



# 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 Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance**

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance invite applicants to apply for funding under the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP). Projects eligible for this Request for Proposal (RFP) must provide supportive housing to homeless individuals and/or families through the development of emergency, transitional or permanent housing.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit corporations and their subsidiaries, charitable organizations, municipalities and public corporations are eligible to be funded.
- **Funding:** Funding awards will be determined based on the quality and quantity of applications submitted.
- **Deadline:** This is an open-ended RFP, meaning proposals will be accepted for consideration on a continuous basis until funds are no longer available for award or until HHAC suspends or terminates the open-ended RFP.
- **Contact:** Mr. Brett E. Hebner  
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Website: [otda.ny.gov/contracts/2015/HHAP/](http://otda.ny.gov/contracts/2015/HHAP/)

## On the federal level...

### **United States Department of Defense**

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Lung Cancer Research Program (LCRP) are being solicited for the Defense Health Agency, Research, Development and Acquisition Directorate, by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity. The goal of the FY15 LCRP is to eradicate deaths from lung cancer to better the health and welfare of military service members, veterans, their families and the American public. As such, the LCRP will support and integrate research from multiple disciplines for risk assessment, prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment for the control and cure of lung cancer. The Concept Award supports the exploration of a highly



innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to lung cancer. The Concept Award is not intended to support an incremental progression of an already established research project.

- **Eligibility:** All investigators at or above the level of postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent) are eligible to apply. Eligible investigators must apply through an organization. Organizations eligible to apply include national, international, for-profit, nonprofit, public and private organizations.
- **Funding:** The maximum award amount is \$100,000, period of performance not to exceed one year.
- **Deadline:** The required pre-application (Letter of Intent) is due July 28, 2015. Applications are due August 11, 2015.
- **Contact:** Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs  
Phone: (301) 682-5507  
Email: [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)  
Website: [cdmrp.army.mil/funding/lcrp.shtml](http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/lcrp.shtml)

### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

The National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges are intended to strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities in subjects such as history, philosophy and literature. These grants may be used to enhance existing humanities programs, resources or courses, or to develop new ones. NEH invites projects related to its new initiative, The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square. This initiative seeks to connect the study of the humanities to the current conditions of national life. Many of today's challenges require the forms of understanding and knowledge represented by the humanities. They require the broadest possible engagement of scholars and the public with the resources of the humanities, including but not limited to the study of language, literature, history, philosophy, comparative religion and ethics. The study of the humanities can help illuminate the complexity of many contemporary challenges while enriching our understanding of the common good.

- **Eligibility:** This program accepts applications from community colleges and post-secondary two-year institutions. Any U.S. nonprofit, tax-exempt two-year college is eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Collaboration with other organizations is welcome, but the project director must be from an eligible institution.
- **Funding:** Successful applicants may be awarded up to \$100,000.

- **Deadline:** Draft proposals (optional) due July 24, 2015. Applications due August 24, 2015.
- **Contact:** Division of Education Programs National Endowment for the Humanities  
Phone: (202) 606-8471  
Email: [hi@neh.gov](mailto:hi@neh.gov)  
Website: [neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-community-colleges](http://neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-community-colleges)

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## **On the private level...**

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### **Vasculitis Foundation**

The Vasculitis Foundation is inviting proposals for grants to support pilot studies related to treatment and/or finding a cure for vasculitis. The foundation hopes that the results of the research will lead to, and provide the basis for, much larger multiyear studies that would be funded by larger agencies such as the National Institutes of Health. The purpose of the Vasculitis Foundation Research Program is to provide one- or two-year seed grants to support pilot studies in researching:

- etiology/pathogenesis (could include a broad range of studies of immunity, inflammation or vascular biology. Relevance to human vasculitis will be taken into account by the reviewers.);
- epidemiology, including genetics;
- diagnosis, including identification of disease subtypes; and/or
- treatment/management, including therapeutics to treat vasculitis or prevent complications, biomarkers and psychosocial outcomes.

The goals of the research program are to improve the quality of life for patients with vasculitis and ultimately find the cause(s) and cure for vasculitis.

- **Eligibility:** Must be an accredited medical institution.
- **Funding:** Maximum awards will be \$50,000 for 12 months.
- **Deadline:** August 3, 2015
- **Contact:** Joyce Kullman, Executive Director  
Vasculitis Foundation  
Email: [jakullman@vasculitisfoundation.org](mailto:jakullman@vasculitisfoundation.org)  
Website: [vasculitisfoundation.org/research/research-program/](http://vasculitisfoundation.org/research/research-program/)

## Kelly Brush Foundation

The Kelly Brush Foundation Individual Grant Program awards grants to individuals living with paralysis due to a spinal cord injury (SCI). SCI is defined as an injury to the spinal cord caused by an external force. Causes of SCI include, but are not limited to falls, motor vehicle-traffic, motorcycle accident, struck by/against, sporting-related injury, assaults and blast injuries. The purpose of the individual grant program is to increase participation in adaptive sports and recreation activities, and improve the quality of life for individuals living with SCI. The individual grant program allows economically disadvantaged individuals with SCI to purchase adaptive sporting equipment, including but not limited to monoskis, tennis chairs, scuba equipment and handcycles.

