesses to get creative in creating or improving a community-centric space within the business such as a patio, performance stage, or area used for community gatherings. The most recent application period opened Nov 29, 2025 and closed on Jan 23, 2026. Funding includes 500 grants of \$20,000 each.

Amex also sponsors grant programs for their employees. Employees can access details on the company intranet.

- Serve2Gether - Once an employee accumulates 25 hrs of volunteer service to a nonprofit, they can request a grant from American Express.
- Give2Gether - Eligible charitable contributions are matched up to \$8,000 per year.

Applied Materials Foundation – AZ, CA, ID, MA, MI, MT, NY, OR, TX, UT, VA

<https://www.appliedmaterials.com/us/en/corporate-responsibility/purpose.html#grants>

Deadline: Jan. 15th, June 15th, Sept 30 (Girls Empowerment)

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation provides funding to organizations globally that provide programs and services in the following focus areas: Education, Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement, Environment and Girls Empowerment. Applications may be submitted through the Foundation's online application portal on their website. Deadlines for applications are January 15th and June 15th every year and proposals are reviewed twice a year in their Board meetings. Applicants will receive a response from between March 15-31 or August 15-31, depending upon when the request is received. In general, projects that include opportunities for employee engagement and stimulate innovation are given priority.

Bank of America Charitable Foundation

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/grant-funding-for-nonprofits-sponsorship-programs>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

BOA's charitable foundation focuses its 2026 philanthropic efforts on advancing economic mobility, specifically through grants for basic human needs, income creation (workforce development), and community revitalization. Nonprofits must demonstrate alignment with these priorities to receive funding. Organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits and operate within designated Bank of America markets. Decisions for some 2026 cycles are scheduled to be announced early in the year. It is highly recommended to check the official Bank of America Making an Impact website regularly for the most up-to-date 2026 RFP releases and deadlines.

Bank of America Client Foundation – DE, FL

<https://www.bankofamerica.com/philanthropic/foundation/?fnId=32>

Deadline: April 15th and Sept. 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Bank of America Client Foundation serves organizations in Delaware and Sarasota, Florida, funding arts, culture and humanities, historic preservation, education, and human services. Grants must be received by April 15 or September 15, or the next business day if the deadline falls on a weekend. Applicants will be notified of the grant status within four months.

Bayer Fund

Bayer USA Foundation

<http://www.fund.bayer.us/grant-programs#grant-programs-1>

Deadline: Feb 1-28 (decisions made in May/June) July 1- Aug. 31 (decisions made in Nov/Dec)

Award Amount: Varies

The Bayer Fund's focus is to provide support in two areas: food and nutrition, and health and wellness. They concentrate their efforts where a majority of their employees live and work: St. Louis, MO and Northern New Jersey. They also offer grants in smaller Bayer communities (see website for list). Applications are accepted by invitation only, and applicants must be located within about 55 miles of an eligible Bayer site community. If you don't know the contact at your local site, you may submit a summary of your project on Bayer's website. The site contact will respond with information on your eligibility to apply if there is interest.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation National Grants

<https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/grant-programs/>

Deadline: Feb 18, 2026 at 4pm ET

Award Amount: Up to \$30,000

The Ben and Jerry's Foundation is a social justice organization. Their National Grassroots Organizing Program (NGO) offers unrestricted, general operating support grants of up to \$30,000, with an average grant size of \$20,000, to small (budgets under \$350,000), constituent-led grassroots organizations throughout the United States and its territories. You must demonstrate how your project is linked to grassroots social change. Start the process by taking their eligibility questionnaire online. This foundation no longer offers a rolling, year-round application process.

Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation – (PA, WV)

<https://benedum.org/>

Deadline: Rolling – applications are accepted throughout the year

Award Amount: Varies

The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation was established in 1944 by Michael and Sarah Benedum to improve the quality of life in West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. The main areas of focus are economic development, education, community development and health. Funding focus by region are: West Virginia – economic development, education, community development, health. Southwestern Pennsylvania – Economic development, education. First time applicants or those unsure of whether their project is in line with the Foundation's priorities should call or send an email to the Foundation.

Black Hills Energy Charitable Giving – AR, CO, IA, KS, NE, SD, WY

<https://www.blackhillsenergy.com/community/request-charitable-sponsorship-or-donation>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Black Hills Energy's Charitable Giving Program awards contributions or sponsorships to eligible applicants that are 501(c)(3) organizations (recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS) and schools or school districts. Organizations within or serving residents in their service territory need to apply six months prior to an event. Please allow up to 120 days to receive a decision. Their key priorities are thriving communities, conservation and future leaders. Applications are accepted year-round through the foundation's website.

BNSF Railway Foundation Grants

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation

<https://www.bnsffoundation.org/programs/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000. Applicants seeking more than \$10,000 must contact the Foundation before applying.

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the communities they serve and where their employees live, work, and volunteer. Applicant organizations should exist in or serve a community near one of BNSF's rail lines to be considered for grants. Please refer to the BNSF system map included in the

Policies section to determine whether you are located on a BNSF route. Preference is given to requests associated with civic, STEM education and youth services. For complicated grant requests, it could take up to one year for a final decision to be made.

Campbell Soup Foundation

<https://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/about-campbell/corporate-responsibility/campbell-soup-foundation/>

Deadline: Varies – grants are invitation only by the local Campbell facility

Award Amount: Varies

Since 1953, The Campbell's Foundation has supported local communities through direct grants, employee matching gifts, and partnerships with local, regional, and national nonprofits that build healthy communities in their hometowns. Their three main focus areas: increasing food access, encouraging healthy living, and nurturing neighborhoods in communities where Campbell employees live and work. Each year employees from each Campbell location nominate local nonprofits in their community to apply. Check the website to see if you are in a Campbell community.

Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust – (IL, IA)

<https://www.carvertrust.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The great majority of grants are given to organizations located in, and for projects to be conducted within, the state of Iowa and portions of Illinois, as well as to other organizations in which Mr. Carver had an interest during his lifetime. The Carver Trust supports biomedical and scientific research, scholarships, and programs addressing the educational and recreational needs of youth. Projects receiving Trust funding under the youth program designation are typically designed to complement curriculum-based education and encourage individual development and physical well-being. Of the grants awarded within this category, a significant portion has been directed toward the efforts of organizations advocating for disadvantaged and disabled youth and their families. In addition, grants to help communities establish safe and affordable recreation opportunities are also part of the youth-directed programming. The Trust offers strategic funding for the development of public recreation facilities and related activities for children, with priority given to projects in the Iowa counties of Muscatine, Cedar, Louisa and Scott, as well as Rock Island and Mercer Counties in Illinois. There is a photo on their website of a playground that, presumably, was funded by the Trust.

Cathay Bank Foundation CA, IL, MA, MD, NV, NY, NJ, TX, WA

<https://www.cathaybank.com/cathay-foundation/our-grant-focus>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies. New applicants won't receive more than \$5,000.

The Cathay Bank Foundation does not accept unsolicited grant apps. Your nonprofit must be invited to submit a Letter of Interest by Cathay Bank or a Foundation officer. If the Foundation is interested in your LOI project, they will ask you to submit a full application. Their focus is on helping nonprofits serving a majority of low to moderate-income people and/or communities in these areas: community & economic development, education, health & welfare. Nonprofits must serve or be located in the communities that Cathay Bank serves.

Centene Charitable Foundation

<https://www.centene.com/why-were-different/strategic-partnerships/corporate-giving.html>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

In 2026, Centene Foundation will begin an invitation-only model for grant applications. The core of the foundation is helping health-related organizations and causes. Centene will also consider projects or programs aligning with one or more of Centene Corporation's focus areas: Healthcare (Including Social Determinants of Health), Social Services and Education. Organizations interested in applying for a Centene Foundation grant are encouraged to reach out to their local Centene health plan.

Chisholm Foundation

<http://www.chisholmfoundation.org/Application.htm>

Deadline: Applications for May and November grants must be received no later than March 1st and September 1st respectively

Award Amount: Varies

The Chisholm Foundation aims to fund nonprofit organizations that align with its vision of supporting education, the arts, and religion, and welcomes applications from anywhere in the U.S. The Foundation awards grants twice a year, in May and November. The Foundation is interested in new or demonstration projects that can be continued and expanded with the help of additional financial supporters. They encourage applicants to seek matching gifts or challenge grants to magnify Foundation funds.

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation – Quality of Life Grant

<https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/get-support/grants-for-non-profits/program-overview/>

Deadline: Twice yearly – Spring and Fall

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$24,999

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation focus their efforts on programs that positively affect individuals and families living with paralysis. Their Tier 1 (Direct Effect) grants are open-focused to support a wide range of projects and activities. Funded projects are expected to be completed within 12 months of award. The Reeve Foundation gives special consideration to organizations that serve returning wounded military and their families, and to those that provide targeted services to cultural communities. This includes (but not limited to): persons at risk of incarceration, current or released prisoners; non-majority groups; homeless; tribal communities; limited English proficiency; rural residents; migrant workers; low-income and/or poverty populations; and newly injured people with paralysis and their caregivers. Fiscal sponsors are not allowed to apply on behalf of non-501C3 organizations. Examples of funded projects include accessible playgrounds/ball fields and accessible community spaces.

The Coca-Cola Foundation Grants

The Coca-Cola Foundation

<https://www.coca-colacompany.com/social/coca-cola-foundation>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Coca-Cola Foundation is a highly competitive funder because it offers grants in the U.S. and globally. In the U.S. they often prioritize their "hometown" of Atlanta, GA. They don't accept

unsolicited proposals for grants. The foundation wants to invest in transformative ideas and institutions. Their focus areas aim to address sustainable access to safe water, watershed conservation, recycling value chains, disaster preparedness and response, economic prosperity and causes impacting Atlanta.

CSX Community Service Grant

CSX Corporation

<https://www.csx.com/index.cfm/community-investment/charitable-investments/community-service-grants/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

CSX awards grants to eligible non-profit organizations that make a strong, quantifiable impact on their greater communities. The online grant application is open 12 months a year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and with one funding request. Every effort is made to respond to applications within 30–45 days. Check the website – this grant is available in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

The Dekko Foundation Grants – AL, IN, IA, MN

Chester E. Dekko Foundation

<https://www.dekkofoundation.org/grant-making/grantseeker-support/our-grantmaking-process/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Dekko Foundation awards grants in parts of Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota. Through grantmaking, they invest in the healthy development of children and young people and in environments that nurture their self-sufficiency. Submit proposals at least 90 days before you want a response. The board considers grant proposals in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Dr. Scholl Foundation

<https://www.drschollfoundation.com/application-procedures/preferences-limitations/>

Deadline: Letters of inquiry are accepted from Oct 1 until Jan 31 of the following year. If invited to apply, applications are due on March 1 at 4pm CST

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000 average awards

The Dr. Scholl Foundation grants funding nationwide in the areas of education, social services, healthcare, civic and culture, and environmental. Applicant organizations can submit a Letter of Interest at any time after Oct 1 until Jan 31 of the next year. If an organization receives an invitation to submit a full grant application, the grant is due on March 1.

Duke Endowment – (NC, SC)

<http://dukeendowment.org/child-care-apply-for-a-grant>

Deadline: June 15 & Dec 15 for pre-applications

Award Amount: Varies

The Duke Endowment's work in North Carolina and South Carolina focuses primarily on four program areas: child and family well-being, health care, higher education, and rural church. For the Child and Family Well-Being grants, a pre-application process will determine the eligibility of an organization. Within 30 days of submitting the pre-application form, organizations will receive a Request for Proposal or a notice that your project does not align with Duke Endowment's current priorities.

Duke Energy Grant – NC, SC, FL, OH, KY, IN

Duke Energy Foundation

<https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy-foundation/funding-guidelines>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Duke Energy Foundation grants respond to the unique needs of each of the states in which they operate to maximize impact for communities. Their grants focus on vibrant economies, climate resiliency and opportunity and inclusion. Applicants must serve communities that are also served by Duke Energy. Check the website for your individual state's grant deadlines and criteria.

Eastern Bank Foundation (MA, NH, RI)

<https://www.easternbank.com/eastern-bank-foundation-0>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Their Community Donations Program funds events, as well as program support for new and existing programs, purchase of equipment or supplies, etc. Donations generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Impact Grants are focused on advancing economic inclusion and mobility in one or more of five strategy areas including enriching early childhood development for ages 0-5. Impact Grants can be multi-year, and generally range from \$50,000 to \$150,000. A Letter of Inquiry can be submitted online at any time and, if determined to be in line with the foundation's funding priorities, your organization may be invited to complete an application.

Entergy Charitable Foundation

<https://www.entergy.com/csr/giving/>

Deadline: Feb 1 and Aug 1

Award Amount: Varies

The goal of the Entergy Charitable Foundation is to support initiatives that help create and sustain thriving communities. The focus areas for foundation funding are education/workforce development, poverty solutions and environmental programs. Entergy offers several types of grants, but priority is placed on programs in locations where Entergy has customers and/or employees. Check the website for Entergy communities in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Applicants for any grant should contact the Contributions Coordinator in their area with questions. Microgrants up to \$1000 are awarded in all program areas: arts & culture, community improvement/enrichment, economic development, education/literacy, environment & healthy families. The Open Grants program focuses on improving communities as a whole in the areas of arts & culture, education & workforce development, poverty solutions & social services, healthy families & community improvement. Organizations seeking assistance should plan on submitting applications at least three months prior to when the funds are needed.

FM Area Foundation – (MN, ND)

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation

<https://www.areafoundation.org/>

Deadline: Open application period Feb 16 - Mar 20. Grant awards announced in June 2026.

Award Amount: \$500 - \$15,000

The FM Area Foundation is a community foundation created in 1960 by and for the people of Cass County, N.D., and Clay County, Minn. The FM Area Foundation helps people give back to the community and ensures the needs of the community are addressed now and in perpetuity. Working in partnership with individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits, the FM Area Foundation manages more than 300 charitable funds and provides grants to qualified nonprofit organizations and causes. They focus their grants on arts, culture and creativity, basic human needs, community building, education, women and children. One application will be accepted per calendar year from each eligible nonprofit that submits a grant request.

Foss Foundation (June and Julian)

<http://www.foss-foundation.org/howtoapply.htm>

Deadline: April 1st - May 31st Open grant application period once a year

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

The June and Julian Foss Foundation supports projects and programs directed toward children and young people, especially those with a mental illness or physical disability. It is a small family foundation with no staff or office. It is run entirely by family member-volunteers. A grant applicant must agree to receive a site visit from a Foundation (family) member in order to apply for a grant. You can access an online eligibility quiz to determine your eligibility to apply for a grant. If you are deemed eligible, you will have access to the online grant portal and you can begin your online grant application. Applications are accepted from organizations located in or serving specific cities within the following states: AZ, CA, FL, OR, WA. Check the website to see a list of the cities. Due to their volunteer structure, they only accept electronic methods of contact and replies may take a while.

Georgia-Pacific Foundation

<https://www.gp.com/stewardship/faqs/>

Deadline: Rolling. Due to limited funding at year-end, submission by October 31 is encouraged.

Award Amount: Varies

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation issues grants that support GP communities. If your organization is located outside of Metro Atlanta, you will need to contact the GP facility in your community for support consideration. Applications are accepted on a rolling deadline with amounts varying depending on the project. The foundation seeks to support those organizations whose mission aligns with their funding priorities: Four E's - Education, Environment, Enrichment of Community, Entrepreneurship. Grantseekers must successfully pass the online Eligibility Quiz before applying.

Hall Family Foundation – (KS, MO)

<https://www.hallfamilyfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Requests may be submitted at any time. Requests are accepted and reviewed on a year-round basis. The Board meets in March, June, September, and December.

Award Amount: Varies

The Hall Family Foundation is a private philanthropic organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of human life in the Greater Kansas City area. The Foundation generally does not support funding for organizations outside the Kansas City area. The Foundation prefers to concentrate its philanthropic efforts in the greater Kansas City region, including Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties in Missouri, and Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas. Their grantmaking focuses on three interconnected impact areas: Kansas City Spirit, Prospering Communities, and Growing Minds.

Hemingway Foundation (Richard K. and Shirley S.) – ID, UT

<https://hemingwayfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The mission of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life in Utah and Idaho communities, specifically communities in northern Utah (including the Wasatch front and back), and southern and central Idaho. Its main priorities are arts and culture, environmental stewardship, and self-sufficiency. Due to limited funds available, their current focus is to invite applications only from those organizations that the Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Foundation has previously funded (in 2022, 2023, 2024).

Highmark Foundation – (PA, WV)

<https://www.highmarkfoundation.org/grants/index.shtml#gsc.tab=0>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Highmark Foundation supports 501(c)(3) nonprofits that work in western and central Pennsylvania and West Virginia with a focus on the following areas: chronic disease, family health, and service delivery systems. Their School Grants program offers schools throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia the opportunity to apply for grants to improve health and wellness and empower schools to create a nurturing and supportive environment for all students. Health Care Access (up to \$7,500): - Access to Care - Fitness & Nutrition - Social-Emotional Connection.

Honda USA Foundation

<https://csr.honda.com/funding>

Deadline: Pending - watch the website

Award Amount: Varies, Community Event Sponsorship awards up to \$25,000

Honda's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) vision is to help people fulfill their life's potential in communities where Honda associates live and work. Refer to their website map. Honda corporate and the Honda USA Foundation provide funding opportunities for programmatic support. Additionally, Honda corporate offers community event sponsorships. Each funding request is evaluated on its own merit, with consideration given to community needs, impact, and available resources. The application window for programmatic support opens in Fall 2026 with funding decisions made in Spring 2027. The application window for Community Event sponsorships is due to open in Jan 2026 with funding decisions made on a rolling basis. Requests received within 8 weeks of an event are not guaranteed a response. All potential funding applicants need to take Honda's online eligibility quiz before applying.

H&R Block Foundation – (KS, MO)

<https://blockfoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Rolling. Foundation staff present recommendations to the Board of Directors and award decisions are made at quarterly meetings held in March, June, September, and December.
Award Amount: Most grants do not exceed \$150,000

The Foundation focuses its funding on organizations that are based in and serve residents within the greater Kansas City area defined as Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties in Missouri, and Wyandotte and Johnson counties in Kansas. The Foundation accepts grant applications on a rolling basis year-round. Award decisions are made in March, June, September, and December. The Foundation's areas of focus are arts & culture, education, health & human service, & neighborhood revitalization. A major emphasis is funding activities that help underserved, low-income individuals in greater Kansas City. The Foundation's sister organization, the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation, makes single-year and multi-year grant awards that typically fall in the range of \$150,000 to \$500,000. Grants may be funded by either Foundation, though only a single application needs to be submitted. Foundation staff will determine the appropriate Foundation to consider each request.

Humana Foundation

<https://www.humanafoundation.org/>

Deadline: Jan 20, 2026 - Feb 20, 2026

Award Amount: Varies

The Humana Foundation works to ensure seniors, veterans and school-aged children live connected, healthy lives by removing unnecessary barriers to health and healthcare. The Humana Foundation offers funding through its annual grant cycle and encourages organizations aligned with the Humana Foundation's commitments to apply for grants through the online granting portal. The foundation focuses its funding on four states: Kentucky, Florida, Louisiana and Texas.

JD Finish Line Foundation

<https://www.finishline.com/store/foundation-grants>

Deadline: Varies – check the website.

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

The JD Finish Line Foundation aims to support nonprofit organizations that work to make a positive impact on diverse and underserved communities. Their Louder Than Words grants are awarded to nonprofits that make a difference in their corporate Indianapolis neighborhood as well as communities across the country. Applicants need to review the information and criteria on the website, complete the eligibility quiz, and fill out the online application. Differing grant cycles focus on health & wellness (April 1-May 15), workforce development (June 1-July 15), and safe communities (Sept 1-Oct 15).

KEEN Effect Grants

<https://www.keenfootwear.com/pages/keen-effect-grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

KEEN helps fund organizations that are reducing the impact of climate change and improving access to outside and the trades. One of their programs, SheBuilds, support nonprofits that provide access to quality trade skill education and networking for girls and women looking to join the trades. Projects should engage diverse audiences and meet the unique needs of the community served. Funded organizations are expected to work collaboratively with KEEN to share the success of the project.

