

Community Development Grants – 2020

AAUW Community Action Grants

Deadline: November or December 2020 - multiple grants available

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/>

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. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. 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.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Deadline: May 6, 2020

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/grants-funding/funding-resources/cncs-funding-opportunities-resources>

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and community organizations, and other groups committed to strengthening communities through service and volunteering.

- FY 2020 AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants
 - Economic opportunity – increasing economic opportunities for communities by preparing people for the workforce.
 - Education – improving student academic performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and/or serving students who attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools.
 - Healthy Future – reducing and/or preventing prescription drug and opioid abuse.
 - Veterans and Military Families – positively impacting the quality of life of veterans and improving military family strength.

- FY 2020 Volunteer Generation Fund
 - VGF grants will be used to develop and/or support community-based entities to recruit, manage, and support volunteers. CNCS seeks to fund effective approaches that expand volunteering, strengthen the capacity of volunteer-connector organizations to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers, and develop strategies to use volunteers effectively to solve problems. Specifically, the VGF grants will support efforts that expand the capacity of volunteer-connector organizations to recruit, manage, support and retain individuals to serve in high quality volunteer assignments.

Arkansas Department of Rural Services

Deadline: August 13, 2020

<https://www.arkansasedc.com/Rural-Services/division/grants/rural-services-block-grant>

DRS provides funding for worthwhile projects in rural communities through a variety of grant programs. One such program is the Arkansas Rural Services Block Grant (RSBGP). The RSBGP funds new construction or renovation of community centers, fire stations, or multi-purpose buildings, and the purchase of fire trucks (pumper, tanker, brush or certain service trucks). Applicants are eligible for up to \$75,000. The match for this grant is 10% and may be comprised of in-kind labor, in-kind materials, or cash. This grant is made possible through a partnership with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

Bank of America Foundation

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html#fbid=GK6OatNVW->

- **Economic mobility focused on the needs of the community by addressing economic development and social progress**
- *Applications accepted June 1 – June 26, 2020*

Expanding Access to Housing Opportunities

- Access to affordable housing remains a significant challenge in all our communities. For many, it is becoming further out of reach with more than 18 million households paying more than 50% of their income for housing. That's why we support nonprofit organizations as they work to preserve, and increase access to a mix of affordable housing options and connect low- and moderate- income individuals and families with the tools and resources to achieve their financial goals.

Building Vibrant Communities

- Vibrant communities are places where individuals can thrive and succeed and have the opportunity to live and work with safe, decent housing, transportation to jobs, strong business corridors and thriving arts and culture districts. All of these are essential to an individual's overall economic mobility. For this reason, we support local and regional revitalization efforts that take a holistic approach to building thriving communities and creating economic opportunity and livable neighborhoods. This includes support of economic drivers such as arts and cultural institutions that contribute to the overall vitality of the community.

Youth Service America

Deadline: Varied

<https://ysa.org/grants/>

Want to make a difference? Take action? Solve a tough community problem? Whether you're a child, teen, educator, or adult champion, YSA Grants can power your youth-led service and service-learning projects year-round. Why grants? We believe in investing in youth as problem solvers to address the most important challenges facing our world. This bold strategy puts children and youth in the driver's seat and gives them the power to plan, implement, and witness the full impact of their service. YSA displays grants for youth, schools, and organizations.

Do Something Awards for Youth Community Projects

Deadline: May 15, 2020

<https://www.dosomething.org/us>

Since 1996, DoSomething.org has honored the nation's best young change-makers, ages 25 and under. Do Something Award finalists have made a significant impact in their cause space and are showing the world how it's done. Each year, five finalists are rewarded a \$10,000 grant to continue their work, along with media coverage and support from the team at DoSomething.org. The grand prize winner receives -- wait for it -- a \$100,000(!) grant to take their initiative to the next level.

DoSomething.org Seasonal Scholarships

Deadline: Throughout the year

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-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.

Gloria Barron Young Heroes Award

Opens: January 6, 2021

Deadline: April 15, 2021

<http://barronprize.org/>

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.

Kerr Foundation Challenge Grant

Deadline: July 17, 2020

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

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.

Kinder Morgan Foundation Grants for Youth Programs

Deadline: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2020

http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm

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 \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program

Deadline: Ongoing

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

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.

The Lawrence Foundation

Deadline: April 30 & October 31, 2020

<https://thelawrencefoundation.org/application-process/>

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.

National Education Association Foundation

Deadline: Year-round. Specific deadlines vary.

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators/>

The NEA Foundation awards grants of up to \$5,000 exclusively to NEA members to enhance teaching and learning:

- Student Achievement Grants support initiatives that improve academic achievement.
- Learning & Leadership Grants support high-quality professional development.

Active NEA members who are practicing K-12 public school teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff at public colleges and universities may apply online. Preference is currently being given to projects that incorporate STEM and/or global learning, as well as projects with leads/partners that are education support professionals.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services

Deadline: closed

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/agencies/rural-utilities-service>

USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers programs that provide much-needed infrastructure or infrastructure improvements to rural communities. These include water and waste treatment, electric power and telecommunications services. All of these services play a critical role in helping to expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for rural residents.

WaysToHelp.org Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.okcareertech.org/students/student-organizations/fcla/grant-opportunities>

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. 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.

Wal-Mart's Northwest Arkansas Giving Program Guidelines

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give>

- **Local Community Grants**
 - *Deadline: Dec. 31, 2020*

- **Northwest Arkansas Grant**
 - *Deadline: June 1, 2020*
 - Wal-Mart calls Northwest Arkansas home. As the region grows into an increasingly larger and more diverse area, The Northwest Arkansas giving program supports programs that enhance the quality of life for all members of the community.