



# 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.

### New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

NYSERDA seeks proposals for development and demonstration activities that advance the energy performance of both new and existing buildings in the residential, multi-family or commercial sector. This Advanced Building Program solicitation encompasses a broad range of activities that address the technical, economic and market barriers of new or emerging energy-efficient building-related technologies, products and/or services. Preferred activities will support the development of innovative energy-efficient products/technologies and promote integration of high-performance and renewable energy and have a broad impact on specific building types or sectors. Technology areas of interest include, but are not limited to: construction materials, strategies and practices; HVAC; lighting technologies, automation technologies enabling load flexibility and smarter background operations; and building integrated renewable energy systems. Energy improvements in buildings can also result from activities that do not involve development of new products or construction methods. Improvements can result from new policies, regulations or assessments. NYSERDA also seeks proposals for activities to remove inadvertent barriers that hinder the wider use of promising technologies. Added consideration will be given to technologies and opportunities that in addition to improving the energy and environmental performance, increase building resiliency, recovery and adaptability to disruptions in the electric grid. The solicitation seeks project proposals for: applied research (proof of concept, studies), development activities and pilot demonstrations. Research proposals submitted to validate/prove a concept must include a task for conducting a business analysis if the concept is found technically promising.

- **Eligibility:** See solicitation for more information.
- **Funding:** Up to \$25 million is available for six rounds.
- **Deadline:** September 17, 2015 by 5 p.m. EST
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## On the federal level...

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### United States Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) are seeking applications for funding under its 2015 Studies Program on At-Risk or System-Involved Girls. This program will sponsor studies and/or secondary analyses of existing data to provide objective, independent knowledge about the extent and impact of girls' contact with the juvenile and adult justice systems including arrests, referrals to court, diversion, charges filed, placement in secure juvenile detention facilities and adult jails and lockups, findings of delinquency, placement in secure juvenile correctional facilities, probation and transfers to the adult criminal justice system.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government, Indian tribes (i.e., federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee. OJJDP welcomes applications that involve two or more entities, however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the other(s) must be proposed as subrecipient(s). The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for conducting and leading the project. Only one application per lead applicant will be considered; however, subrecipients may be part of multiple proposals.
- **Funding:** OJJDP expects to make as many as three awards for a total not to exceed \$150,000. Each award made through this solicitation may be for as much as \$50,000. Indirect costs are allowable and included within the total award of \$50,000. Projects are usually 12 months in duration, but may be for as long as 24 months.
- **Deadline:** June 1, 2015
- **Contact:** Response Center  
Phone: (800) 851-3420  
Email: [responsecenter@ncjrs.gov](mailto:responsecenter@ncjrs.gov)  
Website: [ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/StudiesGirls.pdf](http://ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/StudiesGirls.pdf)

### United States Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) are seeking applications to support specialized services to victims of human trafficking throughout the United States. The primary goal of this program is to enhance the quality and quantity of specialized services and to provide funding to victim service organizations with a demonstrated history of providing services for victims of human trafficking. Funding will also support efforts to increase the capacity of communities to respond to human trafficking victims through the development of interagency partnerships, professional training and public awareness activities. Proposals under this grant program may include, but are not limited to, a plan to provide any of the following types of services and interventions: legal services; mental health services; support groups; mentoring programs; gender-specific programs; programs and interventions implemented within adult correction facilities or juvenile detention facilities; programs and interventions implemented within runaway and homeless youth facilities or drop-in centers; programs targeting traditionally underserved, or unserved populations such as AI/AN or LGBTQ victims; specialized short-term, transitional, emergency or long-term safe housing programs; school-based interventions; literacy education, job training and/or education and GED assistance; life skills training; and assistance for victims to secure job-training programs.

- **Eligibility:** Grants under this program may be awarded to states, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments) and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations (including tribal nonprofits). Organizations with a demonstrated history of providing victim assistance, social services, legal services, shelter or mental health services for victims of human trafficking are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate that a coordinated, community-wide approach will be used to leverage various local, state and federal resources for the specialized service identified through this initiative.
- **Funding:** OVC estimates that it will make up to 9 awards of up to \$600,000 for a 36-month project period, beginning on October 1, 2015.
- **Deadline:** June 1, 2015
- **Contact:** Ivette Estrada, Victim Justice Program Specialist  
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Website: [ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx](http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx)

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## On the private level...