Kerr Foundation Challenge Grant – AR, CO, DC, KS, MO, NM, OK, TX

<http://www.thekerrfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Deadline: Letters of Inquiry are being accepted beginning Jan 1, 2026 with a deadline of June 30. If you are invited to submit a full application, the deadline for that is Aug 15, 2026 and grant applications are considered at their Sept board meeting.

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation will fund non-profit organizations in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Texas and Washington DC, but their priority is Oklahoma. Applicant organizations should serve youth in the community and have a focus on education, health, cultural development, and community service. The Kerr Foundation most often awards challenge grants, which are matching grants. Before receiving Kerr Foundation funding, the recipient organization must first secure matched funding. The grant application process begins with a Letter of Inquiry. Details are on their website.

Peter Kiewit Foundation – (IA, NE)

<https://peterkiewitfoundation.org/for-grantseekers/grantmaking-approach/>

Deadline: Rolling – Decisions are made in March, June and Oct

Award Amount: Varies

The Peter Kiewit Foundation makes grants in the Omaha metro area and across the state of Nebraska, as well as Western Iowa within a 100-mile radius of Omaha. Their strategic priorities include youth development, economic development and opportunities, quality of place amenities, and community foundation capacity. Grants are awarded on a matching funds basis. An applicant must have developed at least a portion of the matching funds needed before submitting a request.

Kimmel Foundation – (Richard P. & Laurine) (IA, NE)

<https://www.kimmelfoundation.org/kimmel-foundation-grants>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Most grant awards are less than \$25,000

The Kimmel Foundation provides funds to organizations in Nebraska and Iowa that focus on education, arts, agriculture, human services, and humanities. Emphasis is given to organizations operating in Nebraska City, NE, and Otoe, NE. The foundation aims to support ideas that provide leadership in a field, encourage matching grants, and contribute to an organization's mission. Accepted applications are generally reviewed within one to three months of receipt, and grant checks are issued four times a year: April, July, Oct and Dec.

KLA Foundation

<https://www.kla.foundation/>

Deadline: 2026 dates have not yet been announced

Award Amount: \$50,000-\$250,000 per year for 1, 2, or 3 years

KLA Foundation issues Education Opportunity grants to nonprofits that prioritize addressing the challenges faced by under-resourced students such as first-generation and limited income students in K-12 education within the United States, as well as at primary and secondary institutions internationally. To be eligible, U.S. organizations must be serving populations within a 50-mile radius to one or more of the KLA offices listed on their website within the states of AZ, CA, ID, MI, NJ, OR. In

2025 Letters of Interest were accepted from April 14-May 9, Invitations to Apply were extended on June 9, Application Deadline was July 11, and Award Notification was complete by Sept 30.

Knight Foundation - (CA,FL, GA, MI, MN, NC, OH, PA)

<https://knightfoundation.org/programs/communities/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation focuses on specific target issues: Downtown and Neighborhood Revitalization, Public Spaces, Economic Opportunity, “Smart Cities” as Responsive Cities. They fund primarily in eight cities where the foundation has resident program officers. Knight program directors are your first point of contact. Check the website for instructions on how to submit a Letter of Inquiry. Cities with program directors: San Jose, CA – Miami, FL – Macon, GA – Detroit, MI – St. Paul, MN – Charlotte, NC – Akron, OH – Philadelphia, PA.

Krieger Fund (Zanvyl and Isabelle)

<https://kriegerfund.org/apply>

Deadline: March 1st and Sept. 1st

Award Amount: \$2,500-\$25,000

The Krieger Foundation awards grants twice per year. The Board of Directors meets in June and December. The Fund focuses on advocacy efforts and direct service programs in the following areas: Housing and community development, Behavioral health and healing, Environmental justice, Families with young children birth to three years old. The process for new grant requests is: Submit a letter of intent. If your organization is considered a good fit with the mission and priorities of the Krieger Fund, an in-person meeting will be scheduled. After the meeting, a full proposal may be requested.

Lattner Family Foundation – FL, GA, KS, RI

<https://www.lattnerfamilyfoundation.org/>

Deadline: March 1st and Sept. 1st

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation accepts grant applications from nonprofits located in or serving Palm Beach County FL, GA, KS, RI. Their areas of giving include health and social services, education, arts and humanities, environment, and Christian organizations providing such services. No applications accepted by phone or email. Notifications of grant award are sent out approximately 12 weeks after the grant application deadlines.

Lawrence Foundation

<https://thelawrencefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Deadline: Open application periods are April 1-30, and Sept 1-Oct 31. Awards are made in June and December.

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000

The Lawrence Foundation awards grants twice per year. They have no geographic limitations on applicant organizations, and all grants that they award are unrestricted funds. The foundation prefers to fund applications in the area of environment, human services, disaster relief and other pressing

issues. They don't typically fund physical education or recreational programs or equipment. Online application is required, but there is no Letter of Inquiry before applying.

Liberty Mutual Foundation – (MA, WA)

<https://www.libertymutualgroup.com/about-lm/giving-back/liberty-mutual-foundation>

Deadline: Rolling for Discretionary grants. Separate deadlines for other grants.

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation's grants help nonprofits that work to empower families and individuals who are struggling to thrive amid challenging situations. Their grants serve individuals and communities in Greater Boston (Boston, Brockton, Cambridge, Chelsea, Quincy, Randolph, and Somerville), Greater Puget Sound, and select counties of Washington State (King, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, Kitsap and Spokane counties) Discretionary proposals initiated by nonprofits are accepted on a rolling basis. Their Request for Proposals (RFPs), specific to each funding area, are time-limited and have set deadlines. They give preference to nonprofit organizations with solid financials, systems for measuring impact, a strong board and staff, strategic plans, and budgets. The Foundation also does a 100% match to employee charitable donations made through payroll deductions.

Mee Charitable Foundation (George and Margaret) - NY, PA

<http://www.meefoundation.org/guidelines/>

Deadline: March 31, June 30, Sept. 30, and Dec. 31

Award Amount: Varies, minimum \$1,000

The Mee Foundation invests in projects and programs that support the communities of Broome County and Delaware County, New York; Cameron County, Pennsylvania; and occasionally the surrounding areas. The general categories of funding include Education, Community and Recreation, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture. Awards may be considered for capital projects or well-established programs. Awards may also be considered for startup funds and new initiatives. The Foundation's application is on the website. Applications must be downloaded, filled out, and mailed by regular mail along with the required attachments. There is no online application. Potential applicants must contact the Mee Foundation Executive Director at least 2 weeks before the nearest deadline to discuss the nature of your application and eligibility, & to receive approval to apply.

The Mott Foundation (Charles Stewart Mott)

<https://www.mott.org/grantseekers/>

Deadline: By invitation only

Award Amount: Varies

The Mott Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are working to strengthen their hometown of Flint and communities around the world. In addition to making grants in four priority areas - Civil Society, Environment, Flint Area and Youth Engagement - they also support unusual or unique opportunities to address significant national and international problems. As of January 2025, the Foundation doesn't accept unsolicited letters of inquiry or proposals. The Foundation prefers to focus on the ongoing work of previous grantees, and there is limited funding for new work.

Laura Jane Musser Fund

<https://musserfund.org/rural-initiative-program/>

Deadline: The most recent online applications were available from Sept 2 - Oct 2, 2025. Funding decisions will be announced by Feb 2026.

Award Amount: Planning grants up to \$5,000 and Implementation grants up to \$25,000 The Rural Initiative provides funding to rural communities of less than 10,000 residents in CO, HI, MN, WY, and limited counties in NY, NC, and TX. Funding is available for a new project or program during the first 3 years. Large capital expenses are not funded in this grant. 501C3s and local units of government are eligible to apply.

The Packard Foundation (David and Lucile)

<https://www.packard.org/grantees/>

Deadline: Varies. Keep checking the website for 2026 funding announcements.

Award Amount: Varies

In a typical year, about 15 percent of their grants are awarded to first-time grantees and less than one percent come from unsolicited proposals. Their primary areas of funding are: Build just societies. Protect and restore our natural world. Invest in families and communities. When checking the website for funding opportunities, you can search past grantees to see what types of projects have been funded recently.

PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program

<https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines>

Deadline: By invitation only

Award Amount: Varies

The PeopleForBikes Industry Community Grant Program provides funding for projects that make bicycling better in communities across the U.S. Since 1999, PeopleForBikes has awarded more than 400 grants to nonprofit organizations and local governments in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Their investments total more than \$3.5 million and have leveraged \$775 million in public and private funding for bike-related projects nationwide.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants-and-grant-programs.html>

Deadline: Varies. Sign up for funding alerts to be notified of 2026 grant announcements.

Award Amount: Varies

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is dedicated to building a culture of health equity where health is no longer a privilege but a right. They focus on four core areas: Health systems, Healthy communities, Healthy children and families, Leadership for better health. The grant process typically begins with a competitive call for proposals which defines the challenge they wish to address, activities they'll support to achieve desired outcomes, and eligibility criteria. They also provide funding opportunities through open calls for ideas and through challenges and prize competitions, as well as direct solicitations for projects in support of specific programmatic objectives. If you are interested in pursuing a RWJF grant, request to be put on their email list.

7-Eleven Cares Foundation

<https://corp.7-eleven.com/corp/project-a-game>

Deadline: By invitation only

Award Amount: Varies

Project A-Game™ is one of 7-Eleven's long-standing community outreach programs, created to advance youth education in local communities. Franchise Owners are invited to apply for grants that invest in youth development and educational opportunities through the Boys & Girls Clubs of America or other local educational programs. Grants are co-funded by local Franchise Owners and the 7-Eleven Cares Foundation, supported by 7-Eleven, Inc., and provide critical funding for youth development and educational opportunities. 7-Eleven does not accept unsolicited requests and will not respond to requests received.

Shade Structure Grant

American Academy of Dermatology Association

<https://www.aad.org/public/spot-skin-cancer/programs/shade-structure-program/eligibility-application>

Deadline: Applications accepted Oct 1 - Dec 15

Award Amount: Up to \$8,000

The AAD's Shade Structure Grant Program awards grants of up to \$8,000 to public schools and non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools, or recreation spaces. In addition to the grant, the AAD also provides a permanent sign for display near the shade structure. Applicants must have a sun-safety program in place for at least one year prior to application. Access the AAD's free resources library for sun protection materials to support your program.

Sundt Foundation

<https://www.sundt.com/our-culture/community-involvement/>

Deadline: March 15th, June 15th, Sept. 15th, and Dec. 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Sundt Foundation is 50-percent funded by contributions from Sundt employee-owners. Every dollar is matched by the company and then distributed through quarterly grants to qualified 501c3 nonprofits in their eleven giving areas: Tempe/Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, North Texas, Central Texas, Sacramento, Irvine, San Diego, Salt Lake City, Charlotte, Florida and the Pacific Northwest. Local committees of employee-owners decide which organizations to fund in each of their giving areas. The Foundation considers a broad range of social issues but gives special focus to under-served children and teens, domestic violence victims, and military veterans and their families.

Toyota USA Foundation

<https://toyotaeffect.com/grant-seekers/#:~:text=Does%20Toyota%20award%20grant%20to>

Deadline: Varies. Toyota facilities may have their own grant deadlines. Check the website for the facility nearest you and their deadline.

Award Amount: Varies

The Toyota USA Foundation funds organizations in four broad areas: Community, Mobility, Workforce, Culture. Regionally, Toyota makes contributions to help support the specific needs of local communities. Refer to the website for info on North American manufacturing centers' grants and apply to the Toyota that most closely serves your area. Some Toyota facilities may have transitioned to an Invitation-Only grant process.

Union Pacific Foundation Local Grants

Community Ties Giving Program

<https://www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/index.htm>

Deadline: Open app period April 1-30, 2026.

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$30,000

The Community Ties Giving Program offers Local Grants to nonprofits in Union Pacific's service area. Check the website for eligible communities. Their grants focus on Safety, Workforce development, Community vitality, and Environmental sustainability. Grant award notifications are in August 2026. The Foundation also offers larger grants by invitation only.

The Wallace Foundation

<https://www.wallacefoundation.org/how-we-work/our-work/pages/afterschool.aspx>

Deadline: Varies. Continue checking the website.

Award Amount: Varies. Average \$400,000 over a 3 year period.

The Foundation's mission is to help all communities build a more vibrant and just future by fostering advances in the arts, education leadership, and youth development. The Wallace Foundation's granting approach is unique. They determine which nonprofits or governmental bodies (such as school districts) might be able to help them carry out efforts aimed at answering important questions. They invite these organizations to submit proposals for how they would do the work and then choose grantees based on their assessment of proposals. They sometimes run open calls for organizations who work on the ground in communities. Any open requests for proposals are posted on their website.

Walmart Foundation – Spark Good Local Grants

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

Deadline: April 15, July 15, Nov 30.

Award Amount: \$250-\$5,000

The Walmart Foundation awards local community grants to nonprofits that have programs benefiting the local Walmart store service area. The local store management reviews applications and makes initial funding recommendations. All grant applicants must begin the process by opening a Spark Good online account. Applications are accepted and reviewed through three application cycles annually: Cycle 1: Feb. 1 – April 15, Cycle 2: May 1– July 15, Cycle 3: Aug. 1 – Nov. 30.

Weinberg Foundation

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

<https://hjweinbergfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation provides grants to nonprofits in the United States and Israel that help people achieve economic stability and well-being. They support capital projects — such as facilities, technology, and other organizational infrastructure — as well as programs and general operations. The Foundation's grantmaking primarily focuses on communities with ties to the lives and legacies of Harry and Jeanette Weinberg, and where its trustees reside and provide leadership. These places, known as their priority communities, are Baltimore, Hawai'i, Israel, New

York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco. Within each of these communities, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that help people achieve economic stability and well-being, focusing on the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Aging. Potential applicants should review the website to find relevant grants that they are eligible for.

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

<https://www.weyerhaeuser.com/company/values/citizenship/giving-fund/>

Deadline: September 30th

Award Amount: \$1,000 or more

The Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund supports U.S. and Canadian communities where they have a significant presence or business interest. These communities range from rural to metropolitan, each with unique priorities and needs. Their employees serve on local advisory committees and help develop funding priorities within seven focus areas: affordable housing; education and youth development; environmental stewardship; human services; civic and cultural growth; workforce development; and inclusion. Refer to the website for the states and geographic areas that they serve.

Woodward Fund (David, Helen & Marian)

Administered by Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/woodward-fund-atlanta>

Deadline: April 1st and Sept. 1st

Award Amount: Varies

The David, Helen, and Marian Woodward Fund aims to create a better world for future generations by supporting education, environment, animals, health, human services, international/foreign affairs, public/society benefits, arts/culture/humanities, and religion. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations located in Georgia or its neighboring states, with a historical preference for organizations in Georgia. Their grants focus on capital improvement and project grants with a priority toward educational institutions.

► State Grants

ALABAMA

Alabama Power Foundation Grant

<https://www.powerofgood.com/>

Deadline: June 19, 2026 - Awards made in Sept 2026

Award Amount: Varies

Those non-profit organizations serving Alabama may be eligible to apply for a grant from the Alabama Power Foundation. The Alabama Power Foundation funds organizations with initiatives in the following areas: Educational Advancement, Civic and Community Development, Arts and Cultural Enrichment, Health and Human Services, and Environmental Stewardship. If you are seeking \$10,000 or less, contact a Division representative to discuss applying. If you are seeking \$10,000 or more, you can apply online.

Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation

<https://jsbcf.org/grant-program/how-to-apply/>

Deadline: Jan. 31st and July 31st for Letter of Intent

Award Amount: Varies

The Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry twice per year at the end of January and July. If selected for a full application, organizations will be notified in February and August. Grant focus areas are education, health, community needs, and arts and culture. Applying organizations must be within the Greater Birmingham area.

Central Alabama Community Foundation

<https://cacfinfo.org/about/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Established in 1987 by civic leaders with a vision to create a permanent charitable foundation, CACF now manages more than \$100 million in charitable assets and has distributed over \$75 million to organizations serving local needs. With more than 230 charitable funds, the Foundation supports initiatives in education, health, human services, cultural arts, recreation, historic preservation, and other civic concerns—all designed to create a better quality of life for those who live and work in Central Alabama. Check their website for various grants that are available in your area of Alabama.

Community Development Block Grant

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

<https://adeca.alabama.gov/cdbg/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Max \$400,000

This grant is administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Enhancement Fund is available to all eligible communities to use for projects that address quality of life issues. Typical activities include fire protection, senior citizen centers, community centers, Boys & Girls clubs, and recreational facilities. Deadlines are announced during the first quarter annual workshop.

Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham

<https://www.cfbham.org/grants/>

Deadline: Spring 2026 brief proposals are due Jan 30, with notifications for full proposals in March 2026 & grant awards announced on May 21.

Award Amount: Recent awards have been between \$5,000 to \$75,000

Grant cycles open in the Spring and Fall. Applicants must serve Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, and/or St. Clair counties in Alabama. The Community Foundation focuses on areas that include: thriving communities, equality and inclusion, regional cooperation, economic opportunity for all, overcoming persistent poverty, and equity and inclusion. The Community Foundation's goal is to give hope for the future through providing for community members. Check the website for grant deadlines, and past successful grantees

East Alabama Community Foundation

<https://cacfinfo.org/grants/community-trust-grants-2/>

Administered by Central Alabama Community Foundation

Deadline: Applications available Feb 2 - April 3, 2026

Award Amount: Max \$3,000

Community Trust Grants are available for services and programs provided by any nonprofit in the East Alabama area. Successful applicants are notified in June.

Mike & Gillian Goodrich Foundation

<https://mggoodrichfoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Deadline: Feb. 1st, May 1st, Aug. 1st, and Nov. 1st/Black Belt Region by Jan 16 & Jul 16

Award Amount: \$2,500 to \$1,000,000

Established in 2009, the Mike & Gillian Goodrich Foundation provides grants to organizations in Alabama communities. Their major focuses include Education, Neighborhood Revitalization, the Environment and Green Spaces, Arts and Culture, and Positioning Strategic Community Assets. Grants from the Goodrich Foundation are designed to target the Black Belt and Birmingham metro areas. Program grants are awarded up to \$30,000. Capital campaign grants of any amount are considered throughout the year.

Malone Family Foundation

http://www.themalonefamilyfoundation.org/guidelines_c.html

Deadline: November 15th for Letter of Intent. If invitation is extended to submit a full application, deadline is usually in December, with grant award in Feb of the following year.

Award Amount: Varies

Consideration is given primarily to organizations and programs or projects whose beneficiaries reside in the state of Alabama. To a limited extent, they will consider organizations and programs or projects in the states of Florida and Georgia. The Malone Family Foundation primarily, but not solely, focuses on programs and projects that expand the horizons of and opportunities for children and young adults. They won't fund programs or projects that are not specific and whose success or accomplishment cannot be measured as to effectiveness to the satisfaction of the Foundation.

ALASKA

Alaska Community Foundation Grant

<http://alaskacf.org/grants/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Alaska Community Foundation runs competitive grant cycles throughout the year that are open to eligible local nonprofits and other organizations serving the public good. Targeted grants are available to various regions throughout Alaska. Grants are received through a competitive grant process or under the recommendation of board members. Grants range in size based on the region

served. Check the Alaska Community Foundation website for information regarding specific grants available.

First National Bank Alaska

<https://www.fnbalaska.com/about-us/about-first-national/community-support>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The bank contributes about \$1 million annually to charities and community events in the areas that they serve. The Donation Request Application Form is online. Contribution requests are reviewed monthly. First National's grant priorities are economic development, community development and public service, health, arts and humanities, seniors and disabled citizens, military and veterans. Donation requests should be received by the bank at least 90 days before the funds are needed.

Homer Foundation

<https://www.homerfoundation.org/grant-programs/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Homer Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the greater Homer area by promoting philanthropic and charitable activities. They have several grant opportunities. The \$5,000 Quick Response grant is available all year with a 30 day response time. Applications are considered at a meeting on the 4th Monday of the month. Community Impact grants over \$5,000 are for organizations that reside or provide programs on the southern Kenai Peninsula. This grant process begins with a Letter of Inquiry. The City of Homer grant application for Homer nonprofits is due on Feb 24, 2026.

