



# GRANTS ACTION NEWS

Information on available state, federal and private grants

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## Questions?

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## On the federal level...

### Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women is accepting applications for its Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Program (Underserved Program). The Underserved Program aims to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking in underserved populations.

■ **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are limited to:

- Deaf programs;
- LGBT organizations;
- Religious minority organizations;
- Nonprofit organizations that have received an award under the Abuse Later in Life grant program in fiscal year 2009 – fiscal year 2012;
- Nonprofit organizations that have received two continuation awards under the Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program; and
- Culturally specific organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks or Hispanics and propose a project that focuses solely on sexual assault.

Please see pages 6-9 of the Underserved Program Solicitation for complete eligibility information.

- **Funding:** Awards will be made for up to \$300,000. The grant award period is two years.
- **Deadline:** March 9, 2016
- **Contact:** Amy Loder  
Phone: (202) 305-2971  
Email: Amy.Loder@usdoj.gov  
Website: [www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations)



## National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health are seeking applications for their Exploration of the Roles of Brown and Beige Adipose Tissue in Humans grant program. Over 60 years of studies in rodent models have shown that the presence and activation of brown adipose tissue provides significant health benefits for the animals. This funding opportunity announcement invites applications for research into the biological functions of brown and beige adipose tissue in humans, other than heat production and maintenance of body temperature, and to explore their impact on human health.

- **Eligibility:** Higher education institutions, nonprofit organizations, businesses, state governments and local governments are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Up to \$2,000,000 will fund three to six awards. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations. The maximum project period is three years.
- **Deadline:** March 9, 2016
- **Contact:** Carol Haft, Ph.D.  
Phone: (301) 594-7689  
Email: [haftc@mail.nih.gov](mailto:haftc@mail.nih.gov)  
Website: [grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-15-031.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-15-031.html)

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## On the private level...

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### Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation seeks applications for their Mini-Grant Program. This program awards up to \$500 to public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, collaboration with peers and interaction with a diverse community. Any program proposed by a school or library should support or extend the basic curriculum by providing an experience, activity or project not otherwise offered, free of charge. Grants may not be used to produce merchandise for sale. In honor of Ezra Jack Keats' 100th birthday, proposals should incorporate a Keats theme.

- **Eligibility:** Public schools, public libraries and public preschool programs are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Mini-Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded.
- **Deadline:** March 31, 2016
- **Contact:** Ezra Jack Keats Foundation  
Phone: (718) 965-1266  
Email: [foundation@ezra-jack-keats.org](mailto:foundation@ezra-jack-keats.org)  
Website: [ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/](http://ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/)

### Jim Henson Foundation

The Jim Henson Foundation seeks applications for their puppet theater grant programs. Each year, grants are awarded for the creation and development of innovative works of puppet theater. Production Grants are awarded for the production of new works ready to be presented in the coming year. Workshop Grants are for the development and workshopping of these pieces. Workshop Grants and Production Grants can be combined over a two-year period for the greatest benefit to the piece; keep in mind, however, that a Production Grant does not need to be preceded by a Workshop grant and a Workshop Grant in no way ensures a future Production Grant. Family Grants fund the development of new and innovative work specifically for children, families and teenagers. Grants are made only for the development of new works of live puppet theater.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Production Grants of \$7,000, Workshop Grants of \$3,000 and Family Grants of \$4,000 will be awarded.
- **Deadline:** Letters of intent must be postmarked by March 14, 2016.
- **Contact:** The Jim Henson Foundation  
Phone: (212) 439-7504  
Email: [info@hensonfoundation.org](mailto:info@hensonfoundation.org)  
Website: [hensonfoundation.org/index.php/grant-application/guidelines](http://hensonfoundation.org/index.php/grant-application/guidelines)

### Start a Snowball, Inc.

Start a Snowball, Inc. is accepting applications for their Grants for Kids Doing Community Service program. The aim of this program is to encourage and inspire kids of all ages to engage in philanthropic and community service activities. In order to help kids kick off their philanthropic efforts, Start a Snowball, Inc. offers funding for projects taken on by individuals or organizations.

- **Eligibility:** Any project led by a young person (between the ages of five and 18) that does good is eligible for a grant.
- **Funding:** Grants of up to \$100 will be awarded.
- **Deadline:** Applications will be accepted on a continual basis.
- **Contact:** [startasnowball.com/contact-us/](http://startasnowball.com/contact-us/)  
Phone: (919) 395-7233  
Email: [mac@startasnowball.org](mailto:mac@startasnowball.org)  
Website: [startasnowball.com](http://startasnowball.com)

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# Scholars Awards...

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## Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is now accepting applications through the Lemelson-MIT program for their InvenTeams grant program. InvenTeams are comprised of high school students, educators and mentors, and receive funding to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. Students will rely on inquiry and hands-on problem solving as they integrate lessons from science, technology, engineering and mathematics to develop invention prototypes.

- **Eligibility:** Science, technology, engineering and mathematics educators at high schools and nonprofit educational organizations are eligible to apply. An educator and/or a school who has received an InvenTeam grant must wait three grant cycles before applying again.
- **Funding:** Fifteen teams will be selected, each receiving grants of up to \$10,000.
- **Deadline:** The initial online application is due March 7, 2016.
- **Contact:** Lemelson-MIT  
Phone: (617) 253-3352  
Email: [inventteams@mit.edu](mailto:inventteams@mit.edu)  
Website: [lemelson.mit.edu/inventteams](http://lemelson.mit.edu/inventteams)

## Russell Sage Foundation

The Russell Sage Foundation seeks applications for their Affordable Care Act research grant program. This initiative aims to support innovative social science research on the social, economic and political effects of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. Preference will be given to analyses that address questions about the effects of the reform on outcomes, such as financial security and family economic well-being, labor supply and demand, participation in other public programs, family and children's outcomes and differential effects by age, race, ethnicity, nativity or disability status. Preference will also be given to research that examines the political effects of the implementation of the new law, including changes in views about government, support for future government policy changes or the impact on policy development outside of health care. Applications will only be accepted through the online application portal, which may be found on the Russell Sage Foundation's website.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are those possessing a doctoral or other advanced terminal degree, and who also demonstrate proficiency for an advanced level of research.
- **Funding:** Grants of up to \$150,000 are available to be awarded over a two-year period. Presidential Awards, with a maximum budget of \$35,000 (no overhead allowed), are also available.
- **Deadline:** March 30, 2016
- **Contact:** Stephen Glauser  
Phone: (212) 750-6000  
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Website: [russellsage.org/research/funding/affordable-care-act](http://russellsage.org/research/funding/affordable-care-act)





# Grant writing

## The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

### Introduction to Finding Grants

**Classroom: March 10**

**Webinar: March 16**

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

### Introduction to Proposal Writing

**Classroom: March 23**

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

### Introduction to Project Budgets (Proposal Budgeting Basics):

**Classroom: March 23**

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

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