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On the state level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now prequalify 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 prequalifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Bureau of Community Chronic Disease Prevention, Asthma Control Program

Applications are sought to establish and/or expand comprehensive asthma-control services to improve health outcomes for people with asthma and reduce the burden of asthma in high-risk areas of New York State. The aim is to improve the quality of guideline-based health care, ensuring the provision of appropriate asthma self-management education, and support policies to promote asthma control. Approaches should be seamless and guidelines based across public health, community and health care sectors. Applicants should seek to work to reduce the racial/ethnic and community disparities in the burden of asthma, with a primary focus on children through age 17.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include public and private not-for-profit agencies and organizations in New York State, including local public health agencies/municipalities, hospitals, health care systems, not-for-profit primary care networks, academic institutions, community-based organizations, voluntary associations, foundations and scientific or professional associations. Applicants located in and serving the following counties are eligible to apply: Albany, Bronx, Dutchess, Erie, Fulton, Kings, Monroe, Montgomery, Nassau, New York, Niagara, Orange, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Schenectady, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.
- **Funding:** It's anticipated that five contracts of no more than \$900,000 each will be awarded for five-year periods.
- **Deadline:** September 18, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- **Contact:** Holly Teal
Phone: 518-408-8578
Email: asthma@health.ny.gov
Website: www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1612280202/index.htm

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

The New York State DEC continuously accepts applications for Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs). TAGs are a citizen participation tool available to eligible community groups to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in their community. TAGs, in the form of State Assistance Contracts (SACs), are available to eligible community groups for the purpose of obtaining independent technical assistance



in interpreting existing environmental information about an eligible “significant threat” site being remediated in the State Superfund Program or Brownfield Cleanup Program. Technical assistance is intended to help the grant recipient and the community it represents to understand existing environmental data developed about the site, comment on site remedial activities and proposals and share this information with the public.

- **Eligibility:** A community group must be a nonresponsible party community group or one that is in partnership with another non-responsible party community group. The group must be a not-for-profit corporation having 501(c)(3) status and a group whose members’ health, economic well-being or enjoyment of the environment may be affected by a release or threatened release of contamination at the eligible site. The group must be one whose membership represents the interest of the community affected by the eligible site. Eligible sites must be Class 2 sites on the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites or sites being remediated under the State’s Brownfield Cleanup Program that the DEC has determined pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment.
- **Funding:** Funding is limited to \$50,000 per site.
- **Deadline:** Applications are accepted continuously.
- **Contact:** TAG Coordinator at DEC
Phone: 518-402-9711
Email: derweb@dec.ny.gov
Website: www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2590.html

On the federal level...

National Science Foundation, Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST)

As the nation expands its opportunities and possibilities through advances in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), the need for a more diverse and well-prepared STEM workforce is also growing. The challenge of preparing citizens for the expanding workforce and the changing workplace environments calls for new innovations in STEM education. ITEST is a research and development program that supports projects to promote pre-K-12 student interests and capacities to participate in the STEM and information and communications technology (ICT) workforce of the future. The ITEST program supports research on the design, development and implementation of innovative strategies for engaging students in technology-rich experiences that increase student awareness of STEM occupations, motivate students to pursue education pathways to STEM occupations or develop disciplinary based knowledge and practices or promote critical thinking, reasoning skills or communication skills needed for entering STEM workforce sectors. ITEST projects may adopt an interdisciplinary focus that includes multiple STEM disciplines or focus on a single discipline.

- **Eligibility:** The following groups may submit proposals: 1. universities and colleges; 2. nonprofit, nonacademic organizations; 3. for-profit organizations; and 4. state and local governments.
- **Funding:** Depending on available funding, ITEST anticipates making approximately two to four exploratory awards for up to two years of up to \$400,000 each; six to 12 strategies awards with durations of up to three years and total budgets up to \$1.2 million each; and one to two SPrEaD (Successful Project Expansion and Dissemination) awards for durations of three to five years and total budgets up to \$2 million each.
- **Deadline:** September 5, 2017.
- **Contact:**
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Website: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17565/nsf17565.htm

On the private level...

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Innovation Grants

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention raises awareness, funds scientific research and provides resources and aid to those affected by suicide. The foundation supports studies that will increase our understanding of suicide or test treatments and other interventions that save lives. Priorities for funding are defined every two years in order to stimulate research in understudied areas. The organization’s priority research areas for 2017-19 are pain and suicide and opioids and suicide. While they encourage applications in these priority areas, they also encourage and welcome all applications related to preventing suicide. In addition, they continue to maintain a strong interest in research related to survivors of suicide loss. Currently, AFSP is accepting applications for five categories of grants ranging from the level of fellow, assistant professor and higher or Ph.D. and M.D.

