

## Community Development Grants

### **AAUW Community Action Grants**

Since the inauguration of the Research and Projects Fund in 1972, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has provided support to hundreds of communities around the United States to advance education and equality for women and girls. Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math.

**Deadline: January** <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>

### **AmeriCorps State and National Grants**

designed to help national service programs achieve greater impact by targeting resources on a core set of challenges: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. In order to maximize the impact of the public investment in national service, CNCS will fund programs that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems using an evidence-based or evidence-informed approach (e.g. performance data, research, theory of change).

**Deadline: varies**

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants>

### **Arkansas Department of Rural Services Rural Community Development Grant Program/Rural Fire Protection Grant Program**

To enhance the quality of life in rural Arkansas, Incorporated towns of less than 3,000 in population and unincorporated rural areas. Projects eligible for funding consideration under these programs include, but are not limited to: Renovations, new construction or additions to publicly owned buildings (civic/community centers, senior/youth centers, libraries, museums, etc.)

Renovations, new construction, new equipment, or additions to parks and other publicly owned recreational facilities (baseball/softball fields, landscape/beautification projects, park and picnic areas, jogging/walking trails, etc.). Maximum award is \$15,000; matching funds ration 50/50 is required. The number of grants available will vary.

<http://ruralservices.arkansas.gov/grants/drs-downloads/>

### **Bank of America Foundation**

In response to pressing challenges facing individuals and families across the country, Bank of America is lending, investing and giving to help create economically vibrant communities that are better places in which to live and do business. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation provides philanthropic support to address needs vital to the health of our communities through a focus on preserving neighborhoods, educating the workforce for 21st century jobs and addressing critical needs, such as hunger. In order to create greater impact, we leverage a powerful combination of local and national funding and volunteerism, both addressing the needs of the community and supporting the passion of our employees. These activities help create a ripple effect of positive change and economic stability in communities across the country.

**Deadline: various**

<http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation->

[funding.html#fbid=CF-fnZkIqYV](#)

### **Disney Friends for Change**

Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers \$500 to gather their friends and turn their creative ideas to help their communities into projects taking place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 17-19, 2015. We are looking for projects that harness the creativity and commitment of young people to use their skills, interests, and talents to meet the needs of others. We want to show that when youth find their voice and take action together, they can make a lasting, positive change in the world. Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply.

**Deadline: February**

[http://www.ysa.org/disney\\_friends\\_for\\_change\\_us\\_grants](http://www.ysa.org/disney_friends_for_change_us_grants)

### **Do Something Awards for Youth Community Projects**

Do Something Award nominees and winners represent the pivotal "do-ers" in their field, cause, or issue. In 2012 (up to) five finalists will be rewarded with a \$10,000 community grant, media coverage and continued support from DoSomething.org. The grand prize winner will receive \$100,000 during the nationally televised broadcast. A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week to be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start programs and realize ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable. Applicants must be 25 or younger.

**Deadline: None**

<https://www.dosomething.org/about/do-something-awards>

### **DoSomething.org Seasonal Scholarships**

Sign up for and complete any of the various DoSomething.org campaigns and win neat awards. Send us pics of your awesome work to enter for the current \$10,000 DoSomething.org Seasonal Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded 4 times a year. Next drawing date: June 1, 2015

<https://www.dosomething.org/about/scholarships>

### **Gloria Barron Young Heroes Award**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited, highly diverse young people from all across America. Each year, the Barron Prize honors twenty-five outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. The top ten winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. The primary goal of the Prize is to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others.

**Deadline: April 15**

<http://barronprize.org/>

### **Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program**

The Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities; planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities; and development of community parks or green spaces. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards

for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

**Deadline: Accepting applications starting in February**

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>

### **Kerr Foundation Challenge Grant**

The Kerr Foundation, Inc. supports 501(c)3 organizations, programs and institutions that provide new or enhanced opportunity to those within the granting areas, particularly the young. We believe that this is best accomplished in the areas of education, health, cultural development and community service. While preference is given to Oklahoma organizations and institutions, we recognize that such located outside the state and region can also have a beneficial impact on the economic, social and cultural growth and development of Oklahoma. Therefore, we will entertain grant requests ONLY from: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and Texas.

