Grant Funding Focus

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Deadline: November 5, 2029
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $500,000 total costs/year, Maximum of $2.5M total costs for up

to 5 years

Description: This opportunity supports research that examines what "high-quality primary care" looks like in practice and how to strengthen it, including core features such as care coordination, continuity, comprehensiveness, person-centered whole healthcare, clinician–patient relationships, and trust. Applicants propose studies grounded in real primary care environments (often in partnership with practices, communities, and patients) that generate evidence decision-makers can use to improve primary care delivery, models of care, workforce approaches, financing/payment, and use of data/technology in primary care. AHRQ emphasizes projects that address health disparities and diagnostic/healthcare inequities and that include a clear discussion of how findings could be implemented to improve primary care delivery or patient outcomes and be sustained over time. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – Health Services Research Projects (R01) (PA-24-154)
Deadline: July 6, 2029
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Award Amount/Ceiling: 65% discount on eligible expenses

Description: This program supports eligible rural health care providers (and qualifying consortia) to plan, competitively procure, and deploy broadband connectivity solutions that enable healthcare delivery in rural communities—typically by securing eligible broadband services and/or building out network capability needed for care delivery. Applicants proceed through a structured process that starts with confirming site eligibility and rurality/consortium status, then (where required) posting a request for services and selecting a service provider consistent with USAC competitive bidding rules, followed by submitting a funding request through USAC's RHC systems. Successful applicants then manage implementation and compliance through the funding commitment and invoicing steps coordinated with their service providers. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

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Deadline: May 26, 2029

Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $400,000

Description: This NOFO invites Large Research Demonstration and Dissemination (R18) Project applications that focus on AHRQ's mission and/or any aspect of its specific priority areas, described in detail below. The Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grant (R18) is an award made by AHRQ to an institution/organization to support a discrete, specified health services research project designed to develop, test, and evaluate health service activities and to foster the application of existing knowledge. The R18 research plan proposed by the applicant institution/organization must be related to the mission and portfolio priority research interests of AHRQ. Although the PD/PI is responsible for conducting and supervising the research, the actual applicant is the research institution/organization legally accountable for the performance of the award and the expenditure of funds. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Technical Assistance Programs (NTAP) Cooperative Agreements

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: $24,000,000 total with 8 expected awards.

Description: The FY 2026 National Technical Assistance Programs (NTAP) Cooperative Agreements support national organizations that provide technical assistance to health centers and organizations seeking to become health centers. Activities focus on strengthening primary health care delivery, improving chronic disease management and preventive services, increasing operational effectiveness and quality, and addressing emerging public health priorities. Awardees will develop and deliver national technical assistance activities, share best practices, and help health centers improve performance and compliance with Health Center

Program requirements. Awards are cooperative agreements with a four-year period of performance beginning August 1, 2026. LEARN MORE

AHRQ Understanding and Improving Diagnostic Safety in Ambulatory Care: Incidence and Contributing Factors (R01) (PA-23-291)

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Department of Health and Human Services Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)

Deadline: May 18, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $1,500,000 in direct costs per year for a project period of up to 5 years.

Description: The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) ALACRITY Research Centers program supports transdisciplinary research centers designed to accelerate the reach and impact of evidence-based mental health treatments and services. The program funds integrated center structures that include multiple research projects and shared cores focused on advancing clinical practice and transforming the delivery of mental health care in the United States. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health (NIH) — Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program (UM1) (PAR-24-272)
Deadline: January 28, 2026, January 27, 2027, January 26, 2028, January 25, 2029
Award Amount/Ceiling: No fixed cap, award amount varies by applicant institution's NIH funding level; applicants may request different maximum budgets based on the total NIH funding received, as specified in the FOA's budget tier table.
Description: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program supports academic research hubs that accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries into improvements in human health. The program funds integrated centers that develop innovative methods, training, and collaborative infrastructure to improve the efficiency, quality, and impact of clinical and translational research. Projects support multidisciplinary teams and partnerships that enhance the clinical research workforce, advance data and informatics capabilities, and strengthen community engagement to speed the development and implementation of medical treatments and health interventions. See NOFO for eligibility criteria.
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Foundation Grants

