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Information on available state, federal and private grants

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On the state level...

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

Department of Environmental Conservation, Climate Smart Communities Grant Program

The Climate Smart Communities Grant Program provides competitive, 50/50 matching grants to municipalities to conduct climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, including actions that are part of a strategy to achieve Climate Smart Communities certification.

Up to \$12 million is available for grants of between \$50,000 and \$2 million for implementation projects related to the following topics, among others:

- Reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT)
- Reducing food waste
- Reducing hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions from refrigeration and other related equipment
- Increasing natural resiliency through restoration or preservation of wetlands and floodplains
- Reducing future flood-risk, including by relocating or retrofitting critical infrastructure; and
- Preparing for extreme weather events.

- **Eligibility:** Any county, city, town, or village of the state of New York is eligible to apply. A municipality need not be a Climate Smart Community to be eligible for a grant.
- **Funding:** Up to \$12 million is available for grants of between \$50,000 and \$2 million for implementation projects. In addition, up to \$2 million is available for grants of between \$10,000 and \$200,000 for planning, inventory and assessment projects that are aligned with certain Climate Smart Communities Certification actions in the areas of greenhouse gas mitigation, transportation, climate adaptation and land use.
- **Deadline:** July 29, 2022 4 p.m. ET
- **Email:** cscgrants@dec.ny.gov
- **Website:** <https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html>

Questions?

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On the federal level...

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Competitive Grant and Agreement Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is soliciting applications from eligible entities for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive



Grants pilot project and Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) pilot project.

The primary goal of the UAIP pilot project is to support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production. The two types of UAIP grants being made available for application are Planning Projects and Implementation Projects.

Planning Projects are meant to support the development of projects that will either initiate, build upon or expand the efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, members of tribal communities and other stakeholders in areas where access to fresh foods are limited or unavailable.

Implementation Projects are meant to accelerate existing and emerging models of urban and/or innovative agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers or gardeners. Innovation may include new and emerging, as well as traditional or indigenous, agricultural practices.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; units of local government; tribal governments and organizations; and schools serving kindergarten through grade 12 are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** \$14.2 million in estimated total funding
- **Deadline:** Aug. 2, 2022
- **Contact:** Melanie Krizmanich
- **Email:** Melanie.Krizmanich@usda.gov
- **Website:** <https://www.usda.gov/topics/urban/grants>
- **Grant Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340885>

On the private level...

Women's Studio Workshop, Anita Wetzel Residency Grant

Located in Rosendale, New York, the Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) aims to operate and maintain an artists' workspace that encourages the voice and vision of individual women and trans, intersex, nonbinary and genderfluid artists. WSW provides professional opportunities for artists at various career stages and promotes programs designed to stimulate public involvement, awareness and support for the visual arts.

WSW is currently accepting applications for the Anita Wetzel Residency Grant, named after the founder of the Women's Studio Workshop. To honor Anita's legacy, her friends and WSW are establishing the Anita Wetzel Residency Grant at Women's Studio Workshop to continue her spirit of generosity. The grant program is a new opportunity for artists 45 years old and above to create new work and fully immerse themselves in WSW's supportive environment. The residency gives artists four to six weeks to live and work away from the stresses of daily life. Artists may work in any one or more of WSW's studios: intaglio, letterpress, papermaking, screen printing, darkroom photography or ceramics.

- **Eligibility:** The residency is open to artists 45 years old and above who work in intaglio, letterpress, papermaking, screen printing, darkroom photography or ceramics.
- **Funding:** The residency is fully subsidized and provides housing and studio space at no cost. In addition, the selected artist will receive a stipend of \$350 per week, up to \$500 for materials used during the residency and up to \$250 toward travel within the continental United States. The artist is responsible for other expenses such as meals and incidentals while in residence.
- **Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2022

■ **Email:** info@wsworkshop.org

■ **Website:** <https://wsworkshop.org/residencies/anita-wetzel-studio-residency/>

Road Runners Club of America, Kids Run the Nation Grants Program

For 15 years, the Road Runners Club of America and the Kids Run the Nation initiative have assisted running clubs, schools and community organizations to help host youth running programs.

In 2022, small grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 will be awarded to start-up or established gender-inclusive structured running programs. Programs should be focused on participation and ideally will utilize the RRCA's Kids Run the Nation youth running curriculum. While programs may culminate in a fun run or other organized running event, the goal should be to have participants running regularly – more than once a week over the course of several weeks – rather than focusing on a single event.

Examples of funded materials and activities through the program include marketing materials, brochures, posters, fliers and other printed or digital materials informing parents about the program; advertising the program in a community newspaper or website; hosting a program website; permit or usage fees to use a local park or running track; hydration supplies, including water bottles, cups or coolers; snacks and meals for program participants; incentives and awards such as Toe Tokens®, ribbons, shirts, water bottles, backpack tags and patches; mileage logs, worksheets and other written materials for program participants; and other items that the RRCA Grant Selection Committee sees fit to fund.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a running club, event or other organization with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Elementary and middle schools that provide an organized after-school running program are eligible as well as schools, parent booster clubs, PTAs, or similar entities.
- **Funding:** \$500-\$1,000
- **Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2022
- **Contact:** Erica Gminski
- **Email:** youthprograms@rrca.org
- **Website:** <https://www.rrca.org/programs/kids-run-the-nation/grant-fund/>

Scholars Awards...

BrightFocus Foundation, Macular Degeneration Research Program Fellowships

The BrightFocus Foundation provides research funding for domestic as well as international researchers pursuing pioneering research to further the understanding, prevention and treatment of age-related macular degeneration. The fellowship program provides salary support for young researchers to conduct postdoctoral studies in an established laboratory focused on research into the biological causes and/or new clinical treatment of macular degeneration.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants to the fellowship program should be young postdoctoral researchers in the final stages of mentored training. The award should serve as the basis for the applicant's independent research career.
- **Funding:** \$100,000 per year (total value \$200,000) for two years.
- **Deadline:** Letter of Intent due July 28, 2022 5 p.m. ET.
- **Phone:** 800-437-2423
- **Email:** researchgrants@brightfocus.org
- **Website:** www.brightfocus.org/research/apply/main.html

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