- **Eligibility:** AFSP Suicide Research Grants support studies aimed at increasing our understanding of the causes of suicide and factors related to suicide risk, or that test treatments and other interventions designed to prevent suicide. At least one suicide outcome measure must be included in all grant projects. Studies of treatment feasibility and studies that add a suicide component (e.g., population or treatment) to an existing grant in another area will also be considered. Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply, and both basic science and applied research projects will be considered, provided that the proposed study has an essential focus on suicide or suicide prevention.
- **Funding:** Depending on grant category, funding will range from \$30,000 up to \$125,000 over two years.

- **Deadline:** Submissions can be made from August 1 to November 1, 2017.
- **Contact:** Carl Niedzielski, Research Grants Manager
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The Project Athena Foundation

The Project Athena Foundation is dedicated to helping women survivors of medical or other traumatic setbacks achieve their adventurous dreams. The foundation provides travel expenses, coaching, equipment and the encouragement and inspiration needed to help these women make the life-affirming transition from survivor to athlete. The foundation offers several yearly adventures that provide mental and physical challenges in a noncompetitive environment. The goal is to have something to look forward to, a goal set to accomplish and surrounding yourself with like-minded people.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be women with a medical setback or trauma. This is defined as, but not limited to, cancer, congenital defects, neurological disorders, autoimmune disorders, amputations, life-altering accidents and post-traumatic stress disorder.
- **Funding:** An Athenaship grant provides the inspiration needed to make that transition from survivor to athlete and covers the cost of the following: coaching, gear, PAF swag, travel expenses and adventure costs.
- **Deadline:** Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December.
- **Contact:**
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Website: www.projectathena.org

Scholars Awards...

The New York Public Library

The Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers is an international fellowship program open to people whose work will benefit directly from access to the collections at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, including academics, independent scholars and creative writers (novelists, playwrights, poets). The center appoints 15 fellows a year for a nine-month term at the library from September through May. In addition to working on their own projects, the fellows engage in an ongoing exchange of ideas within the center and in public forums throughout the library.

- **Eligibility:** The Cullman Center's Selection Committee awards up to 15 fellowships a year to outstanding scholars and writers. Foreign nationals conversant in English are welcome to apply. Candidates who need to work primarily in The New York Public Library's other research libraries – the Library for the Performing Arts,

the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Science, Industry and Business Library – are not eligible for this fellowship, nor are people seeking funding for research leading directly to a degree.

- **Funding:** A Cullman Center Fellow receives a stipend of up to \$70,000, an office, a computer and full access to the library's physical and electronic resources. Fellows work at the center for the duration of the fellowship term.
- **Deadline:** September 29, 2017.
- **Contact:**
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Website: www.nypl.org/csw

The Abe Fellowship

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) announce the annual Abe Fellowship Program competition. Funding for the Abe Fellowship Program is provided by CGP. The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The objectives of the program are to foster high-quality research in the social sciences and related disciplines, to build new collaborative networks of researchers around the four thematic foci, to bring new data and new data resources to these researchers and to obtain from them a commitment to a comparative or transnational line of inquiry. The four themes are: 1. threats to personal, societal and international security; 2. growth and sustainable development; 3. social, scientific and cultural trends and transformation; and 4. governance, empowerment and participation.

- **Eligibility:** This competition is open to citizens of the United States and Japan as well as nationals of other countries who can demonstrate strong and serious long-term affiliations with research communities in Japan or the United States. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or the terminal degree in their field, or have attained an equivalent level of professional experience at the time of application. If the research project requires language ability, the applicant should provide evidence of adequate proficiency to complete the project. Applications from researchers in professions other than academia are encouraged with the expectation that the product of the fellowship will contribute to the wider body of knowledge on the specified topic. Projects proposing to address key policy issues or seeking to develop a concrete policy proposal must reflect nonpartisan positions.
- **Funding:** Terms of the fellowship are flexible and designed to meet the needs of researchers at different stages of their careers. The program provides Abe Fellows with a minimum of three and maximum of 12 months of full-time support over a two-year period.
- **Deadline:** September 1, 2017.
- **Contact:** Nicole Levit
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Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Proposal Writing

Classroom: September 5

This newly revised class will provide attendees with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation.

Introduction to Finding Grants

Classroom: September 20

In this newly revised class, attendees will learn what funders want in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

Introduction to Project Budgets (Proposal Budgeting Basics)

Classroom: September 27

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

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

32 Old Slip, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10005

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 www.foundationcenter.org.

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