The L.B. Research and Education Foundation Education & Health Grants
Deadline: Rolling year-round
Award Amount/Ceiling: First-time applicants: up to $35,000; established grantees: up to $75,000.
Description: The L.B. Research and Education Foundation provides grants to US-based nonprofits in two program areas—education and health—prioritizing approaches that address opportunity gaps tied to poverty, gender, race/ethnicity, and other factors, and that engage peers with lived experience. Education funding focuses on adolescents (generally grades 8–12), post-secondary pathways, and adult vocational education, and the Foundation does not currently fund early childhood or K–5 programs. Health funding supports research-informed programming in physical and mental health, including innovative methods that improve access and accessible mental health services that improve upon conventional practice. Interested organizations apply by emailing a 300–500 word concept paper and, if selected, may be invited to submit a full proposal 2–5 months later; there are no deadlines because the process is rolling year-round. LEARN MORE

Pfizer Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR)
Deadline: Apr 22, 2026, Sep 9, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: Pfizer's research-grants opportunity includes two pathways: Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR) and General Research. ISR supports independent studies where the investigator/organization sponsors and conducts the research and Pfizer may provide financial and/or non-financial support when the work relates to a Pfizer asset—a specific Pfizer

product or investigational compound (e.g., studies of outcomes, safety, use patterns, or effectiveness). General Research is the pathway for research that is not tied to any Pfizer asset (e.g., epidemiology, registries, health services/implementation research, or outcomes research not focused on a Pfizer product). LEARN MORE

PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building-Spring 2026 Cycle
Deadline: Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline: March 30, 2026
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Speedway Children's Charities – Charlotte Chapter Grants
Deadline: June 26th, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: Speedway Children's Charities – Charlotte Chapter provides annual grants to nonprofit organizations serving children (18 and under) in the Charlotte Motor Speedway region of North Carolina and South Carolina. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits operating within designated counties and demonstrate direct benefit to children. Grants are awarded through an annual competitive cycle and are funded through chapter-level fundraising events Funding consideration aligns with the following pillars: Critical Needs: including victims of sex trafficking, homeless youth and families, orphans, the foster population, and food security; Medical: including illness, dental care, disabilities, and therapy services; and Educational: including tutoring, literacy programs, and after-school programs. This opportunity is a strong fit for youth-serving nonprofits in the greater Charlotte area. LEARN MORE

The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants
Deadline: Pre-application deadlines: May 15 and November 15 2026; full application deadlines (if invited): June 15 and December 15, 2026.
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: The Duke Endowment's Health Care program uses a short pre-application process to confirm eligibility and capture a brief overview of the proposed project. Funding is focused on priority organizations in the Carolinas (examples include nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, AHECs, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital,

and nonprofit inpatient facilities). If the pre-application aligns with current priorities, applicants may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Key funding priorities include access to care for vulnerable populations, maternal and infant health, mental health (with an emphasis on pediatric mental health care), oral health, population health, and workforce development. LEARN MORE

Corporations Grants

Pfizer-Independent Medical Education
Deadline: April 15, 2026 | June 15, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Annual Meetings: up to $50,000 (national/international) or $25,000 (regional/local).
Description: Pfizer's Independent Medical Education grants support education activities that maintain or improve healthcare professional knowledge, skills, and performance. Funding is available through (1) Annual Meetings support for live (in-person) conferences/congresses and (2) competitive Response to Request for Proposal opportunities posted for certain clinical areas. Award sizes and deadlines depend on the pathway: Annual Meetings have tiered caps and recurring submission cycles, while RFPs specify topic, geographic scope, budget, and timelines for each posting. LEARN MORE

State Government Grants

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Office of Rural Health - NC ROOTS Hub Leads (RFA# 2026-NCROOTS)
Deadline: April 2, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $235,513,062 in total funding for the first award period, distributed across up to six NC ROOTS Hub Lead organizations.
Description: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Office of Rural Health is seeking organizations to serve as NC ROOTS Hub Leads, regional entities responsible for coordinating rural health transformation initiatives within North Carolina Medicaid regions. Hub Leads will manage program funding, convene regional partners, and oversee initiatives designed to improve health outcomes, expand access to care, and strengthen the sustainability of rural health systems. The program supports activities including chronic disease prevention, nutrition access, perinatal health access expansion, healthcare workforce support and training, and rural hospital sustainability initiatives. Eligible applicants must be public, private, or Tribal entities (including nonprofits) with a UEI, at least three years of office presence and program delivery experience in North Carolina, and sufficient capital to operate under a reimbursement-based funding model. LEARN MORE

