



# GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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## Questions?

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## On the state level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now pre-qualify on the NYS Grants Reform website at [grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees](http://grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees) in order to apply for certain New York State grant solicitations. Potential not-for-profit applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process of registering and pre-qualifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

### **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Urban and Community Forestry Grants Program**

Funding is available for organizations to implement community forest management planning, tree inventory, tree planting, tree maintenance or education programming projects in New York State in order to create healthy urban and community forests as well as enhance the quality of life for urban residents. Projects must be implemented on non-state-owned property or alongside a state-owned roadway in a city, town or village in a location where they provide a public benefit. There are large and small community grants for population sizes of over 65,000 residents and under 65,000 residents, respectively.

- **Eligibility:** Municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, school districts, soil and water conservation districts, community colleges, not-for-profit organizations and Indian nations or tribes are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Approximately \$2 million is available to fund grants ranging from \$11,000 to \$75,000.
- **Deadline:** July 12, 2018
- **Contact:** Mary Kramarchyk  
Phone: 518-402-8013  
Email: [mary.kramarchyk@dec.ny.gov](mailto:mary.kramarchyk@dec.ny.gov)  
Website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>



## NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program

Funding is available for community-based organizations for projects that address multiple environmental hazards and resulting public health concerns. The program has a focus on low-income and minority communities that have historically been disproportionately burdened by environmental problems. These include contaminated sites, noise, air and water pollution, health problems and lack of green space and waterfront access.

- **Eligibility:** The applicant must be a not-for-profit community-based organization or an unincorporated community-based organization partnered with an incorporated not-for-profit known as a fiscal sponsor. The proposed project must be located in an environmental justice community served by the applicant and include a research component that will be used to expand the knowledge or understanding of the affected community. For more information about eligibility, please review the Request for Applications on the NYS Grants Gateway.
- **Funding:** Nearly \$4.5 million is available. Funding from this grant opportunity is provided from the state Environmental Protection Fund designated for environmental justice. The minimum grant amount is \$2,500 and the maximum amount is \$100,000.
- **Deadline:** July 9, 2018
- **Contact:**  
 Email: [justice@dec.ny.gov](mailto:justice@dec.ny.gov)  
 Phone: 518-402-8556  
 Website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/31226.html>

## NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Connect Kids to Parks Transportation Grant Program

The Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program connects New York public schoolchildren with nature and New York State history by providing reimbursement grants to public schools for visits to a New York State park, nature center or historic site, or a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental

Education Center for a guided educational program or self-guided field trip.

- **Eligibility:** K-12 classrooms in Title 1 schools, any public school in a district with a Title 1 school (grades pre-K-12, including school-sponsored clubs), Advantage After School Programs, 21st Century Community Learning Centers and village, town or county youth bureaus in communities with Title 1 schools are eligible to apply for a field trip grant.
- **Funding:** Transportation costs will be reimbursed up to \$1,000.
- **Deadline:** July 1, 2018
- **Contact:** Susan Carver  
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 Website: [www.parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/documents/ConnectKidsGrantsGuidelinesBrochure.pdf](http://www.parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/documents/ConnectKidsGrantsGuidelinesBrochure.pdf)

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## On the federal level...

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### Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Cemetery Grant

VA grants are available to assist states, territories and federally recognized tribal governments in providing gravesites for veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs.

- **Eligibility:** Aid can be granted only to states, federally recognized governments or U.S. territories. The cemeteries must be operated solely for the interment of service members who die on active duty, veterans and their spouses and minor children.
- **Funding:** Approximately \$45 million is available to fund 20 projects.
- **Deadline:** July 1, 2018
- **Contact:** George Eisenbach  
 Phone: 202-632-7201  
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 Website: [www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/requirements.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/requirements.asp)

## Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII), Assistance for Arts Education (AAE), Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination (AAEDD)

The purpose of this grant program is to promote arts education for students, including disadvantaged students and students with disabilities. Its goal is to:

- 1) increase access to standards-based arts education;
- 2) integrate standards-based arts education into other subjects; and
- 3) improve students' academic performance, including their knowledge and skills in creating, performing and responding to the arts.

■ **Eligibility:** Applicants must provide data from the most recent U.S. Census as evidence that the local educational agencies (LEAs) meet the statutory requirement that 20 percent or more of the students served by the LEA (or for each LEA within a consortium of LEAs) are from families with an income below the federal poverty line. Check the website for additional eligibility requirements.

■ **Funding:** An estimated \$14 million is available for this initiative, and awards range from \$525,000 to \$625,000.

■ **Deadline:** July 2, 2018

■ **Contact:** Bonnie Carter  
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Email: [bonnie.carter@ed.gov](mailto:bonnie.carter@ed.gov)  
Website: [innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/arts/arts-in-education-model-development-and-dissemination-grants-program/applicant-info-and-eligibility](http://innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/arts/arts-in-education-model-development-and-dissemination-grants-program/applicant-info-and-eligibility)

## On the private level...

### D'Addario Foundation

The D'Addario Foundation is a unique nonprofit grant-making organization that provides monetary and product support to high-quality sustainable music programs on the frontline to improve access to music education. They support programs that bring music instruction back into communities and schools and get kids

playing as early and as frequently as possible.

■ **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a nonprofit organization or educational institution that is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. IRS code.

■ **Funding:** Average grants are for \$2,500.

■ **Deadline:** July 31 is the deadline for letters of inquiry.

■ **Contact:** Danielle Hall  
Phone: 631-439-3255  
Email: [foundation@daddario.com](mailto:foundation@daddario.com)  
Website: [www.daddariofoundation.org/grants](http://www.daddariofoundation.org/grants)

## Scholar Awards...

### U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program

This program provides opportunities for faculty, teachers and undergraduate and graduate students to conduct individual and group research projects overseas in the field of modern foreign languages and related studies.

■ **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include public and private institutes of higher education, state departments of education, teachers of elementary or secondary levels of students, experienced education administrators who plan and supervise foreign language studies and graduate students, juniors or seniors in college who plan to have teaching careers in modern foreign languages.

■ **Funding:** An expected 25 awards will be given for a total of nearly \$3 million.

■ **Deadline:** July 5, 2018

■ **Contact:** Carla White  
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Website: [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/16/2018-10475/applications-for-new-awards-fulbright-hays-group-projects-abroad-program](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/16/2018-10475/applications-for-new-awards-fulbright-hays-group-projects-abroad-program)





# Grant writing

## The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

### Introduction to Proposal Writing

**Classroom: July 10, 2018**

This class will provide you with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal.

### Introduction to Corporate Giving

**Classroom: July 12, 2018**

This class provides a basic overview of the different types of corporate giving, what motivates corporations to give and how to find potential corporate partners.

### Introduction to Finding Grants

**Classroom: July 17, 2018**

Attendees will learn what funders want in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

### Foundation Center Orientation:

#### Introduction to Fundraising

**Resources & Databases: July 31, 2018**

Discover the resources offered at Foundation Center New York, both in-person and online. Learn about the new Foundation Directory Online, which has over 140,000 grantmaker profiles, and receive a preview of Foundation Maps and Grants to Individuals Online.

**In addition:** Classes are held at the Foundation Center, located at:

32 Old Slip, 24th Floor  
New York, NY 10005

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For additional training opportunities, to register or for more information, call 212-620-4230 or visit [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org).

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