- **Eligibility:** Individuals applying for a grant must reside in the United States. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Assistance is awarded to paraplegics or quadriplegics paralyzed due to a spinal cord injury. Medical proof of SCI is required as a part of the grant application process.
- **Funding:** Grant recipients will be awarded between \$1,000 and \$5,000 in funding.
- **Deadline:** September 30, 2015
- **Contact:** Kelly Brush Foundation  
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South Burlington, VT 05403  
Phone: (802) 846-5298  
Email: [info@kellybrushfoundation.org](mailto:info@kellybrushfoundation.org)  
Website: [kellybrushfoundation.org/grants-programs-2/individual-grant-program/](http://kellybrushfoundation.org/grants-programs-2/individual-grant-program/)

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## Scholars Awards...

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### National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation is accepting applications for their Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants program which aims to support scientific research that advances the knowledge and understanding of citizenship, government and politics. Research proposals are expected to be theoretically motivated, conceptually precise, methodologically rigorous and empirically oriented. Substantive areas include, but are not limited to, American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, political behavior, political economy and political institutions.

- **Eligibility:** Proposals may be submitted by doctoral degree-granting universities and colleges accredited in, and having a campus located in, the U.S., acting on behalf of their faculty members.

Individual Principal Investigators (PI) are also eligible to apply. The proposal must be submitted by the dissertation advisor(s) on behalf of the graduate student who is at the point of initiating or already conducting dissertation research. The advisor is the PI and the doctoral student whose dissertation research will be supported must be designated as a Co-PI. The student must be the author of the proposal. The student must be enrolled in a U.S. institution but need not be a U.S. citizen.

- **Funding:** \$700,000
- **Deadline:** August 28, 2015
- **Contact:**  
Brian Humes, Program Director  
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Website: [nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf15571](http://nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf15571)

### Spencer Foundation

The Spencer Foundation is pleased to announce the second round of its grant program to enrich the work of academic midcareer scholars who are seven to 20 years post-doctorate. This targeted program provides support for those who are interested in advancing their understanding of a compelling problem of education by acquiring new skills, substantive knowledge, theoretical perspectives or methodological tools. It is not intended to encourage researchers to abandon their existing area of expertise, but rather to build on, enrich and extend that training with the acquisition of new methodological tools and/or perspectives about a subject to which they have been deeply committed throughout their academic career. In developing this program of additive scholarly learning, the foundation intends to heighten the potential for midcareer productivity and contribution by operationalizing, through its grant-making, an understanding of scholarship that has merit: that reaching beyond familiar ways of thinking about education puzzles and problems has the potential to bring innovative ideas to the work, and by extension, to lines of inquiry in the field.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants must be faculty members or research scholars who were awarded doctorates within the last seven to 20 years.
- **Funding:** Proposal budgets may not exceed \$150,000.
- **Deadline:** September 10, 2015
- **Contact:**  
Email: [midcareer@spencer.org](mailto:midcareer@spencer.org)  
Website: [spencer.org/content.cfm/midcareer-grant-program](http://spencer.org/content.cfm/midcareer-grant-program)







# Grant writing

## The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

### Introduction to Finding Grants (Grantseeking Basics):

**Webinar: August 5**

In this newly revised class, attendees will learn what funders want in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders. This session will cover the 10 most important things nonprofits need to know about finding grants including who funds nonprofits and what their motivations are, what funders really want to know about the organizations they are interested in funding, and how to identify potential funders and make the first approach. An optional 30 minutes will be provided after class for guided online grant research.

### Introduction to Proposal Writing (Proposal Writing Basics):

**Webinar: August 12**

This newly revised class will provide nonprofits with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation. It will include the basic elements of a proposal, the "do's" and "don'ts" of writing and submitting a proposal, and how to follow up whether the answer is yes or no. An optional 30-minute exercise will be provided after class for developing a proposal outline.

### Proposal Budgeting Basics: Webinar: August 19

Attendees will learn how to prepare and present a budget in a grant proposal. This session is geared toward novice grantseekers. Prior attendance at Proposal Writing Basics/Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.

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

79 Fifth Ave., 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10003

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 [foundationcenter.org](http://foundationcenter.org)

#### Please note:

This office location is closing on July 3, 2015. The Foundation Center will be moving to lower Manhattan's Financial District at 32 Old Slip, and will reopen to the public on July 28, 2015.



Speaker

**Carl E. Heastie**



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