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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 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 Health, NYS Stem Cell Board

The purpose of the Investigator Initiated Research Projects (IIRP) and Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA) in Stem Cell Research (Rd 6) Request for Applications (RFA) is to stimulate and support basic, applied (mechanistic, technological), pre-clinical and clinical scientific investigations on any aspect of stem cell biology that will lead to a better understanding of the unique properties of stem cells and allow their utilization to treat disease.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit, governmental entities
- **Funding:** Approximately \$50 million is available to support around 70 awards.
- **Deadline:** June 25, 2020
- **Contact:** Andrea Garavelli
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NYSERDA

The Buildings of Excellence Competition aims to accelerate the design, development, construction and operation of very low or zero carbon emitting buildings. NYSERDA seeks proposals for projects that reduce their energy consumption and per capita carbon emissions in a manner which can be replicated at scale.

- **Eligibility:** NYSERDA, at its sole discretion, determines a proposal's eligibility for the competition. The project identified in the proposal must incorporate multifamily occupancy as the primary use and it must be, or intend to be, located in one of the six investor-owned New York State electricity distribution companies and pay into the System Benefits Charge (SBC) at that site.
- **Funding:** Selected projects are eligible to receive up to \$1,000,000 in direct funding, as well as support for initiatives focused on broad marketing and public awareness.
- **Deadline:** May 27, 2020
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On the federal level...

USDA Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telecommunication (DLT) Grants

This award is funded through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and requires these funds be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. This program can link teachers and medical service providers in rural areas to students and patients in another. Awards should be used to acquire eligible capital assets, such as broadband transmission facilities, audio, video and interactive video equipment, terminal and data terminal equipment, computer hardware, network components and software and inside writing and similar infrastructure that further DLT services.

- **Eligibility:** Native American tribal governments, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other institutions of higher education, state governments, small businesses, county governments, private, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofits that have 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, independent school districts, city or township governments
- **Funding:** Approximately \$40 million is available to award 200 grants.
- **Deadline:** July 13, 2020
- **Contact:** Richard Anderson, Grants manager
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U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Improving Care and Treatment Coordination: Focusing on Black Women with HIV – Demonstration Sites

Funding awarded under this announcement will support up to seven cooperative agreements for up to three years to design, implement and evaluate the use of bundled interventions for Black women with HIV. Bundled interventions are a group of evidence-informed practices that when implemented together produce better health outcomes than when the practices are delivered separately. Bundled interventions will address socio-cultural health determinants, expand the delivery and utilization of comprehensive HIV care and treatment services, support continuous engagement in care and improve health outcomes for Black women with HIV in a culturally sensitive and responsive manner.

- **Eligibility:** Public and nonprofit private entities; state and local governments; academic institutions; local health departments; nonprofit hospitals and outpatient clinics; community health centers receiving support under Section 330 of the PHS Act; faith-based and community-based organizations; and Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations
- **Funding:** Seven awards of no more than \$310,000 each
- **Deadline:** June 15, 2020

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On the private level...

AARP, 2020 Community Challenge

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund “quick-action” projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology (“smart cities”), civic engagement and more.

- **Eligibility:** Funding is open to the following types of programs: 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits, government entities and other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- **Funding:** Grants can range from several hundred dollars for smaller, short-term activities to several thousand or tens of thousands of dollars for larger projects.
- **Deadline:** May 15, 2020
- **Contact:** Mike Watson
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Website: AARP.org/CommunityChallenge

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions: Cities Taking Action to Address Health, Equity and Climate Change

RWJF seeks proposals that explore changes in city planning, policies and programs that address buildings and energy, land use and urban planning. Through this \$3 million funding opportunity, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks to bring the most impactful ideas from across the globe to U.S. cities to address the intertwined issues of health, equity and climate change. Proposals need to foster learning and stimulate action in U.S. cities around smart, effective approaches from abroad that mitigate the unequal health risks posed by climate change, including changes to transportation, waste, food systems and food security and air quality issues.

- **Eligibility:** The proposed approach must originate from a non-U.S. city(ies), region or global city network. Applicants may be based almost anywhere in the world, but must demonstrate clear applicability to the United States and propose work in a U. S. city(ies). The applicant must have an established relationship with the U.S. city(ies). Awards will be made to organizations, not individuals. Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities (e.g., city department of health, city planning department), public charities or nongovernmental organizations. The organization implementing the successful approach to address health, equity and climate change in a U.S. city(ies) must serve as the primary applicant, and will be the prime recipient of funds.