Kenai Peninsula Foundation

Administered by Alaska Community Foundation

<https://kenaipeninsulafoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Applications open Feb 27 to April 3, 2026

Award Amount: Varies

As an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation, the Kenai Peninsula Foundation's goal is to support projects that enhance the quality of life for central Kenai Peninsula area residents, addressing immediate needs while working toward long-term improvements. The Kenai Peninsula Foundation grant opportunity is designed to support **special projects** addressing a broad range of community needs, including but not limited to: youth and adult arts and cultural education, community safety, health and wellness, homelessness, food insecurity, the great outdoors, and overall community development and events.

Charlotte Martin Foundation

<http://www.charlottesmartin.org/>

Deadline: Applications open May 1- June 1, Decision by July 30

Award Amount: Up to \$20,000

The Charlotte Martin Foundation is a private, independent foundation dedicated to enriching the lives of youth and preserving and protecting wildlife and habitat. The Board is excited to fund small

organizations, as well as projects where smaller grants can make a large impact. Potential applicants should watch the video on the foundation's website to familiarize themselves with grant priorities.

ARIZONA

Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation

<https://www.mlb.com/dbacks/community/foundation/program-grants>

Deadline: Watch the website for grants announcements later in 2026

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

The Derrick Hall President's Circle Grants are given statewide to Arizona non-profits in the amount of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for programmatic expenses that directly impact the clients served by the organization. Focus areas include homelessness, healthcare for the underserved and youth programs of all types. Other requests may be considered but should fall within the human services category. Programs operated by schools and/or youth sports leagues qualify for other grant programs and are typically not funded through this process.

Arizona Public Service – Community Impact Grant

<https://www.aps.com/en/About/Community/In-the-Community/Community-Impact-Grants>

Deadline: Grant applications accepted between Feb 1 and Oct 1

Award Amount: Varies

The Arizona Public Service provides the Community Impact Grant in an effort to help the diverse needs of the community. Grant applications can be submitted between Feb 1 to Oct 1 annually. All applications must be submitted during this time to be considered for funding. All applications are required to be a one-time all-inclusive annual request for an organization. APS is committed to reviewing all grant requests within 60 days of submission. Organizations seeking donations for an event should submit their request at least 90 days before they need funding.

Arizona State Parks & Trails

<https://azstateparks.com/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Nonprofits in Arizona should thoroughly review this website for grant possibilities. Arizona State Parks and Trails works with federal, state, county and municipal governments, as well as tribes, clubs and non-profits to help fund outdoor recreation educational programs, projects that build recreational motorized and non-motorized trails, trail facilities, and playgrounds. All grant programs operate on a reimbursement basis. Reimbursements to grantees are made according to the percentage specified in the participant agreement for eligible expenditures included within the project's approved scope of work.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Community Foundation – Giving Tree Grants

<http://www.arcf.org/Nonprofits/ApplyforaGrant.aspx>

Deadline: Feb 15 and Aug 15

Award Amount: Varies

The Giving Tree Grants are managed locally by the Foundation's 29 affiliate offices. Committees of local leaders in each community determine the best use of their Giving Tree funds. Contact the executive director in your area to learn more about their grantmaking priorities and average grant size.

Arkansas Fun Park Grants

Arkansas Dept of Parks, Heritage and Tourism

<https://adpht.arkansas.gov/office-of-outdoor-recreation/arkansas-outdoor-grants/fun-park-grants>

Deadline: Watch their website for 2026 grant announcements

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000 (no match required)

Eligible applicants are municipalities in Arkansas with populations of 7,500 or less and unincorporated communities that are sponsored by a city or county. Funding can be used to develop most types of outdoor recreation facilities. Funded projects should be completed within one year of grant award.

Blue & You Foundation – For a Healthier Arkansas

<https://blueandyoufoundationarkansas.org/funding-opportunities/apply-for-funding/>

Deadline: Applications are open during the months of Jan, Feb, April, May, July, Aug, Oct, Nov. Grant notifications are sent out during Mar, June, Sept and Dec.

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

Mini grants support 501C3 nonprofits, government entities, churches, public schools, colleges and universities applying for health initiatives in the following categories: emergency medical equipment, maternal and child health, food pantry support, health initiatives at a public school, college or university. Blue and You Foundation grants in the amount of \$25,000-\$250,000 are awarded to community partners committed to making the lives of Arkansans healthier. The grant process begins with a Letter of Intent before being selected to submit a full application. The application period for these larger grants has already closed for 2026.

Rural Community Grant Program

Arkansas Rural Development Commission

<https://www.arkansasedc.com/Rural-Services/division/grants/rural-community-grant>

Deadline: Fiscal Year 2026 Cycle II - March 12, 2026

Award Amount: Up to \$15,000 (match required)

Incorporated towns in Arkansas with 3,000 or less population and unincorporated rural communities can apply for up to \$15,000 in matching grants. Communities wishing to apply for projects under the program must provide one half of the cost of the project as a match. Match may be a mix of in-kind labor, in-kind materials or cash and must be available at the time of application. Past grantees have received funding for baseball/softball fields, community centers, walking tracks, park and playground equipment, pavilions, and picnic tables.

CALIFORNIA**100 Women Charitable Foundation – Impact Grants**

<http://100womenfoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Grant cycle starts April 1. Watch for the 2026 grant announcement

Award Amount: Usually \$40,000 or more

Applying organizations must serve Santa Clara or San Mateo counties, be invited to submit a Letter of Inquiry by a current voting member of the 100 Women Charitable Foundation, and spend all grant funds within Santa Clara or San Mateo counties. Only 45 LOI are accepted each year. After having your LOI accepted, a full grant app is due Aug 30. Award amounts vary from year to year but organizations should show a need for the full grant amount of \$40,000. Applicants must have a minimum organizational budget of \$100,000 and a project budget of at least \$60,000. Proposals should focus on one of three areas: education, family, or health and wellness.

Atkinson Foundation

<https://atkinsonfdn.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$10,000 to \$20,000

The Atkinson Foundation provides opportunities for residents of San Mateo County. Primary consideration is given to nonprofits providing services in the following areas: education and youth development, community support, people with disabilities. Potential applicants should review the wide array of grant listings on their website.

California PTA Healthy Lifestyles Program

<https://toolkit.capta.org/programs/scholarships-and-grants/grants/healthy-lifestyles-grant/>

Deadline: October 15th, The application period for 2025-2026 school year is now closed.

Award Amount: \$500- \$2,000

Yearly, the Healthy Lifestyle Grants are available to California PTA's in good standing. Healthy Lifestyle Grants are available to implement programs and projects that will improve the health and well-being of children and adults. Previous programs funded include exercise classes; walking and running programs; sun safety awareness; and health and fitness awareness weeks. Applicants will need to include a description of the anticipated program goals and outcomes, no more than three pages. This should include the number of students served, a project timeline, a budget, additional funding asked for or received, and plans for evaluation. The California Scholarships and Grants Committee will review all applications and notify applicants of their status in December.

California Wellness Foundation

<https://www.calwellness.org/money/apply-grant/>

Deadline: The foundation has not yet announced their 2026 deadlines.

Award Amount: Varies

The California Wellness Foundation's mission is to advance wellness for the people of California. Their four areas of focus are: community well-being, equity in access, economic security and dignity, striving for racial justice. Continue to watch their website. After a strategic planning process, they expect to announce new grant application procedures in 2026.

HEALTHTrust Community Grants<https://healthtrust.org/funder/community-grants/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

Grant requests should align with the mission of The Health Trust to build health equity in Silicon Valley. Requests may include, but are not limited to: annual fundraisers, health fairs, and projects that support community health. Event or project must be held in Santa Clara County and/or Northern San Benito County. Requests must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event or project start date and can generally expect a response within 30 days. Organizations are eligible to receive one (1) Community Grant per fiscal year. The Health Trust encourages new applicants to apply for funding.

Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation Quarterly Grants<https://www.nba.com/lakers/community/giving>

Deadline: March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$20,000

The Lakers Youth Foundation awards quarterly grants to support youth programs or projects that closely align with the Foundation's priority areas of education, health and wellness, and sports. The Foundation funds programs that have existed for at least two years and can demonstrate success. The Foundation will not fund new programs or those outside of Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside or Orange County.

COLORADO**Adolph Coors Foundation**<https://coorsfoundation.org/grant-priorities/>

Deadline: Mar 1, July 1, and Nov. 1

Award Amount: Varies

Nonprofit applicants must operate in Colorado and be in existence for more than a year; special consideration is given to rural Colorado nonprofits. Areas of interest the foundation prefers to fund include youth and youth development, adult work programs, entrepreneurship, integrative medicine, and public policy. Grants are reviewed three times per year: Mar deadline in July, July deadline in November, and November deadline in March. Grants are awarded about four months after submission.

Ballantine Family Fund

Community Foundation of Southwest Colorado

<https://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/ballantine-family-fund/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Average grant award in 2024 was \$2800

The Ballantine Family Fund is a general-purpose fund that accepts grants for a wide array of projects and services including arts and culture, environment, animal protection, education, human services,

and youth. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for this grant if they serve Southwest Colorado which includes Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties. Nonprofits submit their grant applications online and the Trustees review them quarterly for alignment with the Fund's capacity, mission and purpose.

Colorado Health Foundation

<https://coloradohealth.org/open-funding>

Deadline: Feb. 15, June 15, Oct 15 . Some grants have rolling deadlines.

Award Amount: Varies

The Colorado Health Foundation is a statewide philanthropic organization that champions the overall health and well-being of every Coloradan. Their website is full of information on the various grants they offer and recent grantees. One of their grant offerings is "Equitable Community-Designed Outdoor Spaces" with \$25,000-\$50,000 planning grants to support community engagement and co-design activities. They suggest that playgrounds and parks across Colorado can allow children and families to become co-designers of their own reimagined spaces for physical activity. Their grants are offered to both 501C3s and public agencies.

El Pomar Foundation

<https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The El Pomar Foundation is a general-purpose charitable organization that approves funding for a wide variety of focus areas for use in Colorado, such as arts and culture, civic/community initiatives, education, health and human services. Check the website to review their specialized grant funds and competitive funding grants. The Foundation accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the year and their trustees review grant applications 4-6 times a year. In 2026, submit your grant application at least 10 weeks before a trustee meeting. 2026 meetings will be held on Mar 6, June 18, Sept 18, Dec 4.

Great Outdoors Colorado

<https://goco.org/grants/apply>

Deadline: FY2026 grant deadlines have already closed. Watch the website for announcement of FY2027 grants beginning in Summer 2026. There are usually two grant cycles in a fiscal year.

Award Amount: Varies

Great Outdoors Colorado invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to the preservation and improvement of state parks, trails, wildlife, and rivers. The focus of GOCO's competitive grants includes outdoor recreation and land conservation in Colorado. Colorado municipalities, counties, and Title 32 special districts with parks and recreation authority are all eligible for GOCO grants. Nonprofit conservation organizations, political subdivisions of the state, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are also eligible. In many cases, eligible entities may sponsor projects on behalf of ineligible entities. For example, a nonprofit land trust can partner with private landowners to conserve their land, or a city can apply for a grant on behalf of a school to build a playground. Begin the process and get your questions answered by finding your Region on the website map, and contacting your Regional Officer.

CONNECTICUT**American Savings Foundation**

<https://www.asfdn.org/grants>

Deadline: 2026 Program grants: Jan 29 & July 23, Community grants Sept 30

Award Amount: Usually up to \$5,000, not more than \$10,000 without a special request

The American Savings Foundation is an independent charitable foundation that serves 64 towns in Connecticut, with a core focus on New Britain and Waterbury. They are dedicated to strengthening the community by supporting education, human services, and the arts, with a special emphasis on the needs of children, youth and families. Besides the grant deadlines listed above, capital grant requests begin with a Letter of Intent that can be submitted at any time during the year.

CHEFA Grants

Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority

<https://chefa.com/grant-programs>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$75,000 Nonprofit grants program cycle

CHEFA established the philanthropic Grant Program in 2002 to provide nonprofit organizations, operating or seeking to operate a program(s) or having capital expenditure needs, in Connecticut, with the opportunity to access funding through competitive grants. Their six core priorities for grant funding are: Education, Healthcare, Cultural, Childcare, Human Services and Wellness, Long Term Care/Senior Living Facilities. CHEFA currently operates three grant cycles: Client, Nonprofit, and Enterprise Capital. The Nonprofit Grant Program cycle opens each November with an RFP for Letters of Interest.

Greater Hartford Gives Foundation

<https://greaterhartfordgives.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Every year, the Foundation releases Requests for Proposal that align with their strategic priorities. Each RFP has unique eligibility criteria and deadlines. They also manage Community Funds that have grantmaking cycles for projects that benefit towns within their region. The Foundation held an info session on January 27 to share details about their 2026 grantmaking approach and opportunities. Potential applicants can watch the video replay of this session on the website.

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

<https://www.hfpgnonprofitsupportprogram.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

This foundation works to strengthen nonprofits in Greater Hartford. Their grant offerings have different deadlines, eligibility and grant amounts. Foundation grants include awards for technical assistance, executive transition, financial management, strategic technology, evaluation capacity and small nonprofit support.

DELAWARE

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BluePrints for the Community

Administered by the Delaware Community Foundation

<https://delcf.org/grants>

Deadline: Application open Feb 9 to April 9, 2026

Award Amount: Not to exceed \$50,000

Blueprints for the Community grant program, is a grants program of the Highmark Delaware Fund, a donor-advised fund at the Delaware Community Foundation. It will support health-related projects, programs and supportive services. Preference is given to programs that fit BluePrints for the Community priority areas, which are: increasing access to health care for uninsured/underserved, reducing health disparities in minority communities, supporting early childhood development with initiatives focused on health, recruiting and training health care professionals and addressing social determinants of health.

Delaware Community Foundation

<https://delcf.org/capital-grants/#capital-grant-recipients>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Each year, the DCF awards millions of dollars in grants to support the work of nonprofits addressing Delaware's greatest needs and opportunities, with an eye to building opportunity and advancing equity. There is a comprehensive list of grants on the foundation's website along with eligibility and application deadlines.

Delaware State Parks**Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Trails Grants**

<https://destateparks.com/Know/Grants>

Deadline: Watch the website for 2026 grant announcements

Award Amount: Varies (matching grants)

The Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program (ORPT) is a matching grant program assisting with public park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development in Delaware. Municipal and county governments, and park districts, may apply for grant funding under the Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program. Grants may be awarded for projects such as park land acquisition, planning and design of parks or trails, and outdoor recreation facility construction. Grants have funded a wide range of projects, including picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, lighting, maintenance and restroom facilities, skate parks, trails and bridges. Grant agreements from the 2025 grant year are issued during the first quarter of 2026.

Sussex County Delaware

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/non-profit-grant-program>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Council Grant Program provides grants to non-profit agencies. These funds assist organizations with resources in support of programs or capital purchases that benefit Sussex County residents. Each fiscal year, \$200,000 is available for distribution. The Council asks that your request for funding be reasonable, realistic, and within their budgetary constraints. To be eligible for a grant, fill out the application online. The County Council will receive a copy to consider for a future Council agenda.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Events DC Community Grants

<https://eventsdc.com/community/community-grants>

Deadline: Watch the website for FY2027 grant announcements

Award Amount: Varies

Events DC is proud to continue to support the future of non-profit organizations in Washington, DC that promote youth participation in both the arts and athletics. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, Events DC provided funding for the program of \$750,000 during two grant cycles (\$375,000 in the first cycle and \$375,000 in the second cycle). Cycle 2 applications opened in December 2025, with a submission deadline of February 2, 2026. Potential applicants can watch videos on the website with info on grant programs and how to apply.

Palisades Community Fund

<https://palisadesdc.org/grant-program/about-the-fund/>

Deadline: Usually April 15 & Oct 15 each year, check the website to confirm 2026 dates

Award Amount: Varies

The PCF finances projects that promote charitable activities, cultural enrichment, community education and service, economic improvements, and environmental enhancements for the Palisades. Grants by the PCF have supported a variety of local projects — the Palisades Branch library, beautification of MacArthur Boulevard, landscaping the Rec Center, building lockers for the local fire station, constructing a community information kiosk etc. The Palisades Community Fund Committee meets twice a year to consider requests for grants.

Rotary Foundation of Washington DC

<https://dcrotaryfoundation.org/grants/community-service-grants/>

Deadline: Jan 31

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000

Grants are awarded to projects that serve Washington Metropolitan Area residents. Funding is available for eligible non-profit organizations for specific-identifiable program activities. The grant application form requires details about your organization, description of the proposed project, the potential impact, budget and funding needs, and how the grant can bring positive transformations to the community. The Foundation hopes to issue award decisions by May 2026.

FLORIDA**American Legion Children & Youth Grants**

State of Florida American Legion

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: May 1st

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

This grant provides financial support to programs and projects that enhance the lives of children in the State of Florida. The organization that is seeking funding must be well established in contributing to the physical, mental, and emotional welfare of children throughout the community where service is provided. For consideration, grant packets should be completed in their entirety and be mailed to the legion office. Applying organizations should state the need for the proposed project or program, providing an impact statement or statement of need along with an overview of the proposed program or project. An introduction of the organization, along with goals and objectives, organization methodology, and IRS determination letter should all be enclosed. Finally, a program description, evaluation, and budget should also be included. A letter of recommendation **MUST BE PROVIDED** by the sponsoring American Legion Post, Sons of The American Legion Squadron, and/or American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

Chapman Foundation (Alvah H. and Wyline P.)

<https://www.chapmanfoundation.org/grant>

Deadline: May 15th and Oct. 15th

Award Amount: Up to \$15,000

The Chapman Foundation seeks to fund programs in the areas of children and families, education, multicultural understanding, substance abuse prevention, natural and historical conservation, and programs serving the homeless. A prospective applicant must be sponsored or endorsed by one of the Directors of the Foundation's board or a member of the Foundation. To be considered for an endorsement, please submit a brief Letter of Inquiry that includes the amount you are requesting and a brief description of the proposed project. You will be contacted when a decision has been reached. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a grant application. Geographic preference is given to areas where directors and members live and are involved in the community. Under special circumstances, organizations in parts of Georgia where the Chapman family has traditionally had interests will be considered.

The Children's Trust Grants

<https://www.thechildrenstrust.org/content/grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of all children and families in Miami-Dade County. They announce several grant programs throughout the year, such as Community Engagement and Outreach grants, and Direct Service Program Enhancement grants. The 2026-27 Community Engagement and Outreach Grants funding opportunity is expected to reopen in the summer of 2026. Please check the website for updates and information regarding the 2026-27 grant cycle.

Florida Blue Healthy Communities

Florida Blue Foundation

<https://www.floridablue.com/foundation/community-investments>

Deadline: Rolling

Award amount: Varies

The Healthy Communities Grant Program aims to improve health equity by addressing critical issues like food security, mental well-being, and health disparities in Florida. Florida Blue Foundation collaborates with nonprofits to support community needs and help people achieve better health. Eligible organizations must be located in Florida, possess IRS 501(c)(3) status, align with Florida Blue's community outreach goals, and have a credible reputation. Ineligible entities include for-profit organizations, individuals, and religious organizations benefiting specific denominations.

GEORGIA**Atlanta Braves Grant**

Atlanta Braves Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Atlanta Braves Foundation is the non-profit arm of the Atlanta Braves that actively supports community organizations and their programs within the metro Atlanta area. Since its inception in 1994, the Atlanta Braves Foundation has provided support to thousands of metro Atlanta based organizations and has contributed more than \$6 million in financial and in-kind assistance to the community. Priority is given to applicants who address opportunities for youth in the areas of education, health and wellness, youth baseball development, volunteerism and community development. Multi-year awards are not awarded. The Foundation seeks to fund 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations but is unable to fund schools, public or private. As part of the final determination process, representatives from the Board of Directors may make a site visit to determine if the funding request is in line with the Foundation's vision.

Chapman Foundation (Alvah H. and Wyline P.)<https://www.chapmanfoundation.org/grant>

Deadline: May 15th and Oct. 15th

Award Amount: Up to \$15,000

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circumstances, organizations in parts of Georgia where the Chapman family has traditionally had interests will be considered.