General Capacity Building

Federal Grants

National Science Foundation - Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Excellence in Research

Deadline: LOI due July 9, 2026 | Full proposal due October 20, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $28,000,000 total for 30–35 awards (no fixed per-award ceiling stated)

Description: NSF's HBCU-EiR program supports research at accredited HBCUs to strengthen institutional research capacity and deepen engagement with NSF's core research programs. Eligible submissions must come from an accredited HBCU, with a PI who is a full-time faculty member or researcher at the submitting HBCU. Projects should align with NSF-supported STEM or STEM education research areas and are reviewed through relevant NSF research programs (secondary unit of consideration). Eligibility is limited to accredited HBCUs; proposals must be submitted by the HBCU, and the principal investigator must be a full-time faculty member or researcher at the submitting institution. A letter of intent is required ahead of the annual full proposal deadline. LEARN MORE

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Wetland Program Development Grants (Region 4) (EPA-REG4-WPDG-25)

Deadline: April 6, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: $200,000–$600,000 per grant; minimum 25% cost share

Description: This opportunity funds eligible entities in EPA Region 4 to develop or refine wetland protection and management programs by creating tools, methods, and other products that improve wetland program capacity rather than supporting routine program implementation. Applicants apply under one of two tracks. Track One (WPP) supports development of a Wetland Program Plan (WPP) or implementation of eligible actions identified in an EPA-approved WPP. Track Two (Non-WPP) supports wetland program development or refinement activities without requiring a WPP, including actions identified in the NOFO's eligible program development categories. EPA prioritizes projects that advance wetland program capacity through activities such as research, training, demonstrations, surveys, or studies, and it excludes projects that represent routine program operations. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

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The U.S. Department of Labor - Pay-for-Performance (PfP) Incentive Payments Program
Deadline: April 3, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $10,000,000 to $40,000,000 (up to 5 awards; $145,000,000 total funding)
Description: The U.S. Department of Labor's Pay-for-Performance (PfP) Incentive Payments Program provides funding to expand the National Apprenticeship System through a performance-based funding model. The program will award cooperative agreements to organizations that can administer incentive payments to Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors that enroll and retain new apprentices. Grantees will implement national incentive models that reward sponsors based on measurable outcomes such as new apprentice enrollment and progression through training programs. Projects must operate at a national scale and focus on rapidly expanding Registered Apprenticeship opportunities across targeted industries or across the broader apprenticeship system. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. The period of performance is four years. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

TD Charitable Foundation - Capacity Building Fund
Deadline: May 15, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $150,000
Description: The TD Charitable Foundation's Capacity Building Fund offers Capacity Building Grants to strengthen nonprofit organizations through investments in tactics (strategy), talent

(people), and tools (infrastructure/technology/evaluation). Eligible applicants include IRS 501(c)(3) organizations (or qualifying public school/government entities) located in a TD Bank, N.A. metro market area, with annual operating budgets of $2 million or less. Grant requests must be at least $25,000, and awards range up to $150,000. Applications are accepted twice per year according to TD's funding calendar. LEARN MORE

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Grants
Deadline: Rolling - organizational summary can be submitted any time of year
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published
Description: The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation supports power building to advance racial equity and social and economic justice across an 11-state Southern footprint, including North Carolina. They invite proposals from nonprofits serving the South that have track records of helping people and places move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. Organizations may use funds for general operating support, project support, "glue" support for networks of grassroots and partner organizations, and organizational development needs. Prospective partners may submit an organizational summary at any point in the year; if work aligns and funding is available, MRBF may invite a full proposal and staff then bring recommendations forward for board approval. LEARN MORE

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SECU Foundation - Mission Development Grants
Deadline: April 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $40,000
Description: SECU Foundation's Mission Development Grants provide funding to North Carolina nonprofit organizations in need of capacity-building assistance. The grant supports institutional assessments and coaching to strengthen organizational systems and leadership, helping organizations prepare for program expansion and long-term sustainability. Funding is

used to evaluate organizational operations and develop targeted strategies that increase capacity for growth and leadership development. [LEARN MORE](#)

Community Foundation of Henderson County Community Grants
Deadline: June 1, 2026, September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published
Description: CFHC's Community Grants support tax-exempt organizations running programs located in Henderson County or providing direct benefit to Henderson County residents. CFHC encourages proposals that demonstrate collaboration, minimize duplication of services, emphasize prevention and early intervention, affect a broad segment of the population and are relevant to community needs. Focus areas include animal care, arts &culture, civic affairs, conservation, health, education, and human services. Applications are accepted quarterly, and awards are normally announced about two months after each cycle deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