**Deadline: January**

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

### **Kinder Morgan Foundation Grants for Youth Programs**

The Kinder Morgan Foundation gives grants primarily to K-12 educational programs. Funding is provided to local, state, and regional educational institutions, libraries, and programs that provide ongoing support. The Foundation also supports youth programs provided by local arts organizations, symphony orchestras, museums, and others that focus on education, the arts, and the environment. Eligible organizations must serve a community where Kinder Morgan has operations. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

**Deadline: Rolling (10<sup>th</sup> of every other month, beginning in January)**

[http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km\\_foundation\\_guidelines.cfm](http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm)

### **Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program**

Every year, Kohl's recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6-18) across the country for their amazing contributions to their communities. Winners could be awarded with \$10,000 in scholarships.

**Deadline: March 13**

<https://www.cappex.com/scholarship/listings/Kohls-Cares-Scholarship-Program/-s-d-3866>

### **The Lawrence Foundation**

The foundation is focused on making grants to support environmental, human services and other causes although our interests are fairly diverse and may lead us into other areas on an occasional basis. We make both program and operating grants and do not have any geographic restrictions on our grants. Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or public schools and libraries are eligible for contributions or grants.

**Deadline: April 30 & November 1**

<http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php>

### **National Education Association Foundation: Student Achievement Grants**

The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, or other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged. The grant amounts are \$2,000 and \$5,000. Applicants are encouraged to plan ahead. Applications are reviewed three times per year, every year.

**Deadline: February 1, June 1, and October 15**

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants/>

**Take Hunger Personally Grants**

Youth Service America(YSA) and Sodexo Foundation will award 100 Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of up to \$500 each to support youth-led community service projects designed to address childhood hunger. Projects will take place on and around Global Youth Service Day, April 11-13, 2014. We're especially interested in projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees, and other community members.

**Deadline: January**

<http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>

**Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good Community Sponsorship Program**

50 States for Good is a national initiative to support the goodness behind grassroots community projects. Six organizations will share in a \$150,000 sponsorship fund, including one organization that will be given \$50,000! The panel of judges will select 20 organizations doing great things in their communities to be voted on by you.

**Deadline: July**

<http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community#50-states-for-good>

**U.S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Development Rural Utilities Services - Water, and Environmental Programs**

The U.S. DOA along with the RUS is offering WEP match grants for 2015. Applications must offer free technical assistance and/or training to rural communities for the purpose of reducing or eliminating pollution of water resources in rural areas, and improving the planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Applications must come from private nonprofit organizations with IRS-recognized tax-exempt status, Public bodies, Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and academic institutions. Match requirement may be cash or in-kind. Inquiries should be directed to Anita O'Brien (Loan Specialist) at [water@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:water@wdc.usda.gov) or 202.720.9589

**Deadline: December**

**WaysToHelp.org Grants**

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant, by visiting [www.waystohelp.org](http://www.waystohelp.org) and for any issue area, selecting "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant". Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

<http://waystohelp.org/grants.php>

**Wal-Mart's Northwest Arkansas Giving Program Guidelines**

The Northwest Arkansas Giving Program is only open to nonprofit organizations that serve the Benton and Washington counties of Arkansas. Preference will be given to work that fits within the Northwest Arkansas Giving strategy: Providing greater access to hunger relief and nutrition services, Increasing health care access for low-income people (particularly front-line oral and health care) and Enhancing quality of life through increasing access to arts and recreational facilities. All Northwest Arkansas Giving Program applications must be submitted through the online application process in order to be eligible for consideration. Minimum Grant: \$10,000.00. Organizations interested in grants of less than \$5,000.00

should apply through the Local Giving Program. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Applicants will be notified within eight weeks of their submission date.

**Deadline: multiple**

<http://giving.walmart.com/northwest-arkansas-giving-program>

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