The Coca-Cola Foundation Grants

<https://www.coca-colacompany.com/social/coca-cola-foundation>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Coca-Cola Foundation is a highly competitive funder because it offers grants in the U.S. and globally. In the U.S. they often prioritize their “hometown” of Atlanta, GA. They don’t accept unsolicited proposals for grants. The foundation wants to invest in transformative ideas and institutions. Their focus areas aim to address sustainable access to safe water, watershed conservation, recycling value chains, disaster preparedness and response, economic prosperity and causes impacting Atlanta.

Georgia Power Foundation

<https://www.georgiapower.com/our-impact/community/giving-back/about-grants.html>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Georgia Power focuses on supporting causes contributing to the well-being of the communities they serve. Company Representatives determine which local organizations to invest in by directing funding where it has the most impact. To apply for a grant, the first step is to go to the website and see if you’re eligible. View the list of Georgia regions and find your representative. Send your rep an email with info about your funding request. If they are interested in your request, you will be invited to submit a full online application.

Park Pride Grantmaking Programs

<https://parkpride.org/we-can-help/grant-programs/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$250 to \$100,000+

From the smallest clean-up project to a full-scale park overhaul, Park Pride’s Grantmaking Program awards funding to registered Friends of the Park groups seeking to revitalize their neighborhood greenspaces. Established in 2004, Park Pride’s Grantmaking Program is designed to support Friends of the Park groups taking on larger projects as they grow and develop capacity. Awards are available from \$250 to \$100,000 or more for capital improvements that include (but are not limited to) amenities such as: new playgrounds, bridges and piers, ADA-accessibility upgrades, kiosks and signage, walking paths or trails, exercise equipment, community gardens, green infrastructure, art installations and more.

Resurgens Charitable Foundation

<https://www.resurgensfoundation.com/grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Resurgens Orthopaedics established a charitable foundation with a mission “to promote active

lifestyles for people of all ages and all abilities.” The foundation began with the goal to build at least one new specially designed "all abilities" playground for children in the metro Atlanta area each year, but the impact has grown into so much more. They don't have a formal application process or a set maximum or minimum but rather make those decisions based on the organization applying. All applications are reviewed by the Foundation's board and applicants will be notified of a decision within 90 days. Review their website and you'll see that they have funded many playgrounds in GA.

Robert W. Woodruff Foundation

<https://woodruff.org/grants-program/>

Deadline: Feb 1 and August 15

Award Amount: Varies

The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life in Georgia by investing in health, education, economic opportunity, and community vitality. They pursue their mission by responding to community needs, typically making grants to institutions and projects with strong leadership and a broad base of support. The Foundation's grantmaking is generally limited to organizations located and operating in metro Atlanta. They will occasionally consider grants to significant institutions and initiatives in communities throughout Georgia. They accept grant applications throughout the year but review apps twice a year. Applications received by the Feb 1 deadline will be considered at the April trustee meeting and applicants will be notified of the trustees' decisions within a week. Applications received by the August 15 deadline will be considered at the November meeting with decisions within a week. They encourage applicants to submit an informal email inquiry before applying, to see if their project is a fit for funding.

Woodward Fund (David, Helen & Marian)

Administered by Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/woodward-fund-atlanta>

Deadline: April 1st and Sept. 1st

Award Amount: Varies

The David, Helen, and Marian Woodward Fund aims to create a better world for future generations by supporting education, environment, animals, health, human services, international/foreign affairs, public/society benefits, arts/culture/humanities, and religion. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations located in Georgia or its neighboring states, with a historical preference for organizations in Georgia. Their grants focus on capital improvement and project grants with a priority toward educational institutions.

HAWAII

Atherton Family Foundation

<https://www.athertonfamilyfoundation.org/grant-seekers/atherton-family-foundation-grant-seeker>

Deadline: Jan 5, Apr 1, Oct 1 for program grants. July 1 is the only deadline for capital grants.

Award Amount: Average program grant award is \$13,500. Average capital grant award is \$41,500.

The Atherton Family Foundation funds programs and projects that benefit the people of Hawaii. The Foundation currently funds in the following areas: arts, culture, and humanities; community development; education; environment; health; human services; spiritual development; and youth

development. The Foundation supports organizations working collaboratively to address systems change. Grant apps are reviewed quarterly. Applications must be submitted online through the Hawaii Community Foundation Grants Portal. The 2026 Grant Application Guidelines are on the Atherton Family Foundation website.

The Awesome Foundation Grant - Oahu

<https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/oahu>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$1,000

The Awesome Foundation is a global network of micro-giving chapters that gives out \$1000 each month. If you've got an idea for a project on the island of Oahu and need some support to take your initiative to the next level, apply now! There are no official rules, but for your best chance, make them say, "That's awesome!" by having a detailed outline of your project and a clear, itemized budget. They review applications at the end of every month and select a winner as a group. If you win, they will call and let you know. Afterwards, they will decide on a meeting spot, give you the grant money, take some photos, and announce your awesome project on their social media channels.

Campbell Family Foundation (James & Abigail)

<https://www.campbellfamilyfoundation.org/>

Deadline: February 1 and July 1

Award Amount: Varies

The James and Abigail Campbell Family Foundation supports projects in the areas of education, youth, and Hawaiian. Priority is given to programs located in or serving communities in the following areas of West O'ahu: Ewa/Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Makakilo and the Wai'anae Coast. Applicants are only eligible to apply for funding once per year, so they are encouraged to request full funding at the time their application is turned in. Multi-year funding requests are usually not considered. Applications are reviewed in April and October. All documents must be submitted in their entirety by February 1 or July 1 to receive a board review.

Castle Foundation (Samuel N. & Mary)

<https://snandmarycastlefdn.org/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation is committed to providing resources to improve the lives of Hawaii's children and families by improving early education. The Foundation announces RFPs throughout the year. Project and program grants will generally be in the range of \$10,000 to \$25,000, with \$50,000 being a maximum grant award. Funding for up to three years is available for projects. However, organizations must submit a proposal each year for funding, giving an update on the previous year's activities. Grants for major capital improvements typically range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. In 2026, they encourage accredited or about-to-be accredited preschools to prepare solid and well-documented applications to improve their playground equipment or to improve class facilities. Most applications for this purpose will generally be up to \$25,000.

Weinberg Foundation - Hawaii

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

<https://hjweinbergfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation provides grants to nonprofits in the United States and Israel that help people achieve economic stability and well-being. They support capital projects — such as facilities, technology, and other organizational infrastructure — as well as programs and general operations. The Foundation's grantmaking primarily focuses on communities with ties to the lives and legacies of Harry and Jeanette Weinberg, and where its trustees reside and provide leadership. These places, known as their priority communities, are Baltimore, Hawai'i, Israel, New York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco. Within each of these communities, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that help people achieve economic stability and well-being, focusing on the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Aging. Potential applicants should review the website to find relevant grants that they are eligible for.

IDAHO

Forever Idaho Grant

Administered by the Idaho Community Foundation

<https://www.idahocf.org/grants-scholarships.php>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Max request \$25,000. Most grants range between \$3,000-\$8,000

This program awards general operating grants. If awarded, funds may be used for any direct or indirect costs related to the organization's activities, including payroll, rent, utilities, supplies and equipment, project costs, capital improvements, and/or programmatic needs. The program is based on the philosophy of community-driven philanthropy and distributes greatest need funding through grants made in four regional cycles. Check the website for the locations included in each region.

- North – Deadline June 15.
- East – Deadline June 15.
- Southwest – Deadline August 15.
- South Central – Deadline August 15.

Idaho Community Foundation

<https://www.idahocf.org/nonprofits-students/grant-opportunities-and-workshops>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Idaho Community Foundation helps nonprofits meet the issues of today through grant programs to address Idaho's diverse needs. Check the website for eligibility, review processes, award amounts, and deadlines.

Idaho Playground Project

<https://idahoplaygroundproject.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

High costs of adaptive playground equipment and lack of resources should not keep individuals with varied abilities from experiencing play. The Idaho Playground Project aims to give every child equal access to play experiences through playgrounds, toys, books, and games. Simply put, they aim to build or renovate 100 playgrounds at Idaho elementary schools by 2033. Adaptive playgrounds are playgrounds that are designed to be inclusive and accessible for children of all abilities. Adaptive playgrounds are important because they provide children of all abilities the opportunity to participate in the same recreational activities as their peers, promoting socialization and inclusion. Contact information is on the website for potential applicants to ask about current year grant funding.

Idaho State Parks & Recreation

<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/grants-and-funding/>

Deadline: Jan 30, 2026 with grant awards announced in June. Review the website for other grant possibilities later in 2026.

Award Amount: Varies

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation offers funding programs and grants to Idaho government entities for equipment and outdoor recreational facilities. Contact IDPR grant staff for assistance with the application process.

ILLINOIS

Alfred Bersted Foundation

<https://www.bankofamerica.com/philanthropic/foundation/?fnd=108>

Deadline: June 1

Award Amount: Varies

The Alfred Bersted Foundation was established in 1972 to support and promote quality educational, human services and health care programming for underserved populations. The Alfred Bersted Foundation specifically serves the people of DeKalb, DuPage, Kane and McHenry counties in Illinois. In general, applicants to the June deadline will be notified by September 30. This trust is managed by the Bank of America Philanthropic Foundation.

Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln

<https://cfl.org/Grants-Scholarships/Grant-Deadlines-Applications>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln accepts grant applications for several programs and charitable funds throughout the year. The Community Foundation encourages nonprofit organizations in Cass, Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, and Sangamon counties to apply for funding from competitive grantmaking funds when eligible. Refer to the website for grant opportunities, eligibility requirements, and deadlines. Applications usually open 4-6 weeks before their deadlines.

Community Foundation of Northern Illinois<https://www.cfnil.org/grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois has a wide variety of grants it offers, with varying review processes, eligibility, and award amounts. Their goal is to improve the quality of life for individuals and families and to inspire endowment and promote philanthropy for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois.

Community Grant Program

Administered by Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

<https://www.cfnil.org/community>

Deadline: Watch the website for their 2026 grant announcement

Award Amount: Varies

Open to nonprofits providing charitable services to Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties in Northern Illinois. Community Grants are made in eight Focus Areas: Arts & Humanities; Basic Needs & Compassionate Support; Career Pathways; Complementary Education; Dignity & Respect; Health; Sustainable Communities; and Youth & Families. To be eligible to apply for funding from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, an applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a religious organization, a unit of government, or a public university/college. The proposals must describe charitable activities that primarily, but not exclusively, benefit the residents of Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, or Winnebago Counties. The more you request, the greater scrutiny your proposal will receive. CFNIL uses a tiered application format based on the request amount. Applicants requesting over \$50,000 will submit a full application with audited financials. Applicants requesting \$10,001 to \$50,000 will submit a streamlined application with just the most recent 990. Applicants requesting less than \$10,000 will have the shortest application, and no organizational financials are required. However, all applicants who haven't applied to Community Grants in the past five years must submit their two most recent 990s. CFNIL reserves the right to request additional financial information during the grant cycle.

INDIANA**Community Foundation of Southern Indiana**<https://www.cfsouthernindiana.com/nonprofits/apply-for-grants/pathways-to-progress-grants/>

Deadline: March 31, June 30, Sept 30 and Dec 31

Award Amount: Varies

Many of CFSI's grant programs accept applications year-round, awarding grants quarterly. This allows organizations to apply for grants to fulfill their needs when the time is right for them. All applications must be submitted electronically by the last day of each quarter. After review by the Foundation, successful grant awards are announced about 2 months following the deadline. Capacity Building and Community Assist grant programs follow these deadlines.

Community Foundation of St. Joseph County<https://cfsjc.org/nonprofits/competitive-grants/>

Deadline: March 1, Oct 1

Award Amount: Varies

Nonprofit organizations serving the citizens of St. Joseph County are eligible to submit a Special Project Grant application. The Community Foundation's Special Project grants process encourages projects in Community development, Health and human services, Parks, recreation, and environment, and Youth and education. This is a challenge grant where the Foundation matches dollar-for-dollar any money that the grant applicant has raised toward their project up to a limit set by the Foundation.

Pacers Foundation<https://pacersfoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Interest forms are accepted quarterly-Dec 15, March 17, June 16, and Sept 15. If invited to apply, deadlines are Dec 31, Mar 31, June 30 and Sept 29.

Award Amount: Up to \$25,000

The Pacers Foundation seeks Indiana-based 501(c)(3) organizations aligned with its mission to apply for funding, with grants up to \$25,000 available, though most receive \$10,000 or less. Preference is given to organizations with a history of collaboration and sustainability. Grant amounts are determined by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Foundation does not fund general operating expenses, capital campaigns, or events, nor does it purchase advertisements or donate equipment. Grants are awarded to support community work aligned with the Foundation's mission. The foundation prioritizes projects that fall within its focus areas including youth education, health, and community development. The first step to applying for funding is to submit an interest form on the website. These forms are reviewed in the next quarterly meeting and organizations that meet the evaluation criteria are invited to send in a full application.

IOWA**BLACK HAWK COUNTY GRANT**

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

<https://www.cfneia.org/affiliate/black-hawk/#grant-opportunities>

Deadline: January 15th and July 15th

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

The Black Hawk Community Foundation provides support through grant funding to organizations in the program areas of arts and culture; community betterment; education; environment; health; historic preservation; and human science. Funding requests will only be accepted for those programs being conducted in Black Hawk County and impacting community members. Public and private school districts are eligible to apply for funding, with preference given to innovative, replicable projects with a focus on asset-building. The foundation seeks innovative, high-impact programming that is easily replicable. All applications must be received online via the online application system.

MID-IOWA HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANTS

Mid-Iowa Health Foundation

<https://www.midiowahealth.org/what-we-fund>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Mid-Iowa Health Foundation has three priorities when deciding on grant recipients: projects that nurture family and community relationships, safe and stable environments, and supportive communities for children in Greater Des Moines. Improving the quality of life for children and families is the top priority, and the Foundation supports initiatives that align with this mission. Nonprofit organizations may apply through the website. Intending applicants are advised to contact the grant administrator prior to submitting an application. Applications are reviewed quarterly.

Prairie Meadows

<https://www.prairiemeadows.com/about-us/grant-programs>

Deadline: February 27, 2026

Award Amount: Varies

As a nonprofit organization, Prairie Meadows supports Iowa nonprofit organizations that support arts and culture, education, economic development, and human services. Through their grant programs, they continually work to strengthen and expand opportunities, infrastructure, and services offered within the community. Their grant programs include Legacy grants, Community Betterment, and Youth Sports and Recreation. They have a playground pictured on their cover page.

KANSAS

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation

<https://www.bcbsks.com/foundation>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation funds nonprofits across Kansas except those in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. Their funding focus is promoting health improvement, community health access and/or health education, healthy behaviors, prevention initiatives, or direct health services to the uninsured. An online application is required for requests of \$5,000 or less. For more than \$5,000, contact information is given on the website. Funding decisions are made by the Foundation's five-member board of directors and/or the Foundation's chief operating officer, acting upon recommendations made by a committee of Blue Cross employees.

Kahperd Member Grants

Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD)

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: September 30th

Award Amount: Up to \$1,500

KAHPERD primarily awards funding to schools or initiatives that benefit education. A KAHPERD Member Grant may be awarded to a KAHPERD member who is able to demonstrate a need for full or partial funding for an innovative or creative activity designed to enhance wellness within a school. Project details, such as objectives; expected outcomes; activities, procedures and timelines; an evaluation plan; and a detailed budget plan, are all required as part of the grant application.

Koch Family Foundation

Formerly the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation

<https://www.kochfamilyfoundation.org/our-grants>

Deadline: Sept. 15. Completed grant requests are accepted throughout the year. Applications received by Sept 15 are reviewed and considered for approval at the annual board meeting.

Award Amount: Varies

This foundation was created with a singular mission: to foster arts and education in Kansas. Only nonprofits within Kansas are eligible. Grant awards are announced in December.

Parsons Area Foundation Grant

Parsons Area Community Foundation

[Additional Information](#)

Deadline: January 31st

Award Amount: Varies

The Parsons Area Community Foundation works to strengthen the community by providing annual grants to the community. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, churches, schools, and government organizations are all eligible for funding through the Area Community Fund. All areas of the community that provide development for community members are eligible to seek funding. Examples of previous projects funded include parks, festivals, and the arts. Funding preferences are given to those organizations with a well-written grant proposal. The proposal should include clearly stated factual evidence of the need; a viable project and how it will address the needs of the community; clear means for measuring the success of the program; and a complete budget. Grant applications are accepted between December 15th and January 31st with award determination in April or May.

KENTUCKY**Horizon Community Foundation**

<https://horizonfunds.org/our-grants/community-impact-fund-grant/>

Deadline: Feb 1 Letter of Intent portal opens with due date of Feb 28. If invited for full application, deadline is May 29.

Award Amount: Varies

Applicants must be located in or serving one of the three counties of Boone, Campbell, or Kenton. This year, the Foundation is inviting nonprofits to propose bold, high-impact ideas that address significant community needs. In a change from prior years, the Fund will award support to one or two larger-scale initiatives that display significant collaboration with other nonprofits and that best align with their key grantmaking priorities. Funding decisions will be announced in Aug 2026.

Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program

<https://www.kycolonels.org/good-works-program/>

Deadline: Grant program opens annually in December. For 2026 cycle, email your Letter of Interest beginning Dec 8, 2025. You will receive an email specifying which online application form to submit and the deadline for it. Jan 23, 2026 final applications are due. Notification of award in June 2026.

Award Amount: Varies

Grants through the Good Works Program are focused on helping organizations that mainly fall within these categories: Community Enhancement, Community Support, Education, Health, Rehabilitation, and Life Skills, Historic Preservation, Homeless, Low-income, and those in Crisis, Veterans services and Military, Youth Services. Eligible nonprofits are those located in Kentucky that have been operating for at least 5 years. Funding is generally limited to items/projects that can be seen or touched.

Land & Water Conservation Fund

Commonwealth of Kentucky

https://kydlqweb.ky.gov/FederalGrants/16_LWCF.cfm

Deadline: Usually Jan. 15 – May 31. Watch the website for 2026 announcements.

Award Amount: \$25,000-\$250,000 (matching reimbursement program)

The LWCF provides federal grant funds to acquire land for outdoor recreation and develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports & playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas, and passive parks. Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funding. All facilities that have received funding must remain an outdoor venue in perpetuity and the land must be owned or leased long-term from a public agency.

LOUISIANA

Central Louisiana Community Foundation

<https://www.clcf.net/eligible-grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Central Louisiana Community Foundation improves the quality of life for members of the community through proactive and strategic grant making. Grants are awarded in a variety of ways, including competitive grants, donor-advised grants, scholarships, opportunity grants, and more. Review the website for open grants, deadlines, and eligibility. They have a Community Impact grant and an Endowment that could be relevant to playground funding.

Greater New Orleans Foundation

<https://www.gnof.org/nonprofits/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Greater New Orleans Foundation is a philanthropic institution dedicated to driving positive impact through philanthropy, leadership, and action in the Greater New Orleans Region. They value Collaboration, Innovation, Responsiveness, Equity, Stewardship, and Inclusion. On the website, there is an up-to-date list of current and upcoming grant opportunities. Check back often to keep informed on new grant cycles and deadline updates.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Louisiana State Parks

<https://www.lastateparks.com/grant-opportunities-for-outdoor-recreation/land-water-conservation>

Deadline: April 1

Award Amount: Varies (match grant)

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program promotes broad-scope outdoor recreation, ranging from land acquisition to the development of park facilities such as spray parks, ball fields, picnic pavilions, and restrooms. The federally-funded program provides 50% matching funds assistance, through grants to state governments and local municipalities.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to begin their planning efforts prior to the application cycle. Their website has online tools to assist project sponsors; Division of Outdoor Recreation personnel are available to answer questions and assist with application documents, upon request.

New Orleans Recreation and Culture Fund

Administered by the Greater New Orleans Foundation

<https://www.gnof.org/program/new-orleans-recreation-and-culture-fund/>

Deadline: Watch the website for their 2026 grant announcement

Award Amount: Maximum grant awards are the lower of \$100,000 or 50% of an organization's annual operating budget.