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ChildTrust Foundation - Program Grants
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: ChildTrust Foundation offers Program Grants for early childhood-focused education organizations serving young children (birth through age 8), their families, and early educators, with program work described as happening in Wake County and across eastern North Carolina ("from Raleigh to the coast"). Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 organizations operating in North Carolina (the foundation typically does not fund individual schools directly) and are aligned with IMC's non-discrimination policy. There are no application deadlines or fixed grant cycles; grants are awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applicants are asked to start by contacting the foundation to confirm fit, then submit a short proposal with basic financial documentation (budgets, 990, audited financials). [LEARN MORE](#)

Golden LEAF Foundation — Open Grants
Deadline: Applications are reviewed in recurring board-cycle deadlines April 23, June 25, August 20, October 22, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $500,000
Description: Golden LEAF's Open Grants Program funds economic development projects in North Carolina, with emphasis on tobacco-dependent, economically distressed, and/or rural communities. Eligible applicants are governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and awards in this program are $500,000 or less. The process is a two-stage application: applicants submit a Stage 1 application, and only selected applicants are invited to submit a Stage 2 application for funding consideration. Priority funding areas include Job Creation & Economic Investment, Workforce Preparedness, Agriculture, and Community Competitiveness. Applications are submitted through Golden LEAF's Fluxx grant portal, and submissions are grouped into recurring board-cycle deadlines while still allowing applications throughout the year. LEARN MORE

Fidelity Foundation - Grantmaking Guidelines
Deadline: No fixed deadline / LOIs accepted anytime
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published
Description: The Fidelity Foundation supports established nonprofits pursuing strategic, transformative initiatives that can measurably improve impact—typically capacity-building work in capital investments, planning initiatives, or technology projects. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) public charities with $1M+ operating budgets proposing projects budgeted at $100K+, and must align to the Foundation's sector priorities (Arts & Culture, Conservation, Education, Health, Social & Economic Mobility). Raleigh and Durham, NC are areas of particular geographic focus. Applicants generally begin with a Letter of Inquiry, and the Foundation notes it does not frequently fund unsolicited LOIs; responses are typically provided within 60 days.
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Truist Foundation - Building career pathways to economic mobility
Deadline: March 31, July 31, and November 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum grant is $15,000; Maximum not published
Description: The Truist Foundation invests in innovative nonprofits that work with adults and align with its key areas of focus: "building career pathways to economic mobility" and "strengthening small businesses". The Truist Foundation supports needs that are sustainable and don't commit funds to recurring expenditures such as funding for a new program launch, a curriculum to expand or strengthen a program, equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs.The application process is open through Truist's online portal with three annual deadlines (March 31, July 31, Nov 30) and decisions are communicated roughly four months after each deadline. Truist requires applicants to be qualifying 501(c)(3)/509(a) organizations and notes it does not provide general operating support for this pillar. LEARN MORE

Capital Funding

Foundation Grants

National Children's Alliance - Equipment and Technology Support (ETS) - CACs (2026 RFP)
Deadline: June 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $50,000
Description: National Children's Alliance (NCA), under a DOJ/OJJDP cooperative agreement, is accepting applications for Equipment and Technology Support (ETS) awards to help Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) purchase or upgrade essential equipment and technology. Applicants for this opportunity must be a public entity or a private, not-for-profit entity. Eligible organizations include various CAC membership types, multidisciplinary teams in areas without existing CACs, and entities establishing a CAC. ETS awards range from $5,000 to $50,000 and are intended for items like forensic interviewing and observation systems, HIPAA-compliant evidence management upgrades, certain medical exam equipment, and other CAC-supporting technology. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until June 30, 2026 (11:59 PM ET) or until funding is exhausted. LEARN MORE

The Bolger Foundation - Grant Request
Deadline: September 1 (Fall cycle)
Award Amount/Ceiling: $10,000 to $250,000 (project budget cap: $2.5 million).
Description: The Bolger Foundation funds capital projects that enhance tangible property owned by the applicant 501(c)(3), such as constructing or expanding facilities, significant building/grounds improvements, or major equipment/technology purchases (per funder examples). Eligible applicants must be USA-based public charities (not private foundations).The foundation runs two application periods per year (Nov 1–Feb 1 and Jun 1–Sep 1) and states that funding decisions are made within about six weeks after the period ends. LEARN MORE

