



# GRANTS ACTION NEWS

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](https://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 Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs**

The Justice Center seeks proposals from not-for-profit organizations for the operation of the Surrogate Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) program throughout six regions of New York State. This program is an alternative to the court system and provides services to individuals who lack the capacity to provide informed consent, do not have a legally authorized decision-maker to act on their behalf and need non-emergency major medical treatment or end-of-life decision-making.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit organizations
- **Funding:** \$2.095 million over five years for six programs
- **Deadline:** June 17, 2020 by 2:00 p.m.
- **Contact:** Barbara Farley  
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## On the federal level...

### Restore America's Estuaries and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The National Estuary Program (NEP) Coastal Watersheds Grant (CWG) Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grants program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Eligible areas include a majority of New York's estuarine areas and their watersheds, including Long Island Sound. All projects must occur in their entirety in the specified geographic areas.

■ **Eligibility:** State, interstate, tribal, inter-tribal consortia and regional water pollution control agencies and entities, state coastal zone management agencies, and other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions and organizations. Public-private partnerships are encouraged. Use the interactive map to determine if your body of water is eligible: [www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=a071db5870714235835c9c7eeec1bd48&extent=-145.3757,7.5036,-49.487,64.0384](http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=a071db5870714235835c9c7eeec1bd48&extent=-145.3757,7.5036,-49.487,64.0384).

■ **Funding:** Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000.

■ **Deadline:** August 7, 2020

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■ **For information on NEPs in your area, please contact:**  
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For New York - New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program:  
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### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

This funding opportunity solicits applications to: 1) implement standardized surveillance of postpartum women with a recent live birth or fetal death on selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur prior to, during and shortly after pregnancy; 2) implement surveillance on emerging issues related to maternal and child health that arise during the data collection cycle including post-disaster or emergency surveillance; and 3) ensure collection of timely, high-quality data for ongoing monitoring of maternal and infant health to inform programs, research and system changes.

■ **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, higher education, special district governments, state and local governments, public housing authorities and Native American tribal governments

■ **Funding:** \$41.2 million to support up to 57 awards

■ **Deadline:** August 11, 2020

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### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Strengthening Environmental Health Capacity (EHC)

This funding opportunity seeks to strengthen the nation's environmental health capacity to protect public health by strengthening the capacity of public health departments using three strategies to address specific environmental health topics and issues. This will ensure safe and healthy environments and improve community health. The strategies include utilizing environmental health data and information, identifying and addressing environmental health hazards and assessing the effectiveness and impact of environmental health interventions.

■ **Eligibility:** Public health departments

■ **Funding:** \$27 million for 50 awards

■ **Deadline:** June 30, 2020

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## On the private level...

### Cornelia T. Bailey, New ERA Women Writers Program

The Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation is accepting applications for their New ERA Women Writers Program. The purpose of the program is to inspire women and girls to learn to write or to be supported in improving their current abilities. The foundation believes that one of the most important skills in life that one can attain is learning to be an effective writer and communicator. It supports programs that will provide women and girls with the knowledge and skills to express themselves through the art of writing and to encourage higher levels of training designed to assist women in delivering clear and persuasive arguments for change and equality.

■ **Eligibility:** The grant application must be submitted by a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The program supports all areas of writing: journalism, fiction, poetry, prose, blogging, novel, autobiography, book reviews, comic strips, diaries, essays, fables - the sky's the limit - as long as the program supports women and girls and their writing aspirations. Non-English language programs are included as part of these



programs. Programs can be workshops, writing clubs, curriculum-based programs, after-school programs, summer programs, retreats, etc.