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### Foundation for Women's Wellness

The Foundation for Women's Wellness (FWW) is accepting applications for their Research Awards to provide early funding for small, short-term studies with promise for improving medical knowledge in cardiovascular disease, leading female cancers, the role of hormones in disease and stage-of-life health issues such as pregnancy and menopause and diseases disproportionately affecting women. FWW seeks research proposals that have direct clinical application in preventing and/or treating disease; studies with the promise of yielding results that will attract larger sources of funding for advancing study; and influencing long-term research directions in its field.

- **Eligibility:** The lead investigator must be an MD and/or PhD with faculty appointment of investigator, assistant professor or higher at an accredited U.S. medical institution or similar not-for-profit medical research institution.
- **Funding:** FWW will fund two research awards of \$25,000 each.
- **Deadline:** June 8, 2015
- **Contact:** Sharon Cravitz, Executive Director  
Email: [sharoncravitz@thefww.org](mailto:sharoncravitz@thefww.org)  
Website: [thefww.org/research-awards](http://thefww.org/research-awards)

### Children's Heart Foundation

The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) is accepting proposals from investigators for clinical research projects related to the cause of congenital heart defects and improving methods for their diagnosis, treatment and prevention. The CHF supports new clinical and basic science research in the areas of molecular genetics, biochemistry, pharmacology, devices and procedural research (cardiac catheterization and surgery), and long-term care of adults with congenital birth defects.

- **Eligibility:** To be eligible, investigators must be affiliated with an educational institution or nonprofit organization considered tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **Funding:** CHF funding will be limited to two years (consecutive or otherwise). No single project may receive more than \$100,000 in CHF funds during any calendar year.
- **Deadline:** June 5, 2015
- **Contact:** Rosemary Wheeler  
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Website: [childrensheartfoundation.org/for-scientists/call-for-research-proposals](http://childrensheartfoundation.org/for-scientists/call-for-research-proposals)

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## Scholars Awards...

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### United States Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) are seeking applications to fund one or more fellows under its Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) Program for Criminal Justice Statistics. Graduate Research Fellows will have the unique opportunity to address substantive, methodological and analytic issues relevant to BJS programs and to further existing knowledge about and understanding of the operation of the criminal justice system. The ultimate goal of this solicitation is to increase the pool of researchers using criminal justice statistical data generated by BJS, thereby contributing solutions that better prevent and control crime and help ensure the fair and impartial administration of criminal justice in the United States.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are limited to fully accredited, degree-granting educational institutions in the United States. The applicant institution must apply as the sponsoring institution on behalf of a doctoral student candidate whose dissertation research substantially uses, in whole or in part, data made available by BJS and that has direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Doctoral students must have completed all required course work and passed all qualifying comprehensive exams, and the sponsoring institution must advance the doctoral student to candidacy for the BJS GRF program prior to BJS making an award available. BJS will require successful applicants to provide documentation of their doctoral student's completion of these three requirements before being able to access any awarded funds.
- **Funding:** BJS anticipates that it will make up to three awards under this solicitation. BJS will make awards to successful applicant institutions in the form of a cooperative agreement to cover a fellowship for the sponsored doctoral student. Each fellowship potentially provides up to 3 years of support, usable over a 5-year period. For each year of support, BJS provides the degree-granting institution a stipend of \$35,000, usable toward the student's salary and related costs, and up to \$15,000 to cover the student's tuition and fees, research expenses and related costs (e.g., travel to and from Washington, DC, to present findings to BJS).
- **Deadline:** June 10, 2015
- **Contact:** Gerard F. Ramker, Deputy Director  
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Website: [bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/grfpcjs2015.pdf](http://bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/grfpcjs2015.pdf)





# Grant writing

## The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

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

**Classroom: June 4, 13, 30**

**Webinar: June 4**

Attendees will learn how the Center's resources help make them more effective grantseekers. For beginners, this introduction to the library provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders. A tour of the library will follow.

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

**Classroom: June 10, 19, 30**

**Webinar: June 10**

Attendees will learn about the basics of writing a proposal for their nonprofit organization.

### Proposal Budgeting Basics:

**Classroom: June 10**

**Webinar: June 11**

Attendees will learn how to prepare and present a budget in a grant proposal. This session is geared toward novice grantseekers.

### 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)



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