Cannon Charitable Interests
Deadline: March, June, September, and December (inquiry form required at least 90 days prior to the application deadline).
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published
Description: Cannon Charitable Interests accepts grant inquiries from nonprofit organizations with significant operations in North Carolina and at least five years of operating history. The foundation funds capital and equipment projects only. Organizations must first submit an online Inquiry Form at least 90 days prior to the applicable grant cycle deadline; if the project is a good fit, the organization may be invited to submit a full application. LEARN MORE

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The J.W. Couch Foundation - Historical Preservation
Deadline: 03-27-2026; 09-25-2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum request is $50,000; maximum award not published.
Description: The J.W. Couch Foundation is accepting grant applications for projects that support historical preservation. We believe in preserving our history so that we can understand and educate the importance of community. Historic places affect our identity and have a direct impact on our well-being. Outside of historical preservation, applicants may submit letters of grant inquiry for other focus areas the foundation supports (including education, and wellness). Applicants must be registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits, and the application indicates a minimum request of $50,000. LEARN MORE

Glass Foundation Fund
Deadline: April 10, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: up to $200,000 (capital), $100,000 (minor construction materials), $50,000 (program supplies/equipment), $25,000 (operating support).
Description: The Glass Foundation funds 501(c)(3) public charities serving the following Western North Carolina counties: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey, with focus areas in Child and Youth Development and Environmental Education and Preservation. The process starts with an online Letter of Interest (LOI); selected applicants are notified to submit a full proposal online. LEARN MORE

Emeril Lagasse Foundation — Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen
Deadline: Not publicly disclosed
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen is a nationwide education initiative that integrates culinary gardens and teaching kitchens into elementary and middle schools to provide hands-on learning about food, nutrition, and cooking. The Emeril Lagasse Foundation offers multi-year or curriculum-only grants to support the implementation of its K–8 seed-to-table education model using the program curriculum. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) K–8

schools with a well-established school garden and/or culinary education program, or a school foundation applying on behalf of an eligible nonprofit K–8 school. Participating schools must have the capacity to build a teaching kitchen on campus, implement the Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen curriculum, provide dedicated culinary and garden instruction for students, and support teacher training and program participation requirements. Organizations interested in the program must first submit an inquiry by email before being invited to apply. LEARN MORE

Local Government Grants

City of Raleigh - Rental Development Program
Deadline: August 14, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: City anticipates $8,000,000 to $10,000,000 total available to award
Description: The City of Raleigh's Housing and Community Development Department offers Rental Development Program gap financing to help create and preserve affordable multifamily rental housing in Raleigh by filling remaining financing gaps in LIHTC and other affordable deals. The program is designed to leverage other major funding sources (such as tax credits and private lending) and secure long-term affordability in projects the City helps fund. Assisted units must be affordable to households earning 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI). Eligible applicants include for-profit and nonprofit developers or sponsors proposing new construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental housing within Raleigh (or annexing into Raleigh, with annexation completed before City recommendations). Applications are submitted through the City's Neighborly portal and require a mandatory pre-meeting before submission. LEARN MORE

State Government Grants

NC Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)
Deadline: April 23, 2026, June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026, October 22, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: The NC Department of Commerce's Rural Engagement & Investment unit administers the Rural Reuse & Development Programs, which provide Building Reuse and Rural Infrastructure grants to local governments for rural economic development and job-creation projects. Building Reuse supports renovation of vacant buildings, expansion of existing businesses, and construction or expansion of certain rural health care facilities, while Rural Infrastructure supports publicly owned improvements such as water and sewer systems, electric or broadband infrastructure, access roads, and rail spurs that enable business recruitment or expansion. All projects must result in the creation of new full-time jobs in the private sector. Projects require at least a 5% local cash match, and Building Reuse projects also require a dollar-for-dollar project match. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Trails Program - Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant
Deadline: September 4, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $10,000 to $100,000
Description: The North Carolina Trails Program administers the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant to support trail creation and maintenance projects statewide. Eligible applicants include government agencies and qualified nonprofit organizations. The Trails Program staff are ready, willing and available to assist in all phases of the application process of projects that are construction ready for grant funding. These sustainable, "shovel-ready" projects leverage local funds to meet recreational trail and trail needs, in an effort to provide low infrastructure economic development opportunities through natural resource tourism. There is a 25% match requirement for RTP funds received, and the program reimburses approved costs after deliverables are completed. LEARN MORE