This grant provides support for nonprofit community organizations, youth recreation organizations, and culture bearer organizations that contribute substantially to the well-being, development, and growth of the New Orleans community. Tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit organizations with a registered headquarters or permanent physical location in Orleans Parish that have been in existence for at least three years and are in good standing with the IRS are eligible to apply. Awarded funds may be used for general operating or programmatic support.

Ourso Family Foundation (E.J. and Marjory B.)

Administered by the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAAF)

<http://www.braf.org/ourso-family-foundation>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The purpose of the E.J. and Marjory B. Ourso Family Foundation is to provide philanthropic support for South Louisiana, which has been good to the family over generations. Grant applicants should keep in mind that the Foundation gives priority to projects that build on human initiative and service to mankind. The Foundation will provide grants to support nonprofit organizations that have new, creative, or beneficial projects that respond to challenges in the following program areas: education, healthcare, human services, and religion. The Board of Directors reviews proposals on a quarterly basis.

MAINE**Land and Water Conservation Fund**

Maine Dept of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/land_water_conservation_fund.html

Deadline: Last Friday in June each year

Award Amount: Up to \$1 million.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 (LWCF) was established to assist federal, state, and local governments in the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Administered at the federal level by the National Park Service and at the state level by the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for approved acquisition or development projects for public outdoor recreation. The only eligible applicants are the State of Maine, counties, municipalities, school districts, and tribal nations, but nonprofits can be partners in a project. Applicants requesting less than \$20,000 should discuss this with a grant manager before applying.

Libra Foundation

<http://librafoundation.org/>

Deadline: Watch website for 2026 grant announcement

Award Amount: Usually less than \$25,000

The Libra Foundation's scope of contribution is limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofits operating within the State of Maine. Areas of giving include Religion, Public/Society Benefits, Arts, Culture and Humanities, Education, Justice, Environment, Health, and Human Services. Traditionally, small grants are given to many organizations as opposed to large grants to only a few. The Foundation paused their grant program beginning June 2025 for an expected year. Watch the website, as grant applications may be accepted again in the Summer 2026.

Onion Foundation Environment Program Grants

<https://www.onionfoundation.org/environment>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$30,000

The goal of the Environment Program is to benefit Maine residents by expanding equitable outdoor access, supporting high-quality nature learning, and encouraging advocacy and movement building to protect the environment and mitigate climate change. Grant applications are open for Equitable Outdoor Access from Jan 6-Feb 11, 2026, Nature Learning is open Mar 17-April 29, and Advocacy and Movement Building is by invitation only.

Maine Community Foundation

<https://www.mainecef.org/apply-for-a-grant/available-grants-deadlines/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine. All competitive grant programs only support work in Maine and benefiting people and communities in Maine. They administer many different trust and grant programs, and they are also in a period of transition. Several of their grant programs closed in 2025; others transitioned to Invitation Only, and there are still many that have traditional cycles with deadlines. Review the website to see if your organization is eligible to apply for their grant offerings.

MARYLAND**Abell Foundation - Regular Grants Process**

<https://abell.org/grants/regular-grants-process/>

Deadline: Jan. 1, March 1, May 1, July 15, and Oct. 1

Award Amount: \$10,000 or More

The Abell Foundation awards grants to nonprofit community partners working to improve the quality of life in Baltimore. They provide seed funding for innovative pilots, support for ongoing community programs and services, and funding for capital projects. They focus on health and human services, community development, education, workforce development, criminal justice and addiction, environment, and the arts. First-time applicants must submit a Letter of Interest describing your project and budget. If you have applied to the foundation before or received a positive response to your LOI, you can submit an online application.

Abell Foundation - Small Grants Process

<https://abell.org/grants/small-grants-process/>

Deadline: Rolling. No deadline to apply.

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

The Abell Foundation awards grants to nonprofit community partners working to improve the quality of life in Baltimore. They focus on health and human services, community development, education, workforce development, criminal justice and addiction, environment, and the arts. This grant is for requests of \$10,000 or less. There is no requirement to contact the Foundation before applying as a first-time applicant. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and have no application deadline. An Abell staff member may contact you with follow-up questions and/or request a site visit. You can expect to be notified of a decision within 60 days of submitting your small grant request.

Mitzvah Fund for Good Deeds

Administered by the Baltimore Community Foundation

<https://bcf.org/for-grantseekers/other-grant-opportunities/mitzvah-fund-for-good-deeds/>

Deadline: Rolling as long as funds are available

Award Amount: Up to \$3,500

Mitzvah Fund for Good Deeds was developed to provide gap funding for eligible nonprofit organizations in the Baltimore area. To be eligible, organizations must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, serve the Baltimore region, and abide by non-discrimination laws. Funding is broadly defined and can be applied to different organizational needs. Their funding cannot be used for capital projects. The review process for applications can take up to 4 weeks.

Stronger Schools, Stronger Neighborhoods

Baltimore Community Foundation

<https://bcf.org/for-grantseekers/bcf-grants/>

Deadline: Review the website for 2026 grant deadlines

Award Amount: Typical award \$20,000. Smaller projects are often awarded \$1,000-\$5,000

The Baltimore Community Foundation recently adopted a new strategic plan to guide their work. They welcome applications from organizations across Baltimore City and Baltimore County that are strengthening schools and building neighborhoods where children and families can thrive. They are particularly interested in proposals that address the following for schools: Kindergarten readiness and Judy Centers, student mental health, school climate, and culture. For neighborhoods: safety, cleaning, greening, vibrancy. Successful proposals will be driven by the expressed needs of the community they aim to serve.

Weinberg Foundation - Baltimore

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

<https://hjweinbergfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation provides grants to nonprofits in the United States and Israel that help people achieve economic stability and well-being. They support capital projects — such as facilities, technology, and other organizational infrastructure — as well as programs and general operations. The Foundation's grantmaking primarily focuses on communities with ties to the lives and legacies of Harry and Jeanette Weinberg, and where its trustees reside and provide leadership. These places, known as their priority communities, are Baltimore, Hawai'i, Israel, New York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco. Within each of these communities, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that help people achieve economic stability and well-being, focusing on the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Aging. Potential applicants should review the website to find relevant grants that they are eligible for.

MASSACHUSETTS

Gateway City Parks Program

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/gateway-city-parks-program>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Average \$500,000

This program funds the creation and restoration of parks and recreational facilities in underserved urban neighborhoods in certain counties in Massachusetts. A list of Gateway Cities eligible to apply is on the website. Average number of grants awarded is 10, and average award amount is \$500,000.

Amelia Peabody Foundation

<https://ameliapeabody.org/>

Deadline: Feb 3, May 12, Sept 1 2026

Award Amount: Most grants fall in the \$15,000 to \$50,000 range for programs or operations. Grants in the \$50,000 to \$100,000+ range are typically capital improvement grants

The Amelia Peabody Foundation supports programs and services for youth and families, particularly those from under-resourced communities in Massachusetts. Applications will be considered for operating or program support, with limited funding for capital projects. All work must take place in Massachusetts. Grant decisions are as follows: 1st Round - February 2026 application deadline

decided May 2026. 2nd Round - May 2026 application deadline decided September 2026. 3rd Round - September 2026 application deadline decided December 2026.

Vela Foundation

<https://www.velafoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Vela Foundation wishes to improve nutrition and wellness in Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts. The foundation is happy to support organizations that improve fitness, nutritional education, and physical activity. The grant process begins with emailing a Letter of Inquiry to the contact on the website. LOI submission should contain a brief description of the organization and project, project objective, budget for the project, and impact (number of people reached).

MICHIGAN

5 Healthy Towns Foundation Grant

5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF)

<https://www.5healthytowns.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The mission of the 5HF is to cultivate improvements in personal and community wellness. Nonprofits providing services within the School Districts of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge are eligible for funding. Projects that address isolation, food access, and/or physical activity opportunities in the 5 Healthy Towns service area can be considered for funding. Refer to the website for information on the Community Wellness Coalitions and how to apply for grants.

Battle Creek Community Foundation

<https://www.bccfoundation.org/grants>

Deadline: FY 26-27 General Grant deadlines are not yet announced.

Award Amount: Varies

The Battle Creek Community Foundation exists to improve the lives of people in and around Battle Creek. Focus areas are Health & Well-Being, Education and Livable Communities. To apply for a Mini Grant or General Grant, an application must be submitted through BCCF's online platform by the established deadline. Mini Grant applications for up to \$1,500 are accepted on a rolling basis. Designed for targeted, timely needs, apply 30-60 days before funding is needed.

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

<https://cfsem.org/for-nonprofits/>

Deadline: A Spring and Fall deadline announced each year

Award Amount: Community Impact grants average \$30,000 to \$75,000

From Community Grants, to Initiatives and other special opportunities, the Foundation invests in efforts that strengthen community well-being—supporting organizations that are working every day to

build healthier, more connected, and more resilient neighborhoods across southeast Michigan. Their focus areas are economic opportunity, health equity, youth and education, arts and culture, public space and environment. Their Community Impact grants are considered for nonprofits in existence for two or more years. The Fall 2026 Application dates are: Proposal requests accepted from June 29 - July 17. If invited to submit a full application, deadline is Aug 28. Grant decisions announced Nov 2026.

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation

<https://www.mgcf.org/grants>

Deadline: Feb 1 and Aug 1 for unrestricted grant funding, Nov 1 for a mini-grant cycle for youth-led initiatives.

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation recommends that grant applicants make an appointment to discuss the grant and their project before applying. They can explain the different funding sources that they have available and the grant process. If you submit a draft of your proposal at least ten business days before the due date, they will evaluate it and give you feedback on ways you might strengthen the proposal before you submit it for review.

MINNESOTA

Bush Prize for Community Innovation - Minnesota

Bush Foundation

<https://www.bushfoundation.org/stories/bush-prize-is-back/>

Deadline: May 31

Award Amount: \$500, 000 max

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation seeks organizations that support innovative projects and have a proven track record of implementing successful projects. The awarded grant is up to twenty-five percent of the organization's previous year's budget, up to \$500,000. Applying agencies must be 501 (c)(3) charitable organizations such as public charities or government agencies. Selection criteria is based on, but not limited to: innovative solutions making a difference; the ability of the organization to be collaborative, inclusive, and resourceful; and the ability of the project to inspire others. Additional considerations of the application include the size of the applying agency, the size of the community, the demographic of the community served, and the type of issue addressed. Applications will initially be reviewed followed by an in-person interview and reference check. There are four separate prizes for Native Nations, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Mardag Foundation

<https://www.mardag.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Since 1969, Mardag Foundation has invested in nonprofits serving the East Metro and Greater Minnesota. Review their website for grant types, deadlines and eligibility. Before applying, interested applicants are encouraged to contact a member of the Grants Team to ensure that the grant program fits your needs.

Northland Foundation

<https://northlandfdn.org/>

Deadline: Jan. 5th, April 1st, July 1st, and Oct. 1st

Award Amount: \$10,000 or More

Grants of \$10,000 or more are awarded 4x per year to 501(c)(3) organizations, school districts, Tribal nations, or other governmental entities. Grants to nonprofits within the region are mainly general operating support. Other grantees may receive program-restricted grants. There are five priorities of the Northland Foundation's grant program: basic needs, early childhood care/education, out of school time, domestic and sexual violence, and belonging. The Foundation supports Northeast Minnesota people and communities working toward a better future. Diversity, multi-generational, collaboration, and systems change are some of the approaches that are favored in grant applications.

OPERATION ROUND UP

Runestone Electric Association Community Trust

<http://www.runestoneelectric.com/information-resources/operation-round-up/>

Deadline: Feb 6, May 8, Aug 7, Nov 6

Award Amount: Varies

The Runestone Electric Association Community Trust Board of Directors meets quarterly in February, May, August, and November. The Runestone Electric Association Community Trust is a state-chartered, non-profit, 501c3 corporation that administers the funds from Runestone Electric Association's Round Up program. REA rounds up the electric bills of participating members to the nearest dollar amount. Non-profit groups and organizations that serve communities located within the Runestone Electric Association service area are eligible to apply for grants. Projects should fit in one or more of these categories: Community, Youth, Fire & First Responders, Food Shelves, and Senior Citizens.

Outdoor Recreation Grant

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/outdoor_rec.html

Deadline: Mar 31, 2026

Award Amount: Up to \$500,000 (50% match) for a maximum project cost of \$1 million

The Outdoor Recreation Grant Program is funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Minnesota lottery proceeds. Grants from this program are designed to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in communities throughout Minnesota. Cities, counties, and townships are all eligible to apply. Funds can be used to acquire parks, including playgrounds, fishing piers, trails, and picnic tables.

MISSISSIPPI**Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation**

<https://www.healthiermississippi.org/>

Deadline: Letters of Interest are accepted all year

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation is committed to improving the health and well-being of fellow Mississippians with a focus on healthy eating and exercise. An organization must submit a Letter of Inquiry to begin the grant application process. Based on the information in the Letter of Inquiry, the Foundation may request a full grant application. In 2024, the Foundation gifted new state-of-the-art playgrounds to elementary schools across the state. Schools selected to receive a playground either did not have a playground, or had an aged playground in disrepair. Each of the inclusive playgrounds include turf safety surfacing, shading systems and more than 24 pieces of play equipment. Teacher education curriculum was also provided. The evidence-based curriculum was created as a best practice guide for promoting overall fitness and fun through the use of outdoor play and aligned with national physical education standards.

Community Foundation East Mississippi

<https://www.cfem.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation serves the following counties: Clarke County, Kemper County, Lauderdale County, Neshoba County, and Newton County. Check the website for grants that might be available for your organization. They have open grants for the 2026 grant year listed. They have three (3) grant cycles in 2026:

- Grant cycle 1 - Feb 1-Mar 31 - Education & Arts
- Grant cycle 2 - June 1 - July 31 - Animal welfare, Education mini-grants, Environment/Historic preservation
- Grant cycle 3 - Sept 1 - Oct 31 - Community, Leadership, Health & Human Services

Community Foundation for Mississippi

<https://formississippi.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Community Foundation for Mississippi supports 22 counties in central and southwest Mississippi. A map is on their website. The Foundation primarily offers several distinct types of grants to charitable organizations in their service area: donor-directed grants, competitive grants by CFM, and competitive grants by CFM funds. Their focus areas are placemaking, children and families, community partnerships, and capacity building.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

<https://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/outdoor-recreational-grants/>

Deadline: May 21, 2026

Award Amount: Varies

Any political jurisdiction of the state, such as a city or county, and selected state agencies, being sole owners and holding deed to the proposed acreage, who are interested in acquiring and developing a public park and recreation area may apply for a LWCF grant. Individuals may not apply. The LWCF program requires a fifty percent match by the project sponsor. This match can include cash, in-kind

services, and donations of land/material/services. In order for an application to be considered, it must be a viable project (e.g., ballfield, soccer field, splash park, etc.).

Rural Leveraging Matching Grant

Administered by the Community Foundation for Mississippi

<https://formississippi.org/grants/>

Deadline: This grant is open all year for applications

Award Amount: Varies

Rural Leveraging Matching Grants are for organizations or municipalities based in or serving counties within Community Foundation for Mississippi's service area. Those in counties with populations of under 50,000 may submit a letter of interest asking CFM to consider a grant for up to 50% of the required match necessary for an anticipated, awarded or obligated grant, including but not limited to, a state or federal grant. CFM believes this grant can fill a gap in traditional philanthropic funding by investing in projects that have had community support but may not otherwise be accomplished without additional resources. Apply online on their grant portal.

MISSOURI

Helping Hands Grant

Skaggs Foundation

<https://skaggsfoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Applications are accepted annually from the first Monday in February through the last Friday in April.

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$7,500

At Skaggs Foundation, the mission is to support community initiatives that improve health and wellness in Taney and Stone counties. The Helping Hands Grant program invests in approaches designed to address an identified community health need as defined through local assessments and based on pertinent data. Eligible applicants can apply for \$1,000—\$7,500. All awards are for one year only. Priority will be given to programs that are collaborative and address a top-identified health need. These include Access to care, Child and family safety, Dental care, Mental health, Healthy lifestyle, and Substance Use. All applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of their grant proposal in September.

Missouri Foundation for Health

<https://mffh.org/the-foundation/grantees/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Their 5 service areas in Missouri include 84 counties and the city of St. Louis. All grant awards will be aligned with the Foundation's mission to eliminate underlying causes of health inequities, transform systems, and enable individuals and communities to thrive. Their grant opportunities are updated often. Review their website to gauge how your project aligns with their strategic initiatives.

Priority Health Needs Grant

Skaggs Foundation

<https://skaggsfoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Letters of Intent are accepted annually from the first Fri in Feb through the last Fri in April.
Award Amount: \$7,500 or More (no award ceiling)

At Skaggs Foundation, the mission is to support community initiatives that improve health and wellness in Taney and Stone counties. The Priority Health Needs Grant program invests in collaborative, outcome-based approaches designed to address an identified community health need as defined through local assessments and based on pertinent data. This grant opportunity allows agencies to propose solutions that can have measurable impacts on their community's health within a defined period of time. The Skaggs Legacy Endowment Grants Committee will review submitted LOIs and invite selected applicants to complete a full application. Selected LOI applicants will be invited to submit a full application with its own deadline, and grant awards are usually announced in November.

MONTANA**Blaine County Community Foundation Fund**

Montana Community Foundation

<https://mtcf.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/blaine-county-community-foundation-fund>

Deadline: Aug 15-Oct 15 open grant period

Award Amount: \$500 - \$2,000

Applicants must be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or an exempt governmental unit. While grants must be used for projects benefiting communities or residents in Blaine County, the grantee organization does not need to be based in Blaine County. Only one application is allowed per organization. Eligible projects must provide a direct benefit to local residents, be sustainable, and address important, unmet needs. Ineligible projects include conferences, workshops, planning, research, untested projects, and partisan or sectarian activities.

Central Montana Foundation<https://www.centralmontanafoundation.com/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Central Montana Foundation works with 11 rural community endowment committees including Denton, Garfield County, Grass Range, Hobson, Judith Basin, Judith Gap, Moore, Petroleum County, Roy, Wheatland County, and Winifred. Each has its own committee and grant program, supported in part by an annual gift from Central Montana Foundation's Mildred Bryte Estate. Check the website to see how your organization might benefit.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Recreation Grants

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

<https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/grant-programs/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

Deadline: The next grant cycle is expected to open in Summer 2027.

Award Amount: Varies

The Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program is a federal grant program administered by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). The LWCF Program provides matching grant funds to state, tribal, and local government entities to develop outdoor recreation. Examples of eligible projects include ball fields, public parks, outdoor municipal pools, playgrounds, picnic facilities, walking trails, and more. This grant requires a 50% match.

Montana Healthcare Foundation

<https://mthcf.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Through their annual call for proposals, the Foundation offers Montana-based organizations a chance to apply for funding to design and pilot innovative Montana-grown solutions to critical health challenges. The 2026 Call for Proposals opens on Jan 15. Potential applicants should attend a Feb 12 webinar to fully understand the Foundation's grant process and whether this grant opportunity is a good fit. Review the website to learn about other strategic initiatives funded by the Foundation.

NEBRASKA

Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation

https://abbottfoundation.org/grant_interest_form/

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Striving to help nonprofit organizations make a difference in the lives of others, the Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation awards grants to 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities that operate in Nebraska or benefit Nebraskans. The Foundation looks for those organizations with diverse areas of focus such as education, the arts, the environment, the disadvantaged, human services, sports, and wellness. Government agencies and 501 (c)(3) organizations are invited to apply for funding throughout the year. Grant interest forms can be filled out on the foundation's portal and if the project makes sense to the foundation, the organization will be invited to provide more details and submit a full application. It is requested that the grant application be submitted within thirty days of receipt of invitation.

Atkinson Community Foundation Fund

Administered by the Nebraska Community Foundation

<https://www.nebcommfound.org/give/atkinson-community-foundation-fund/>

Deadline: Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15, Nov 15

Award Amount: Varies

The Atkinson Community Foundation Fund is dedicated to the improvement and long-term viability of the Atkinson community. A permanent endowment fund has been established, through which only the annual earnings are used for projects. As the endowment grows, so will the quality of life for families today and future generations. Grant applications are reviewed and considered quarterly. For requests over \$5,000, a full budget must accompany a grant application.