■ **Funding:** Up to \$3 million will be available for this funding opportunity. The funding period will be 30 months in duration. The proposed budget should be no more than \$600,000 for the project period.

■ **Deadline:** May 28, 2020

■ **Contact:** Sharon Z. Roerty, AICP/PP/MCRP, senior program officer; Karabi B. Acharya, ScD, director; Sharleen Rajput, program financial analyst
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Borealis Philanthropy, Immigration Litigation Fund (ILF)

The ILF supports impact litigation challenging discriminatory, unlawful and punitive immigration enforcement policies and practices. Due to the current economic and health crisis caused by COVID-19, ILF grants awarded will be general operating support rather than project grants. Borealis asks that applicants to the ILF continue to request support for specific impact litigation projects focused on immigration enforcement issues, but will provide grant dollars in the form of general operating support to allow organizations maximum flexibility to respond to changing and unforeseen needs and circumstances.

■ **Eligibility:** Currently, the ILF is providing support for funding related to impact litigation focused on immigration enforcement issues, initiatives to advance coordination and strategy on issues related to impact litigation, and organizing and communications efforts that are related to impact litigation. Both public interest legal groups and community-based organizations are encouraged to apply if they are engaged in current or proposed litigation efforts. Please read the ILF's funding priorities and FAQs, linked on the website, and set up a call with a Borealis staff person to discuss your project before applying.

■ **Funding:** \$75,000

■ **Deadline:** June 1, 2020

■ **Contact:**
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Website: <https://borealisphilanthropy.org/grantmaking/immigration-legal-strategy-support-fund/>

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation (MCHF), 2020 Statewide Grant Program

The Statewide Grants Program is open to the public and consists of two stages: the Letter of Inquiry (LOI) and the full application.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provides grants to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of diverse communities, eliminate barriers to care and bridge gaps in health services. The foundation supports activities, programs and initiatives that enhance access, address unmet needs and confront the social determinants of health in our communities. Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to work with the populations that would be served by the project. Grant proposals that focus on providing direct services and programs will be given priority.

■ **Eligibility:** Applicants must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of New York. All grants must adhere to and comply with the ethical principles, tenets and teachings of the Roman Catholic Faith, including but not limited to the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Applicant organizations are not required, however, to be affiliated with the Catholic Church to be eligible for grants. Applicant organizations generally should reside in New York State, and primarily serve New York State residents. Grants must benefit poor, disadvantaged or underserved New York State residents. Applicant organizations must demonstrate that they exhibit sound financial management and governance practices and are capable of effectively carrying out the programs, activities or projects proposed.

■ **Funding:** \$75,000 or more to applicants with budgets greater than \$750,000

■ **Deadline:** Letters of intent are received on a rolling basis now through June 3, 2020

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PCORI, COVID-19 Targeted PCORI Funding Announcement

PCORI was created to improve the evidence about what works in health care to better inform real, specific choices faced by patients, clinicians, health care administrators and others in the health care community. With the dramatic increase in the number of patients infected with COVID-19, the US health care system faces an unprecedented stress test and must adapt to meet new demands. Although the situation is rapidly evolving, these challenges provide an opportunity to learn about which strategies are most effective at improving patient-centered care.

In order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, PCORI will issue a new research funding announcement with an accelerated timeline to support innovative, high-impact studies that fit clearly within its core mission of patient-engaged and patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research. This includes projects to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on individuals, communities, health care providers and health care systems; and provide evidence to inform clinical and public health responses, decision-making and planning.

■ **Eligibility:** Nonprofit research organizations, for-profit research organizations, universities and colleges, hospitals and health care systems, laboratories and manufacturers and units of state, local or federal government.

■ **Funding:** \$30 million

■ **Deadline:** May 26, 2020

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Website: www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/covid-19-targeted-pfa





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Introduction to Foundation Directory Online:

This class provides learning opportunities designed to develop skills, practices and behaviors that best prepare people working in the social sector for success.

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This class provides a standard overview of how to write a proposal for a foundation grant and includes a hands-on personalized session in developing a proposal outline.

Introduction to Project Budgets:

This class will provide step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance of Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.

Candid is actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and will make changes to its in-person programming as necessary. Please check Candid's website for updates.

In addition: Classes are held at Candid, located at:
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www.candid.org/contact-us

For a schedule of classes, visit:
www.grantspace.org/training/search/format/live/location/new-york

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