- **Funding:** up to \$25,000
- **Deadline:** on a rolling basis
- **Contact:**  
Email: [info@ctbfoundation.org](mailto:info@ctbfoundation.org)  
Website: <https://ctbfoundation.org/newera>

## State and Local Government Financial Wellness Program

In an effort to improve the financial wellness of the state and local public sector workforce, a new national initiative will competitively select and provide grants to state and local governments to establish or improve upon their financial wellness programs. This initiative is being administered via a collaboration of the Center for State & Local Government Excellence (SLGE), The International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) and the National Association of State Treasurers Foundation (NASTF), with the support of the Wells Fargo Foundation. Local government and/or state governmental entities are invited to submit a proposal to receive a one-time grant to establish a financial wellness program for their employees. These funds can be used to expand programming already offered, establish new programs and initiatives, work with trusted third-party vendors to reach the public sector workforce or reach a wider audience through other quality programming. To assist governments in establishing these programs, SLGE, IPMA-HR and NASTF will also provide, at no charge, supplementary tools and resources that applicants can reference in preparation for program implementation.

- **Eligibility:** Local government and/or state governmental entities.
- **Funding:** Grant amounts are based on the targeted number of employees intended to reach from the local government and/or state governmental entity workforce:
  - **2,500+ employees:** can request a grant up to \$100,000.
  - **500-2,500 employees:** can request a grant up to \$50,000.
  - **Less than 500 employees:** can request a grant up to \$25,000.
- **Deadline:** July 15, 2020
- **Contact:** Kari M. Arfstrom  
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## Artist Relief

To support artists during the COVID-19 crisis, a coalition of national arts grantmakers have come together to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists across the United States. Artist Relief distributes \$5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to COVID-19; serves as an ongoing informational resource; and co-launched the COVID-19 Impact Survey for Artists and Creative Workers, designed by Americans for the Arts, to better identify and address the needs of artists. Due to the magnitude of this crisis, the

organization anticipates more requests for funding than there are funds to distribute.

- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for a relief grant, applicants must be: practicing artists able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to their work, careers and a public audience; experiencing dire financial emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic; 21 years of age or older; provide a W9 and Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN); residing and working in the U.S. for the last two years; not a full-time employee, board member, director, officer or immediate family member of any of the coalition partners; not previously awarded a relief grant from this fund.
- **Funding:** \$5,000
- **Deadline:** see the website for funding cycles through August 19, 2020
- **Contact:**  
Email: [info@artistrelief.org](mailto:info@artistrelief.org)  
Website: <https://www.artistrelief.org/apply>

## Scholar awards...

### New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

NYSERDA seeks to enhance New York's workforce pipeline through meaningful clean energy internships for students. Under the Clean Energy Internship Program, funding is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to businesses that register, perform eligibility checks and submit all completed materials to NYSERDA. Internships will last a minimum of 8 weeks and must be for a minimum of 80 total hours. Interns can work a maximum of 18 hours per week for any time the students are attending school full time. Eligible interns not taking classes can work up to 40 hours per week. Total hours eligible for reimbursement are capped at 960 hours or the total of intern hours completed within a 12-month period, whichever is fewer.

- **Eligibility:** All companies and interns that participate under this opportunity must be located in the System Benefits Charge (SBC)/Clean Energy Fund (CEF) service territory, which is indicated on their utility bill. Training providers are also required to have training locations in SBC/CEF service territory.
- **Funding:** Up to \$9 million is being made available over approximately 6 to 7 years.
- **Deadline:** December 30, 2024, or until all funds are allocated.
- **Contact:**  
Email: [cleanenergyinternship@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:cleanenergyinternship@nyserda.ny.gov)  
Website: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Workforce-Development/NYS-Clean-Energy-Internships>





# Grant writing

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Candid offers a variety of free trainings at its center in New York City, partner locations and online:

### 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.

### Introduction to Finding Grants:

This class will provide an introduction for finding grants for nonprofits, including what funders are looking for and a hands-on guided online research session.

### Introduction to Proposal Writing:

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:  
32 Old Slip, 24th Floor • New York, NY 10005  
[www.candid.org/contact-us](http://www.candid.org/contact-us)

**For a schedule of classes, visit:**  
[www.grantspace.org/training/search/format/live/location/new-york](http://www.grantspace.org/training/search/format/live/location/new-york)

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

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