Nebraska Community Foundation<https://www.nebcommfound.org/our-network/affiliated-funds/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Nebraska Community Foundation operates as a legal umbrella for its multitude of affiliated funds. A vast, interactive database allows organizations to target benefactors based on town, county, or field of interest. Categories range from community beautification and infrastructure to parks, recreation, and leisure. Preferences and stipulations will vary from affiliate to affiliate.

Omaha Community Foundation

Fund for Omaha Grants

<https://omahafoundation.org/nonprofits/fund-for-omaha/>

Deadline: Applications are accepted July 1 - Aug. 1

Award Amount: Up to \$25,000 in general operating support

Eligible applicants are 501C3s that provide services in the Omaha metropolitan area (Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie counties), and have operating budgets of \$5 million or less. Funding priority areas are housing & neighborhoods, economic opportunity, maternal health and birth outcomes, mental & behavioral health. With this in mind, funding decisions are made considering the following: community impact, cultural understanding, engagement and experience, capacity building.

NEVADA**Community Foundation of Northern Nevada**<https://nevadafund.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Established in 1998 as a Nevada nonprofit 501(c) 3 Corporation, the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada has distributed more than \$190 million in grants and scholarships from over 300 charitable funds to strengthen Nevada. The Community Foundation's mission is one of connection to the community, to its residents, and to its needs. Refer to the website to review their grant offerings and how your organization might benefit.

Douglas County Community Services Parks & Recreationhttps://www.douglascountynv.gov/government/departments/finance/community_grant

Deadline: Due to fiscal constraints, there is no available funding for FY25-26. Check the website later in 2026 for the FY26-27 grant year.

Award Amount: Varies

During the budget process, the Board of County Commissioners approves a budget for the Community Grant Program from the available one-time, adjusted opening fund balance, resulting from prior fiscal year savings. As such, funds may increase, decrease, or be eliminated based on available financial resources.

Henderson Community Foundation

<http://www.hendersoncf.org/non-profits/competitive-grants-program/>

Deadline: 2 grant rounds a year: Winter and Summer

Award Amount: Varies

Henderson Community Foundation meets the changing needs of Henderson and the Las Vegas Valley through discretionary and donor fund grant making. Some donors have created funds to support designated charitable agencies, to provide scholarships to students, or to support their ongoing, evolving charitable interests. Their Grant Distribution Committee, which includes board members and knowledgeable community representatives, makes annual competitive grants targeted to critical community needs. To be notified when grant applications are open, please sign up to be on their mailing list.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Administered by the Nevada Division of State Parks

<https://parks.nv.gov/about/grant-programs/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

Deadline: The website has no current info on 2026 grant dates. Keep checking the website.

Award Amount: Varies

Nevada State Parks, through the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, provides a 50/50 matching grant to individual projects for local park and recreation development and land acquisition. These projects are submitted through the Nevada Division of State Parks to the National Park Service for approval. All political subdivisions, including counties, incorporated cities, unincorporated towns, general improvement districts, and Native American tribal governments are eligible for assistance. LWCF staff offer virtual grant training for detailed application info. Links for the training are on the website when a grant period is open.

NEW HAMPSHIRE**Land & Water Conservation Fund**

New Hampshire State Parks

<https://www.nhstateparks.org/>

Deadline: The 2026 grant funding period has not yet been announced.

Award Amount: Varies

New Hampshire's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Management Plan for 2024-2028 was formalized in March 2024. Continue checking the website for new grant opportunities. Playgrounds are a priority area identified in the new plan. Approved applicants are usually local and state governmental units, but they can partner with nonprofits. Organizations applying for this grant must be implementing projects that support outdoor recreational activities. Eligible projects include the development of existing facilities or new facilities, as well as the acquisition of property for eventual public use. Property purchasing can include the acquisition of adjacent land to a developed recreational area or the conversion of a private recreation area to one for public use.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

<https://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-grant/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Through the Foundation's competitive grant programs, they fund programs and operations of qualified nonprofit organizations that advance health and well-being, environmental protection, education, housing and other basic needs, arts and culture, civic health and economic security. Review their website for several grant programs that may be a good fit for your organization.

New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation

<https://www.nhec.com/nhec-foundation/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for its members and communities by providing grants to local non-profits in its service area. It supports health, education, hunger relief, arts and community well-being. NH-based non-profits can find grant applications on the website.

Randolph Foundation

<https://www.randolphfoundationnh.org/index.php>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Randolph Foundation was created, and is sustained, by the residents and friends of Randolph, New Hampshire. The Foundation supports the needs of Randolph and its neighboring towns in a variety of areas including conservation, communication, education, recreation, town history, leadership, health and welfare, and other important issues as determined by the Board of Directors and the Randolph community. The Foundation awards grants for special projects that benefit the Town, its residents and the surrounding communities. Review the website for relevance to your organization's needs.

Tillotson Fund (Neil and Louise) Local Grants Program

Administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

<https://tillotsonfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/local-grant-program/>

Deadline: Jan 22, 2026 and July 16, 2026

Award Amount: Up to \$20,000

The Local Grants Program awards grants of up to \$20,000 over one, two or three years for project, unrestricted and operating support and capital expenses. Local grants are open to applicants based in Coös County, NH and surrounding communities. Applicants are notified of funding within 3 months of submitting a grant application. Review their website to see the most recent grantees and their funded programs.

NEW JERSEY

Columbia Foundation

[https://www.columbiabankonline.com/columbia-foundation#:~:text=Our%20Community%20Grant%20Program%20is.grant%20amount%20request%20is%20\\$1%2C000](https://www.columbiabankonline.com/columbia-foundation#:~:text=Our%20Community%20Grant%20Program%20is.grant%20amount%20request%20is%20$1%2C000)

Deadline: Jan 15, Apr 15, July 15, Oct 15

Award Amount: \$5,000 to \$10,000

The foundation's Community Grant program prioritizes community-based non-profits, civic organizations, businesses, and charities that need funding to fuel their impactful service initiatives. They fund capital improvements and other expenses arising from and directly tied to the programs, core activities, or mission of the organization. Organizations must be in operation a minimum of three years.

Dircks Foundation (Robert & Joan)

<http://www.dircksfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Jan 20, April 1, May 26, Sept 7, Nov 3

Award Amount: \$1,000-\$15,000

The mission of the Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation is to support non-profit organizations that enrich and improve the quality of life for individuals primarily located in the New Jersey area. The focus is to encourage innovative programs and projects that benefit and improve the lives of children and individuals who are physically, mentally, or economically disadvantaged. Once eligibility is confirmed, organizations must create an online account and submit a Letter of Intent through the Foundation's dashboard. If accepted, your organization will receive a proposal request within the week. The Foundation board reviews applications five times a year a few weeks after each deadline date.

Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG)

New Jersey Dept of Community Affairs

<https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/lriggrants.shtml#:~:text=Local%20Recreation%20Improvement%20Grant%20funds,project%20development%20professional%20services%20costs%3B>

Deadline: Feb 13, 2026

Award Amount: \$75,000 maximum (more may be awarded on a case-by-case basis)

The Local Recreation Improvement Grant is a competitive grant that supports the improvement and repair of public recreation facilities including local parks, municipal recreation centers, and local stadiums. Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds will be allocated to each grant recipient to help cover costs associated with updating community centers, playgrounds, pools, fields, walking or bicycle trails, rail trails, multi-sport courts, and recreational facilities; project development professional services costs; equipment costs including playground and recreation facilities equipment; and environmental remediation costs required to prepare recreation sites for use. Priority will be given to unfunded projects and those that include a local match component. New Jersey counties, municipalities, and school districts are eligible to apply.

Salem Health & Wellness Foundation

<https://salemwellnessfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Up to \$3,000

The Foundation provides mini-grants to support small-scale programming and events, which align with the interests of the Foundation and promote overall health and wellness to Salem County residents. Organizations must be in existence for a minimum of 3 years. Financial reports should show breakeven or surplus budgets in the last 2 out of 3 years. Organizations must be located or provide services in Salem County, NJ to be considered for funding. Requests are accepted on a rolling basis. Allow 30 days for review and determination by the Foundation.

Frank H. Stewart Trust

Administered by Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/stewart-trust>

Deadline: Applications are accepted all year. They must be submitted by May 1 to be reviewed at the annual grant meeting that occurs in July.

Award Amount: Average total giving each year (1 to 2 grants are awarded each year)

The Trust was created to assist Gloucester County, Salem County, Atlantic County, Cumberland County, Cape May County, New Jersey, and the municipalities therein with the purchase of land to be used for public parks, recreation grounds, game refuges, fishing or propagation of fish, bird sanctuaries, or grounds for the protection and preservation of wildlife. In addition, the Trust supports the care, maintenance, upkeep, repair, improvement, and similar costs and expenses with respect to any land owned by prior grantees that was purchased with funds from the Trust. Any potential grant recipient shall obtain from its governing body a resolution or agreement that such lands to be purchased shall be dedicated by the recipient to the public.

NEW MEXICO

Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico

<https://www.bcbsnm.com/company-info/community-involvement/community-giving>

Deadline: Application window: March 1 – April 15. The Blue Impact grant program year will run from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Award Amount: \$20,000-\$100,000

The areas of focus are Economic Opportunity and Stability, Nutrition, Neighborhood and Built Environment, Locally Defined Health Solutions, Optimal Health Outcomes. The Blue Impact major grant program is available for nonprofit organizations that have measurable, sustainable programs that target one of our five areas of focus.

McCune Charitable Foundation

<https://nmccune.org/grant-eligibility/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The McCune Charitable Foundation accepts online applications for community-based projects in the State of New Mexico related to their nine Foundation Priorities. Grants can be awarded to qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, federally recognized Native American tribes, public schools, and governmental agencies. There are several grant opportunities. The Foundation awards smaller discretionary grants on a rolling basis. Discretionary grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with grants typically awarded in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,500. For larger grants, the McCune Foundation's open application cycle for 2027 funding opens August 15, 2026 and closes September 15, 2026 (5 p.m. MDT).

New Mexico Children's Foundation

<https://nmchildren.org/grants/>

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

The NMCF is a unique source of funding for programs that provide critical services for children in New Mexico's most underserved settings. Grant funding is available to nonprofits with annual budgets of \$400,000 or less. Granting priority is often given to rural NM community programs addressing the unmet needs of children 18 or younger. For applicants, notification of approved funding will be made by May 31 with distribution of funds in late July 2026.

NEW YORK

Allyn Family Foundation

<https://allynfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Early childhood development, economic development and opportunity, vibrant neighborhoods, and women's health are focus areas of the Allyn Family Foundation. Nonprofit organizations that make a positive impact in these areas, especially those with a focus on young children, minorities, women, and underserved communities, are most likely to receive funding. Among their grant programs is the Opportunity Fund. Organizations in Onondaga and Cayuga Counties that meet their stated mission of building a vibrant, equitable and prosperous community may submit a brief one-to-two-page summary of a proposed project or funding request. These funding request summaries may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on a rolling basis. Awards are typically from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Central New York Community Foundation

<https://cnycf.org/receive/grants/communitygrants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Central New York Community Foundation funds grants and initiatives that make a positive difference in the lives of Central New York residents. Their largest grantmaking program is Community Grants. Nonprofit organizations in Onondaga and Madison counties are encouraged to apply for grants to fund innovative projects in the areas of arts and culture, civic affairs, education, health, human services and the environment. The Community Grant program has two funding rounds - one in Spring and one in Fall. Refer to the website for the priorities they fund in each round. They also have grant funding for Outdoor Parks and Recreation Area Projects. Capital and programmatic grants \$10,000-\$150,000 are available through the Dr. Robert J. Vitkus Fund to organizations in Onondaga, Madison, Cortland, Cayuga and Oswego counties that support outdoor parks and recreation areas. Preferences are for parks and recreation areas that provide access for hunting and fishing, naming opportunities, programs that involve youth, and conservation efforts to improve wildlife habitat and forest health. For more information, contact the Foundation.

Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region

<https://cfgcr.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation's mission is to strengthen their community through philanthropy. They administer more than 460+ funds, and have awarded more than \$120 million since 1990. They have grant deadlines throughout the year, and each grant has differing eligibility and purposes. Review their website to find grant opportunities that your organization is eligible for.

Community Foundation for South Central New York<https://donorswhocare.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Community Foundation for South Central New York is looking for nonprofits to help increase access to community resources, maintain community spaces, increase innovation, increase organizational capacity, and improve the lives of the South Central community. Organizations with similar goals who are located or provide services within Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, or Tioga counties are eligible to apply for funding. If you are a 501(c)3 organization operating in one of the counties they serve, they offer 17 grant cycles throughout the year. Click “APPLY FOR A GRANT” to see which cycles fit your next grant writing request.

Pinkerton Foundation<http://www.thepinkertonfoundation.org/grant-guidelines>

Deadline: Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time.

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation supports community-based programs for children, youth, and families in economically disadvantaged areas in New York City. Pinkerton favors direct-service programs that help young people reach their full potential. Applicants must submit a brief letter of inquiry describing the grantee organization and the proposed project through the online grant portal. Letters of inquiry are welcome at any time. The Foundation only offers capital grants to organizations with which they have pre-existing working relationships. Programs that can make substantial gains within the timetable of three years will be given priority. The Foundation’s Board of Trustees has two grantmaking meetings a year, in May and December. Grant decisions are announced immediately after those meetings.

Dr. Robert J. Vitkus Fund

Administered by the Central New York Community Foundation

<https://cnycf.org/receive/grants/communitygrants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: \$10,000 - \$150,000

Capital and programmatic grants \$10,000-\$150,000 are available through the Dr. Robert J. Vitkus Fund to organizations in Onondaga, Madison, Cortland, Cayuga and Oswego counties that support outdoor parks and recreation areas. Preferences are for parks and recreation areas that provide access for hunting and fishing, naming opportunities, programs that involve youth, and conservation efforts to improve wildlife habitat and forest health. For more information, contact the Foundation.

Weinberg Foundation - New York City

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

<https://hjweinbergfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation provides grants to nonprofits in the United States and Israel that help people achieve economic stability and well-being. They support capital projects — such as facilities, technology, and other organizational infrastructure — as well as programs and general operations. The Foundation’s grantmaking primarily focuses on communities with ties to the

lives and legacies of Harry and Jeanette Weinberg, and where its trustees reside and provide leadership. These places, known as their priority communities, are Baltimore, Hawai'i, Israel, New York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco. Within each of these communities, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that help people achieve economic stability and well-being, focusing on the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Aging. Potential applicants should review the website to find relevant grants that they are eligible for.

NORTH CAROLINA

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

<https://www.bcbsncfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The mission of BCBS is to improve the health and well-being of everyone in North Carolina. Unlike some foundations, they do not operate regular grant cycles. Instead, they invite applications based on specific strategic objectives or announce broader opportunities to apply for funding. Organizations can sign up online to be notified of upcoming grant opportunities. The financial information required will be based on the dollar amount of the grant request. For grants \$25,000 or less, no financial information is required.

Carolina Panthers Charities Grant

Carolina Panthers Charities Funding

<https://www.panthers.com/community/charities-grant-application/>

Deadline: Next grant cycle will open in Jan 2025

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Carolina Panthers Charities, established in 1994, aims to support youth and families in North and South Carolina by providing financial resources for programs that bring about measurable and sustainable change. They offer grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations whose missions focus on youth needs. Grants are awarded for one-time or ongoing projects. To be eligible, organizations must be nonprofit, tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS, and charitable organizations.

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

North Carolina State Parks

<https://www.ncparks.gov/more-about-us/parks-recreation-trust-fund/parks-and-recreation-trust-fund>

Deadline: May 1, 2026

Award Amount: Applicants can request a maximum grant of \$500,000

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) awards matching grants to local governments for parks, public beach access, and improvements in state parks. Grant recipients must match the grant dollar-for-dollar. Park and public access goals of local governments can be met with the help of this program, improving the overall quality of life in their communities. A citizen board, called the Parks and Recreation Authority, decides which applicants and programs to fund. This board reviews the quality of planning, public involvement, and quality of land and recreation facilities

provisions. Innovative, high-quality park projects in all 100 North Carolina counties have been awarded PARTF funds.

Weaver Foundation

<https://weaverfoundation.com/how-to-apply/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Weaver Foundation does not accept uninvited applications. To begin the application process, interested organizations should send an inquiry that briefly describes the project or idea for which funding is being requested. The Weaver Foundation serves the greater Greensboro area and the agencies and organizations that cater to those areas, grants awarded are limited to this area. Priorities for the foundation include improving quality of life, community development, education, and programs targeted at enriching the lives of children and youth. The foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry and is willing to go over basic guidelines with qualified organizations.

Winston-Salem Foundation

<https://www.wsfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Foundation only invests in organizations that are serving Forsyth County, North Carolina. There are a wide variety of grant programs offered. Visit the website to see which grants may align with your organization's needs. Grant offerings include small community grants up to \$2,000, equity in education grants up to \$15,000 and more.

NORTH DAKOTA

Andrist Charitable Trust (John & Elaine)

Administered by the Northwest North Dakota Community Foundation

<https://www.nwndcommunityfoundation.org/john-elaine-andrist-trust>

Deadline: April 30, Oct 31

Award Amount: Minimum \$500

The John & Elaine Andrist Charitable Trust focuses their giving in the areas of Arts, Culture & Creativity, Community Development (including recreation facilities), Economic Development, and Innovation. In grantmaking decisions with all things being equal, priority may be given to projects in Crosby first, Divide County second, and Western North Dakota after that.

Bush Prize for Community Innovation - North Dakota

Bush Foundation

<https://www.bushfoundation.org/stories/bush-prize-is-back/>

Deadline: May 31

Award Amount: \$500, 000 max

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation seeks organizations that support innovative projects and have a proven track record of implementing successful projects. The awarded grant is up to twenty-five percent of the organization's previous year's budget, up to \$500,000. Applying agencies must be 501 (c)(3) charitable organizations such as public charities or government agencies. Selection criteria is based on, but not limited to: innovative solutions making a difference; the ability of the organization to be collaborative, inclusive, and resourceful; and the ability of the project to inspire others. Additional considerations of the application include the size of the applying agency, the size of the community, the demographic of the community served, and the type of issue addressed. Applications will initially be reviewed followed by an in-person interview and reference check. There are four separate prizes for Native Nations, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

North Dakota Parks and Recreation

<https://www.parkrec.nd.gov/business/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

Deadline: The next grant round is to be decided

Award Amount: Minimum \$60,000

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a 50/50 matching grant reimbursement program administered by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. LWCF provides grants for outdoor recreation projects like ball fields, pools, campgrounds, playgrounds, and park land acquisitions. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, townships, park boards, park districts, school districts, state agencies, water management districts, and federally recognized Indian tribes. Lands funded by LWCF must remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation use permanently. A minimum total project cost of \$60,000 is required for consideration and project sponsors must have 50% of the total cost available at the time of application. The local share may include tax sources, bond issues, force accounts, donated labor, equipment, and materials.

North Dakota Community Foundation

Statewide Greatest Needs Grants

<http://www.ndcf.net/receive/swgn/>

Deadline: Applications accepted June 1 to July 31

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

The North Dakota Community Foundation offers grants up to \$5,000 to 501(c)(3) nonprofits serving North Dakota. With no strict area of focus, the NDCF judges every application on its own merits. They try to take into consideration the different geographic regions of the state with an emphasis on helping organizations that have limited access to other sources of funding. Applications are submitted online. The board of directors reviews applications in September and grant awards are made in October.

OHIO

Akron Community Foundation Capital Grants

<https://www.akroncf.org/grantmaking-initiatives/capital-grants/>

Deadline: 2026 grant dates have not yet been announced

Award Amount: \$2,500 - \$25,000

Every other year, the community foundation offers capital grants to eligible organizations that need funding to renovate or repair their facilities, or to purchase essential equipment. Funding is also available to current recipients of the foundation's competitive grant cycles, as well as to organizations with agency endowment funds at Akron Community Foundation. Only 501c3 nonprofit organizations with capital projects that benefit Summit County residents are qualified to apply.

Akron Community Foundation Community Fund Grants

<https://www.akroncf.org/grantmaking-initiatives/overview/competitive-grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Each quarter, the Foundation board requests applications to meet the Summit County community's most pressing needs in Arts & Culture, Civic Affairs, Health & Human Services, and Education. First-time applicants must complete a special form and contact the Foundation before applying. Each grant opportunity in areas of focus has its own deadline. Applications must be submitted online.

Cleveland Foundation

<https://www.clevelandfoundation.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

Deadline: Mar 31, June 30, Sept 15, Dec 31

Award Amount: Varies

The Cleveland Foundation is the community foundation serving Greater Cleveland, including Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga counties. Its mission is to enhance the lives of all residents of Greater Cleveland, now and for generations to come. The Cleveland Foundation does not predetermine funding levels and applicants should request the amount that truly meets the needs of the project. All applicants must submit an online inquiry describing your project and it will be reviewed. The Foundation will notify you if they are interested in receiving a full application during the next grant period. Priority is given to the following areas: Arts & Culture, Economic & Workforce Development, Education, Environment, Health & Human Services, Leadership Development, Neighborhood Revitalization & Engagement, and Youth & Social Services. The Foundation also accepts requests for capital funding for the purpose of construction, renovation, refurbishment or purchase of buildings; acquisition of land; or creation or improvement of public spaces.

Columbus Foundation Grants

The Columbus Foundation

<https://columbusfoundation.org/nonprofit-center/grant-opportunities/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Columbus Foundation awards competitive grants from a variety of funds created by donors and Supporting Foundations. The grant deadlines and award amount varies and are unique to each fund. The grant cuts across different categories that include; art, education, health, youth, among others. They also provide Racial Equity, Capacity building, and operational support grants for nonprofits. Grants are mainly provided in Miami County and central Ohio area. More details can be found on their website.

NatureWorks

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

<https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/apply-for-grants/grants/natureworks>

Deadline: July 1, 2026

Award Amount: County allocation up to \$150,000 max if available

The NatureWorks grant program provides up to 75% reimbursement assistance for local government subdivisions (townships, villages, cities, counties, park districts, joint recreation districts, and conservancy districts) for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas. 25% funding match is required. All local subdivisions of government are eligible (local school boards are ineligible). Since its inception, the NatureWorks grant has funded over 2300 public park projects in all 88 counties.

OKLAHOMA

Cherokee Strip Community Foundation

<https://www.cherokeestripcf.com/grant-application-1>

Deadline: September 12

Award Amount: \$1000 - \$10,000

The Cherokee Strip Community Foundation welcomes proposals from any non-profit organizations that benefit residents of Northwest Oklahoma, including the Enid and surrounding areas. The Foundation will consider funding for special projects, innovative programs, technology, and capacity building. Most grants are in the \$1,000 to \$10,000 range. Larger grants could be made on occasion. Final grant decisions will be made by mid-November.

Community Investment Program

Administered by the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation

<https://www.cherokeestripcf.com/cip>

Deadline: There are usually 2 application cycles in a year. Watch the website for 2026 dates.

Award Amount: Up to \$50,000

CIP supports communities in Cimarron and Texas Counties, OK. CIP funds support innovative projects that enhance the quality of life while strengthening communities in this corner of Northwest Oklahoma. Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government entity, such as a local government, tribal government, or school district. CIP will grant to projects that are responsive to changing and emerging needs and leverage other sources of support.

Kerr Foundation Challenge Grant

<http://www.thekerrfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Deadline: June 30, 2026 for Letter of Inquiry

Award Amount: Varies

The Kerr Foundation prioritizes Oklahoma, but will also fund non-profit organizations in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas. Applicant organizations should serve youth in the community and have a focus on education, health, cultural development, and community service. The Kerr Foundation most often awards challenge grants, which are matching grants dollar for dollar. Before receiving Kerr Foundation funding, the recipient organization must first secure matched funding. The grant application process begins with a Letter of Inquiry accepted on an annual basis

only. You may submit a LOI anytime after January 1, 2026. If invited to submit a full application, the deadline will be August 15, 2026. Applications are considered at the September board meeting.

Opportunities for Children Grants

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

<https://occf.org/communitygrants/children/>

Deadline: Letter of Intent Mar 5, 2026. If invited for full application, deadline is Mar 19, 2026

Award Amount: Up to \$30,000

Grants are awarded to charitable organizations that enhance learning opportunities for children that otherwise would not be able to participate. The foundation focuses its efforts on the needs of the Oklahoma City area. Grant priorities are: School readiness for ages 0-5, Foster care for ages 0-14, Enrichment opportunities for ages 0-14. Short-term projects or summer camps may be awarded up to \$5,000.

TSET Healthy Incentive Grants - Communities

Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust

<https://oklahoma.gov/tset/funding-opportunities/tset-healthy-incentive-grants-communities.html>

Deadline: Application period Mar 2-30, 2026 subject to change

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000 based on population

The TSET Healthy Incentive Grant for Communities is designed to help municipalities adopt and implement best and promising practices for tobacco-free environments, access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities in an effort to improve the health and quality of life for residents. Any incorporated city/town/municipality in the state of Oklahoma may apply. Outdoor physical activity equipment and playground equipment including installation is an eligible purpose under this grant. Amount of grant awards depend on population: For populations 4,299 or less, \$60,000 max award. For populations more than 4,300, \$100,000 max award.

OREGON

Heinz Endowments

<https://www.heinz.org/grants>

Deadline: Rolling

Award amount: Varies

Heinz Endowments awards grants in these areas: Arts & Culture; Civic Participation; Climate, Environment & Health; Community & Economic Development; Food Systems; Veterans; and Workforce. They concentrate our efforts and resources in southwestern Pennsylvania (SWPA) and are unable to consider applications for funding outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, unless the proposal is expressly for the benefit of residents of the SWPA region or state. Grantseekers working with Endowments' staff should complete a general application. Grantseekers not yet working with Endowments' staff should submit a short LOI to enter the process for funding consideration. Both the general application and LOI are accepted on a rolling basis.

Northwest Neighborhoods Parks & Recreation Fund

Administered by the Oregon Community Foundation

<https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/northwest-neighborhoods-parks-and-recreation-fund>

Deadline: Watch the website for 2026 grant announcements

Award Amount: Varies

OCF's Northwest Neighborhoods Parks & Recreation Fund awards grants in the northwest section of Portland, with preference given to projects within the boundaries of the Northwest District Association, Northwest Industrial Business Association or the Hillside Neighborhood Association. Its purpose is to support the capital development and renovation of parks and recreation facilities in the northwest section of the city. While there is no specific ceiling on requests, recent grants for projects have ranged from \$3,500 to \$35,000. If your project will require approval from Portland School District, Portland Parks and Recreation or any other city bureau, please be sure to secure the applicable permits/approval before applying for support.

Oregon Community Foundation

<https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/community-grant-program/>

Deadline: Check the website. The Spring Cycle typically closes in January with awards announced in mid-May. The Fall Cycle typically closes in July with awards announced in mid-November.

Award Amount: Average award size is \$15,000-\$20,000.

The Oregon Community Foundation's Community Grants Program is targeted toward small and moderate-sized 501(c)(3) nonprofits. 501(c)(3) organizations, tribal entities and government entities are eligible to apply in the 2026 cycle of the Community Grant program. Additionally, organizations may work with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor to apply. All eligible organizations based in Oregon or primarily serving Oregon communities are eligible to apply. The foundation may consider requests up to \$40,000 for programs that closely match OCF's funding priorities and benefitting priority populations.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRA/Pages/GRA-lggp.aspx>

Deadline: Mar 2 grant period opens. June 5 deadline for Large Grants, June 18 for Small Grants & Planning

Award Amount: Small grants max \$100K, Large grants max \$1 million, Planning grants max \$50K

The Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) is a voter approved, State lottery funded grant program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Eligible applicants include local government agencies that are obligated by state law to provide public recreation facilities. This includes: Cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, park & recreation districts, port districts. Eligibility is limited to public outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities. These areas and facilities must be open and accessible to the public at large. This is a match grant, with the amount of match dependent on population size in the applicant geographic area.

PENNSYLVANIA

Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation

<https://centralpagives.org/ways-to-receive/grants/grant-guidelines/>

Deadline: Last business day of April

Award Amount: \$500-\$2,500

The Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation offers unrestricted funding grants to 501(c)(3) organizations located in or serving Blair County, Pennsylvania. One of the types of nonprofits they look for are those that provide facilities for public recreation. Grants must be received in the CPCF office by 4:00 p.m. on the final business day in April. This is not a postmark. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants committee in May so that a recommendation can be given to the Board of Directors in June for a final decision. Applicants will be notified within four (4) weeks after the decision has been made by the Board.

Partnership for Better Health

<https://forbetterhealthpa.org/what-we-fund/>

Deadline: August 1, December 1, and March 2

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$100,000

The Partnership for Better Health provides funding opportunities to support projects that improve the health of individuals and communities by focusing on social determinants of health and health equity. Grants must benefit residents of specific geographic areas, which include Perry County, parts of Adams and Cumberland Counties, and the Shippensburg Area.

They offer 3 different types of grants to nonprofit organizations and school districts. All the grants have the same deadlines. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 - \$100, 000.

Pottstown Area Foundation Grants

Pottstown Regional Community Foundation

<https://www.pottstownfoundation.org/Grantmaking/Application-Process/>

Deadline: Spring grant cycle is from Mar 1-31, 2026. Fall grant cycle is from Sept 1-30. Award Amount: Varies

Pottstown Regional Community Foundation (PRCF) provides clear, supportive, and accessible grantmaking to strengthen nonprofits and community partners across western Montgomery County, northern Chester County, and eastern Berks County. PRCF welcomes organizations that share its mission of advancing health, education, and economic opportunity. They focus on two core pillars: Developing Youth Potential and Promoting Equitable Health & Wellness. If you are applying for the first time or proposing a new project, they strongly encourage you to submit a Grant Concept Form before starting your full application. Applicants must select the appropriate form based on request size and project type:

- Full Application: For requests over \$10,000 (up to a standard maximum of \$100,000). Larger requests above this threshold are considered by invitation only.
- Abbreviated Application: For smaller requests of \$10,000 or less.

Seybert Foundation Core Grants

<https://www.seybertfoundation.org/core-grant-programs>

Deadline: Watch for announcement for Spring 2027 grant cycle

Award Amount: \$20,000 over 2 year period (\$10,000 per year)

The Seybert Foundation's Core Grants Program offers General Operating Support to organizations in Philadelphia serving disadvantaged children and youth with operating budgets less than \$15 million.

Do not request funding for a specific program or project. Grants are provided in two-year cycles, totaling \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year). Requests must align with the foundation's mission and are accepted biennially, with the next application cycle opening in Spring 2027.

Weinberg Foundation - Northeastern Pennsylvania

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

<https://hjweinbergfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation provides grants to nonprofits in the United States and Israel that help people achieve economic stability and well-being. They support capital projects — such as facilities, technology, and other organizational infrastructure — as well as programs and general operations. The Foundation's grantmaking primarily focuses on communities with ties to the lives and legacies of Harry and Jeanette Weinberg, and where its trustees reside and provide leadership. These places, known as their priority communities, are Baltimore, Hawai'i, Israel, New York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco. Within each of these communities, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that help people achieve economic stability and well-being, focusing on the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Aging. Potential applicants should review the website to find relevant grants that they are eligible for.

RHODE ISLAND

Blue Angel Community Health Grant

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island

<https://www.bcbsri.com/about/blueangel>

Deadline: Watch website for 2026 grant announcement details

Award Amount: Varies

The BlueAngel Community Health Grant program – an annual, competitive grant program – addresses critical health issues in Rhode Island. Since 2019, this program has focused on addressing one of the most pressing issues in the community - access to safe and affordable housing. Their aim is to fund organizations and initiatives supporting the many drivers of health, anchored on two key pillars: access to healthcare and social determinants of health.

Rhode Island Energy Foundation

https://www.pplweb.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/RIE_PPL-Foundation_Grant-Booklet-9-2025.pdf#:~:text=Rhode%20Island%20Energy%20Foundation%20supports,education%2C%20inclusion%20and%20sustainable%20communities.

Deadline: Twice annually Jan 1-Feb 15 and Aug 1-Sept 15

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$50,000

Rhode Island Energy's Empowering Communities Grants will provide support to non-profits in regions served by Rhode Island Energy. Grants of \$1,000 to \$50,000 will be awarded to support education initiatives; promote inclusion and increase opportunities for the underserved; and help create sustainable communities that are safe, strong, growing and well-positioned to meet residents' current and future needs. Municipalities, churches, schools and chambers of commerce are not eligible.

Rhode Island Foundation<https://rifoundation.org/grants-scholarships>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Rhode Island Foundation offers three core grant programs: Catalyst Grants, Community Priority Grants, and Capacity Building Grants. They also offer topic and geography-specific grants. Each has distinct requirements, eligibility, and deadlines. Refer to the website and research which grant opportunities might be a fit for your program.

SOUTH CAROLINA**Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina**<https://www.bcbsscfoundation.org/health-focused-grants>

Deadline: Spring LOI due February, Fall LOI due August

Award Amount: Varies, but budget must justify the requested amount

The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation seeks to build and promote a healthier South Carolina by addressing health inequities. The Foundation's focuses are: Oral health, mental health, and diabetes. A Letter of Intent is required and the Foundation will notify you if they are interested in receiving a full application.

Coastal Community Foundation<https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org/competitive-grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Coastal Community Foundation's competitive grants are available to organizations serving these counties along South Carolina's coast: Berkeley, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton and Jasper counties. They organize them by region, the Southern Lowcountry and the Northern Lowcountry, although some programs are available to both regions. Go to the website and begin by clicking on the region where your organization operates to see which opportunities are available.

Connected Communities Grants

Central Carolina Community Foundation

<https://www.yourfoundation.org/connected-communities-grant/>

Deadline: They have completed their 2026 grant application cycle. Watch the website for future grant periods.

Award Amount: \$10,000 - \$60,000

Connected Communities is a challenge grant for interesting and engaging ideas to improve the community's quality of life and livability and to increase residents' satisfaction and community attachment. Organizations must be physically located in one of the following 11 counties in the Midlands: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda and Sumter. Organizations must register for and participate in Midlands Gives.

Giving Back to Berkeley County Fund

Administered by Coastal Community Foundation

<https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org/competitive-grants/giving-back-to-berkeley-county-fund/>

Deadline: June 1

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Giving Back to Berkeley County Fund was established in 2008 to distribute grants to improve the quality of life in the county. Applications are accepted from organizations of all fields-of-interest that serve residents of Berkeley County. General operating support is allowed and encouraged. Interested applicants will apply through the Northern Lowcountry Regional Cycle Application on the online portal. A committee comprised of community members will consider applications and make recommendations. Select groups may receive a site visit and/or followup questions, with final decisions announced in October.

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism<https://www.scprrt.com/grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The South Carolina Dept of Parks, Recreation and Tourism administers grant programs to fund development of public recreational opportunities throughout the state. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a Federal program that provides matching grants for the acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The Park and Recreation Development (PARC) Fund is a state-funded, noncompetitive, reimbursable grant program for eligible local governments or special purpose district entities which provide recreational opportunities within each county. PARC assists in the development of new public recreation facilities or with the enhancement/renovation of existing facilities.

SOUTH DAKOTA**Black Hills Area Community Foundation**<https://bhacf.org/grants/community-action-grant-50000/#:~:text=Overview%3A-,The%20Community%20Action%20Grant%20is%20available%20to%20nonprofits%20holding%20an,maximum%20grant%20amount%20is%20%2450%2C000.>

Deadline: LOI period opens on April 1 and closes on May 3

Award Amount: Up to \$50,000

The Community Action Grant is available to nonprofits holding an agency endowment fund at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. They are open to all funding subject areas. This grant will be awarded to an organization employing creative ideas, leveraging community partnerships, and focusing on sustainable practices. Requested support must be for organizations or activities that take place within the following counties: Butte, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, Oglala Lakota, and Pennington counties. The BHACF Grants Committee will review all LOIs and select four organizations to submit a full application.

Bush Prize for Community Innovation - South Dakota

Bush Foundation

<https://www.bushfoundation.org/stories/bush-prize-is-back/>

Deadline: May 31

Award Amount: \$500,000 max

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation seeks organizations that support innovative projects and have a proven track record of implementing successful projects. The awarded grant is up to twenty-five percent of the organization's previous year's budget, up to \$500,000. Applying agencies must be 501 (c)(3) charitable organizations such as public charities or government agencies. Selection criteria is based on, but not limited to: innovative solutions making a difference; the ability of the organization to be collaborative, inclusive, and resourceful; and the ability of the project to inspire others. Additional considerations of the application include the size of the applying agency, the size of the community, the demographic of the community served, and the type of issue addressed. Applications will initially be reviewed followed by an in-person interview and reference check. There are four separate prizes for Native Nations, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks

<https://gfp.sd.gov/UserDocs/nav/lwcf-manual.pdf>

Deadline: April 30, 2026

Award Amount: Applicant must request at least \$10,000

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal aid assistance program to help states provide outdoor recreation facilities. This grant helps state and local governments enhance parks, trails, and natural spaces, ensuring equitable access to outdoor recreation while conserving critical lands for future generations. Priorities identified by the public include, but are not limited to, unpaved trails, swim beaches, fishing areas, canoe and kayak water trails, nature areas/open spaces, playgrounds, dog parks, and picnic areas.

Larson Family Foundation

<https://www.larsonfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Jan. 2nd - Feb. 15th and July 2nd - Aug. 15th for LOI's

Award Amount: \$100,000 maximum. Average award is \$25,000

The Larson Family Foundation offers grants exclusively to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations within the state of South Dakota. Letters of intent must include a brief statement of the organization's history, mission, and goals, as well as a summary of the amount requested and the activities for those funds intended. Selected grant-seekers will receive a request for a full application. The Foundation prefers to support basic human needs such as food, clothing, shelter and education.

South Dakota Fund Grants

South Dakota Community Foundation

<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/grants/south-dakota-fund-grant>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: \$2,000-\$20,000

The South Dakota Fund is an unrestricted fund that makes grants to non-profit and charitable organizations across the state in support of culture, economic development, education, financial literacy, health and human services. Projects which have paid staff but involve significant and continuous community volunteer support to enhance their existing programs will be favorably considered. Equipment purchases over \$10,000 are not usually funded. Letters of Inquiry (LOI) will be accepted throughout the year. The Foundation will respond to all applicants in a timely manner. Following review of the LOI, applicants may be invited to complete a full grant application.

TENNESSEE**East Tennessee Foundation**

<https://www.easttennesseefoundation.org/scholarships-grants/grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

ETF coordinates grant funding within the Foundation's 25-county service area from its more than 500 charitable funds. Because the application requirements vary for each grant program and fund, please visit each grant program or fund's page for specific information on eligibility. All applications must be completed and submitted via the Foundation's online grant management system. An organization may only submit one application per grant cycle for each specific grant program, but an organization may apply for every grant program for which it is eligible.

Local Parks and Recreation Fund

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/grants/recreation/lprf.html>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) provides grants to eligible local city or county governments for the purchase of lands for parks, natural areas, greenways, and recreation facilities. The funds may also be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas, and greenways. At least 60 percent of the funds allocated will go to municipal governments. All grant projects must be on publicly owned land.

Middle Tennessee Fund

HCA Healthcare Foundation

<http://hcacaring.org/grants/>

Deadline: March 6, 2026, June 19 and Sept 11

Award Amount: Varies

The Middle Tennessee Fund supports organizations providing services in the areas of health and wellbeing, basic needs, primary care, education and nonprofit capacity building. Their funding geography focuses on Middle Tennessee counties, including Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson. Their grant types include general operating support, program support and capital support. Nonprofit organizations need to have been a 501C3 for longer than 3 years. General operating and program grants are considered in Q2, Q3 and Q4. Capital requests are by invitation only and considered exclusively in Q4.

Small Grants Program

Tennessee Disability Coalition

<https://tndisability.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Up to \$15,000

The small grants program aims to provide funding to those who do not currently serve the disability community but are building their internal capacity to do just that. Previous funding has gone to projects that expand the use of assistive equipment in outdoor recreation spaces.

TEXAS**Amarillo Area Foundation**

<https://amarilloareafoundation.org/grants/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Catalyst grants are \$2500-\$20,000. Discretionary grants are over \$20,000.

The Amarillo Area Foundation serves residents in the Texas Panhandle. They make grants annually in 26 counties across the northern Texas Panhandle. The major aim of the foundation is to improve quality of life for Texas Panhandle residents. They accept proposals for the Discretionary Grant Program and the Catalyst Grant Program. An organization must choose to submit either a Catalyst Grant application or a Discretionary Grant application, but not both. The programs generally cut across education, economic opportunity, health, basic needs, children, youth and family, and arts. Grants support operational, capital, research, programmatic, marketing, and capital expenses. To be eligible, an organization must hold a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

Esping Family Foundation

<https://www.espingfamilyfoundation.org/>

Deadline: LOI due Feb. 15th and July 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The Esping Family Foundation exists to help people and institutions of Dallas County to help themselves and future generations. For the spring grant cycle, a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is due on or before February 15th. For the fall cycle, a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is due on or before July 15th. The Foundation will notify successful applicants that they are interested in receiving a full application. The foundation board considers grant applications in May and December. At any given time, more than 98 percent of awarded grants are programs and 2 percent are for capital support.

Herzstein Charitable Foundation (Albert and Ethel)

<http://herzsteinfoundation.org/application-guidelines/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation prioritizes organizations that reflect its core values of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, equality of opportunity, self-sufficiency, hard work and resourcefulness. Proposals should highlight how the project or work supports the Foundation's mission to harness education's transformative power to strengthen communities, empower individuals overcoming adversity, preserve the heritage of Texas and the United States, and help every person realize their full potential. To apply for a grant, an organization must be a qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the Houston area or within the state of Texas. Applications are accepted online all year. Lobbying the directors of the Foundation individually can only hurt your organization's chances of being selected.

Local Parks Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants>

Deadline: Aug 1

Award Amount: Varies

The Local Parks Grant Program consists of individual programs that assist local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. The Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public. Eligible applicants include political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens. An Aug 1 deadline is the same for 3 grant opportunities that could be used to fund playgrounds: Urban Outdoor Recreation \$1.5 million, Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation \$750,000, Small Community Recreation \$150,000.

UTAH

R. Harold Burton Foundation

<https://rharoldburton.org/grant-process/>

Deadline: February 18, 2026 and August 15, 2026

Award Amount: Varies

Striving to continue his legacy of service, the R. Harold Burton Foundation supports programs or projects in the areas of education, science, literacy, and health and human services primarily in the greater Salt Lake Metropolitan Area. The board will consider all eligible proposals from 501c3's. The board of directors meets in the spring and fall to consider grant requests. The Foundation's application is on the website along with specific instructions of what to include in your application. They require that you follow all instructions and mail a hard copy to their office before the grant deadline(s). They don't accept applications by email.

Eccles Foundation (George S. & Dolores Dore)

<https://www.gsecclesfoundation.org/focus-areas/community>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Varies

Social service and community organizations of every size have looked to the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation for philanthropic support for decades. The Foundation has enabled outstanding professionals to address needs in areas ranging from hunger, homelessness and substance abuse to disability services, community revitalization and more. They have funded playgrounds in the past. After reviewing their website, if you feel that your organization or project is eligible for funding, the process will start with submitting an online inquiry. Organizations may apply only once per year. Your application will generally be acted upon within 90 days of receipt at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant

Utah Department of Natural Resources

<https://recreation.utah.gov/utah-outdoor-recreation-grant/>

Deadline: The 2026 application cycle is Monday, January 12 - Friday, March 13.

Award Amount: Varies

The Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) is for new outdoor recreation infrastructure projects and helps communities build recreation amenities that support local economic development, tourism, and

quality of life improvements for Utah's residents. Municipalities, state agencies, federal agencies, public educational institutions, non-profits and tribal governments are eligible to apply. The Program Guide and Grant Portal are on the website.

VERMONT

Ben & Jerry's Foundation Vermont Grants

<https://benandjerrysfoundation.org/grant-programs/>

Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount: Less than \$2,000

Ben & Jerry's is proud to support the hard work their neighbors are doing to make Vermont an even better place to live and work. Besides qualifying for their national grants, Vermont non-profits can apply for the Community Action Team program. These small grants are designed to address basic human needs (food, housing, health, elder and childcare etc) within Vermont's underserved populations, including elders, youth, low-income and communities of color. The Vermont Community Action Teams (CATs) are groups of employees at each of Ben & Jerry's three Vermont manufacturing and office facilities. Every month, the CATs make small grants, generally under \$2,000, to various local, community-based Vermont non-profit programs. In addition to making small grants, the CATs plan community service projects for all employees at their sites.

Canaday Family Charitable Trust

<https://canadayfamily.org/grantmaking-policies/>

Deadline: Letters of Inquiry accepted until February 2 at 9am.

Award Amount: Varies

The Canaday Family Charitable Trust is all about Vermont. They fund organizations and projects that are Vermont-based and Vermont-focused. If a project only takes place partially in Vermont, the Canady Trust will cover the Vermont portion of the endeavor. They prefer to fund special projects or new initiatives. They will consider operating funds by invitation only. Proposals for capital purchases and equipment are considered. The Trust requests specificity, clarity, and brevity in proposals and is particularly interested in the educational aspects of whatever project your organization is proposing. Grant awards are announced in July.

Hills and Hollows Fund

Administered by the Vermont Community Foundation

<https://vermontcf.org/funds/hills-hollows/>

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from Jan 1 - Nov 1 or until all funds are expended.

Award Amount: Apply for the Hills Grant (\$1500 - \$7500)

The Hills and Hollows Fund aims to promote sustainable, healthy, vital and democratic communities. Grant funding is available to support existing services, provide seed money for promising new projects, and enable organizations outside of Poultney to expand their outreach to include area residents. With the Hills Grant, special attention is given to proposals where their grant will leverage additional dollars and resources from the community.

Vermont Community Foundation<https://www.vermontcf.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Vermont Community Foundation is a family of hundreds of funds and foundations created by Vermonters to serve their charitable goals. They host competitive grant rounds every year, which are specific to a region of Vermont, or a community within Vermont. They fund programs and operations of qualified nonprofits working in the areas of community vitality, support for youth and families, workforce development and educational pathways, environmental needs, & arts and culture. All grantseekers should begin by reviewing their online Competitive Grant Program Calendar for 2026.

VIRGINIA**Alleghany Foundation**<http://alleghanyfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round

Award Amount: Varies

The Alleghany Foundation strives to strengthen the quality of life in the Alleghany Highlands of Virginia by awarding grants to their community. They have several areas of focus, including economic transformation, educational excellence, health and wellness, community capacity, leadership and civic vitality, and Vision 2025 Initiative. Priority is given to organizations serving the Alleghany County, Covington, and Clifton Forge areas with an emphasis on new and different endeavors to improve the community's quality of life.

CarMax Foundation

Home Office Giving Program

<https://foundation.carmax.com/home-office-giving.html>

Deadline: Submit an online proposal between Sept. 1st - Oct. 15th

Award Amount: Varies

The CarMax Foundation promotes the causes their associates care about to impact the communities where they live and work. The Home Office Giving Program is designed to make the Greater Richmond, Virginia area a thriving community for families to live and work. Supported Richmond nonprofits should: Support underserved youth and/or adults in the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Henrico, or the city of Richmond. Promote education & workforce success, health & wellness or resilient communities; and show a demonstrable need based upon the demand for the program or population served by the program.

Community Foundation Central Blue Ridge<https://cfcbr.org/about-us/>

Deadline: Varies

Amount Award: Varies

The Community Grants Program is a valuable resource for local nonprofits. Eligible grant recipients include tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, as well as organizations operating under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, that serve the independent cities of Staunton and Waynesboro, and the counties of Augusta, Highland and Nelson. They favor organizations and programs that:

- Address identified community needs and/or opportunities, and
- Are well-conceived with a realistic schedule of activities and thoughtful use of resources.

Community Foundation For a Greater Richmond

<https://www.cfengage.org/receive/nonprofits-foundations/grants?layoutViewMode=tablet>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Community Foundation is focused on results-based grantmaking that serves Richmond and Central Virginia in one or more of their priority funding areas: affordable housing, workforce development, education. Competitive Grants offer program and operating support to 501(c)(3) nonprofits that match the Foundation's culture. Eligible organizations should invest time to research the many grant offerings on the foundation's website, along with varying deadlines and priorities of each fund.

The Dennis Foundation

Administered by Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/dennis-foundation>

Deadline: Applications accepted until September 15th

Award Amount: Average grant size \$2,000-\$7,500

The Dennis Foundation aims to support charitable, scientific, literary, religious, and educational causes in central Virginia, primarily Richmond. Applications submitted by September 15th will be reviewed at the annual grant meeting in October. Applicants will receive an automated confirmation email acknowledging their submission. In December, applicants will receive their grant decision. A progress report is required of all grantees within 6 months of receiving funds.

Hampton Roads Community Foundation

<http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/Nonprofits/Apply-for-a-Grant/Community-Grants>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Four times a year the Hampton Roads Community Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations. Competitive Community Grants are provided for seed and program funding to begin a promising new program or service or to expand an existing one. It also provides funding for Vibrant Places to build or improve area nonprofit facilities through major capital projects and capital campaigns. The website gives detailed information on deadlines and how applicants can increase their chances for securing a grant.

WASHINGTON

Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation

<https://archibaldfoundation.org/general-faqs/>

Deadline: Mar 13, 2026, May 25, Sept 7, and Nov 23

Award Amount: \$1,500-\$7,500

The Foundation's vision is to provide funding for capital and equipment projects to organizations working to improve the quality of life and benefit residents in Northwest Washington. Items with a useful life of less than one year are not considered capital expenditures. Grant decisions are made quarterly. They do not provide funding to school foundations or PTA's.

Glaser Foundation

<http://www.paulglaserfoundation.org/>

Deadline: May 31st

Award Amount: \$500-\$50,000

The Glaser Foundation has been serving the community of King County in Washington State since 1952, providing services to populations that need it most. The Board of Directors is currently accepting program proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations that focus on the following: medical, education; services to the elderly; services to children with disabilities; services to children and families from disadvantaged backgrounds; services to at-risk youth. If your organization meets the eligibility criteria, application forms can be downloaded from the website and e-mailed directly to the foundation. All applications must be approved by the Board directly, so it may take up to 9 months to hear back. Grants are normally disbursed in November.

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)

Seattle Foundation

<https://www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/neighbor-to-neighbor>

Deadline: Jan. 30, April 30, July 30, and Oct. 30

Award Amount: Up to \$7,500

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) supports nonprofit organizations that focus on community member engagement in their work on poverty and racial disparities. Priority is on efforts led by people from diverse and under-invested communities. South Seattle, White Center, SeaTac/Tukwila and Kent are the primary areas the Foundation supports. With a focus on organizations with small budget sizes, N2N is committed to making Greater Seattle communities stronger. N2N awards grants quarterly.

Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund

The Seattle Foundation

<https://www.seattlefoundation.org/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

The Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund awards grants annually to a broad range of charitable organizations serving Clallam County. The fund is a legacy gift of Benjamin Phillips and was established following the death of Phillips' second wife. Applications proceed through a two-step process. First, applicants submit a letter of inquiry outlining their project and request. If their request aligns with Phillips funding criteria, they will be invited to submit a full grant application as the second step. LOI is submitted through the organization's grant portal.

WEST VIRGINIA

Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation

<https://tgkvf.org/grants/our-grantmaking/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Applications are by invitation only. To apply to the Foundation you must first speak with a Program Officer. Funding decisions are made quarterly for invitation-only opportunities. The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation's grantmaking priority areas include Community Economic Development (CED), Education, Health, Arts & Culture, and Basic Needs. Occasionally, the Foundation offers additional competitive grantmaking opportunities known as special initiatives. To be eligible for TGKVF's discretionary grantmaking programs, an applicant must:

- Be a 501 nonprofit or government entity
- Serve Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and/or Putnam counties in West Virginia.

Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP)

West Virginia Community Advancement and Development

<https://wvcad.org/sustainability/neighborhood-investment-program>

Deadline: June 30th

Award Amount: Varies

The Neighborhood Investment Program supports around 200 nonprofits each year in West Virginia. The Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) is a tax credit program of \$3 million each year, which allows 501(c)3 designated charitable organizations to apply for tax credit vouchers. When awarded, the organization can distribute the vouchers to businesses and individuals who contribute a minimum of \$500 to them. The donor can reduce their West Virginia tax liability by 50%. The organizations pay a 3% fee on the donation, which offsets the administrative costs of NIP. Non-profit organizations apply annually to the West Virginia Development Office (WVDO). The applicant must be registered with the Secretary of State as a 501(c)3, have a local board, and attend a mandatory workshop to apply by June 30. Some example projects eligible for program participation are: educational programs, revitalization activities, children's shelters, day care centers and services for the disabled.

Ross Foundation

<https://therossfoundation.org/programs/education#:~:text=Our%20emphasis%20is%20in%20arts.that%20can%20enhance%20the%20workforce>

Deadline: April 1 and Oct 1. Decisions are announced by June 30 and Dec 31.

Award Amount: Varies

The Ross Foundation strongly believes in the value of education, investing in programs and initiatives throughout Wood, Ritchie, Doddridge, Pleasants, and Jackson County, West Virginia. Its primary

focus is given to 501(c)(3) organizations whose work focuses on education, and community or economic development. Its secondary focus is on arts, disabilities and animals. The Foundation will not fund programs specific to a single school unless the program demonstrates an intent to replicate its outcome into other area schools. Applications are submitted online through the Ross Foundation's website. All grants spanning beyond one year will be subject to annual review and funding maxes out at three years.

WISCONSIN

AnnMarie Foundation

<https://annmariefoundation.org/>

Deadline: Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, or Nov. 1

Award Amount: Varies

The foundation offers grant funds to Wisconsin schools and nonprofit organizations to promote educational, humanitarian, cultural, and recreational activities. The foundation prioritizes educational requests. The foundation continues to serve the Wisconsin communities that were home to Phillips Plastics when it was owned by the founders. This includes Phillips, Medford, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Menomonie, New Richmond, Hudson and Prescott and neighboring communities. Members of the Board meet quarterly to review applications and determine which organizations will be awarded funding. Only local units of state or national organizations are eligible for funding. School requests are limited to elementary, middle, and high schools, preschools, and day-care facilities. Grant forms can be found online. Schools may request and receive grants quarterly. All other eligible organizations may receive only one grant in a calendar year. Requests for tangible/durable items are preferred.

Cambridge Foundation

<https://www.cambridge-foundation.org/cambridge-foundation-funds/>

Deadline: Varies

Award Amount: Varies

Founded in 1981, the Cambridge Foundation funds community improvements, grants, and scholarships for the Cambridge and surrounding communities. The foundation has a multitude of different community improvement project grants (funds) for you to choose from to help you with your specific needs. Each fund has its specific guidelines and grant amount. For more information, as well as application forms visit their website link above. They have provided grants for playground improvements in the past.

Green Bay Packers Foundation

<http://www.packers.com/community/packers-foundation.html>

Deadline: Applications accepted Feb 2 - April 1, 2026

Award Amount: \$3,000 - \$8,000

The Foundation, an entity independent of the Green Bay Packers, Inc., supports charities that serve Wisconsin. Starting in 2026, they are shifting to a four-year grant cycle to make sure their Trustees have enough time to properly evaluate each grant application. Each year of the four-year grant cycle will focus on different project/program need areas.

2026: animal welfare, homelessness, human services
2027: arts and culture, environmental, hunger
2028: athletics, education
2029: elderly, health and wellness (including drug/alcohol and domestic violence)

WYOMING

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites, & Trails

<https://wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/learn/recreation-grants>

Deadline: Pre-application May 15, Full application Nov 30

Award Amount: Varies

Project sponsors such as cities, towns, counties, school and recreation districts are eligible to apply for federally funded LWCF grants. The LWCF is a matching grant program based on a 50% reimbursement of the project's total cost. Only costs for the development and/or acquisition of public outdoor recreation lands and facilities are eligible for assistance. Applicant must agree to dedicate the park or project area for use by the public in perpetuity. Full details and application form are on the website.

Myra Fox Skelton Foundation

Administered by Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/skelton-foundation>

Deadline: April 1 and Oct. 1

Award Amount: Varies

The Myra Fox Skelton Foundation was established to support worthy charitable organizations operating in Wyoming, particularly those rendering services to and benefiting youth, health, education and religion. The foundation has a practice of primarily supporting organizations located in Natrona County, Wyoming. Applications are accepted year-round. Applications must be submitted by April 1 and October 1 to be reviewed at the next grant meeting. Applicants will receive an automated email confirming their submission. Grant decisions are generally communicated by May and November for applications received by the deadline. Each year the foundation awards an approximate total of \$125,000 divided among an average of 10 organizations.

Wyoming Community Foundation

<https://wycf.org/grants/>

Deadline: Mar 15, September 15

Award Amount: Varies

WYCF offers General Grants that prioritizes nonprofit organizations who: address an identified community need and work to create a long-term solution, partner with other nonprofits or programs to enhance services without duplication, and leverage dollars received from WYCF to obtain additional or future funding. Low priority is given to: block grants, capital campaigns, annual campaigns, debt retirement, one time special events. WYCF accepts one application per organization for any given grant deadline and a final report must be submitted prior to submitting a new grant request.

Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program

Administered by the Wyoming Community Foundation

<https://wycf.org/intertie/>

Deadline: There are usually two deadlines each year in June and Dec. Watch the website for 2026 grant announcements.

Award Amount: Varies

The Wyoming Intertie Community Investment Program (WICIP) supports communities in Albany, Carbon and Platte County. Wyoming Intertie and its developer, Grid United, are dedicated to partnering with these communities and supporting projects that enhance quality of life while strengthening communities. Applicants don't need to be based in Albany, Carbon or Platte County; however, grants must be used for projects benefiting communities in these counties. Two types of grants will be offered through this program:

- General operating grants up to \$10,000: If you are applying for existing and ongoing programs and your request includes costs for staff time, rent, utilities, etc.
- Project specific grants up to \$50,000: If you are applying for equipment, building renovations, new program start-up costs, or other project related costs.

► Grant Writing Resources

GuideStar

<https://www.guidestar.org/>

Guidestar is a powerful search engine and premier destination if you want to look up a competing nonprofit and access the most complete data available on it. GuideStar (now part of Candid) is free to use for basic research, allowing users to look up 501(c)(3) nonprofit profiles, view IRS data, and access Forms 990. Users can create a free account to search and view, but advanced features, detailed analytics, and in-depth data require a paid subscription. To maximize your chance of getting a grant, create a profile for your organization and keep it updated.

Foundation Center

<https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>

At Foundation Center, you can find funding sources for your nonprofit. Foundation Center (now Candid) is free to use through specific, no-cost methods, though its premium Foundation Directory Online (FDO) requires a subscription. You can access the full, paid database for free in person at over 400 Funding Information Network partner locations, such as public libraries or community foundations.

Candid

https://candid.org/candid-search/find-nonprofit-funding/?c_src=purch_kwd_srch_rspns_srch_advntg_V2_ARC41&utm_source=srch&utm_medium=srch&utm_term=purch&utm_content=advntg_V2_ARC41&utm_campaign=rspns&utm_term=candid&utm_campaign=&utm_source=google&utm_medium=pc&hsa_kw=candid&hsa_net=adwords&hsa_ad=794241185678&hsa_tgt=kwd-301669635101&hsa_acc=7561599582&hsa_cam=23488183845&hsa_src=g&hsa_ver=3&hsa_mt=e&hsa_grp=192838777

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Grants.gov

<https://www.grants.gov/>

This is a website provided by the Federal Government which allows you to search all of the federal grants that are available.

Purdue OWL

<https://owl.purdue.edu/>

Purdue's Online Writing Lab provides valuable grant writing resources. This includes assistance in planning a successful proposal, writing a proposal, and clarity in the proposal. This website, based at Purdue University, can help make you a better writer.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

<https://www.philanthropy.com/>

This is an online magazine, based in Washington DC, with the latest news and trends in the nonprofit and philanthropic world.



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