Early Childhood

Foundation Grants

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ChildTrust Foundation - Program Grants
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: ChildTrust Foundation offers Program Grants for early childhood-focused education organizations serving young children (birth through age 8), their families, and early educators, with program work described as happening in Wake County and across eastern North Carolina ("from Raleigh to the coast"). Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 organizations operating in North Carolina (the foundation typically does not fund individual schools directly) and are aligned with IMC's non-discrimination policy. There are no application deadlines or fixed grant cycles; grants are awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applicants are asked to start by contacting the foundation to confirm fit, then submit a short proposal with basic financial documentation (budgets, 990, audited financials). LEARN MORE

Speedway Children's Charities – Charlotte Chapter Grants
Deadline: June 26th, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: Speedway Children's Charities – Charlotte Chapter provides annual grants to nonprofit organizations serving children (18 and under) in the Charlotte Motor Speedway region of North Carolina and South Carolina. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits operating within designated counties and demonstrate direct benefit to children. Grants are awarded through an annual competitive cycle and are funded through chapter-level fundraising events Funding consideration aligns with the following pillars: Critical Needs: including victims of sex trafficking, homeless youth and families, orphans, the foster population, and food security; Medical: including illness, dental care, disabilities, and therapy services; and Educational:

including tutoring, literacy programs, and after-school programs. This opportunity is a strong fit for youth-serving nonprofits in the greater Charlotte area. LEARN MORE

Speedway Children's Charities – North Wilkesboro Chapter Grants
Deadline: June 26, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: Speedway Children's Charities – North Wilkesboro Chapter provides annual grants to nonprofit organizations serving children (18 and under) in eligible North Carolina counties surrounding North Wilkesboro Speedway. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits and demonstrate a direct benefit to children. Grants are awarded through a competitive annual application cycle funded by local fundraising events. This opportunity is a strong fit for youth-serving nonprofits in Wilkes County and nearby communities. LEARN MORE

The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants
Deadline: Pre-application deadlines: May 15 and November 15 2026; full application deadlines (if invited): June 15 and December 15, 2026.
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: The Duke Endowment's Health Care program uses a short pre-application process to confirm eligibility and capture a brief overview of the proposed project. Funding is focused on priority organizations in the Carolinas (examples include nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, AHECs, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities). If the pre-application aligns with current priorities, applicants may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Key funding priorities include access to care for vulnerable populations, maternal and infant health, mental health (with an emphasis on pediatric mental health care), oral health, population health, and workforce development. LEARN MORE

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Healthy Communities

Federal Grants

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Wetland Program Development Grants (Region 4) (EPA-REG4-WPDG-25)
Deadline: April 6, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $200,000–$600,000 per grant; minimum 25% cost share
Description: This opportunity funds eligible entities in EPA Region 4 to develop or refine wetland protection and management programs by creating tools, methods, and other products that improve wetland program capacity rather than supporting routine program implementation. Applicants apply under one of two tracks. Track One (WPP) supports development of a Wetland Program Plan (WPP) or implementation of eligible actions identified in an EPA-approved WPP. Track Two (Non-WPP) supports wetland program development or refinement activities without requiring a WPP, including actions identified in the NOFO's eligible program development categories. EPA prioritizes projects that advance wetland program capacity through activities such as research, training, demonstrations, surveys, or studies, and it excludes projects that represent routine program operations. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares
Deadline: Not published; applications are reviewed quarterly.
Award Amount/Ceiling: Over $1,000
Description: Amcor Cares (an Amcor Flexibles North America program) offers Community Support Grants to serve Amcor Flexibles facility communities, including Asheville, NC. Eligible 501(c)(3) organizations and non-profit accredited educational institutions serving Asheville may apply for projects over $1,000. Applications are submitted through the program's online portal, and are reviewed quarterly. LEARN MORE

2026 Iredell County Community Foundation Grant Cycle

Deadline: March 27, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $20,000, though larger requests may be considered for exceptional projects with strong impact for Iredell County residents.

Description: The Iredell County Community Foundation, an affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas, administers an annual competitive grant program that supports nonprofit initiatives improving the lives of residents in Iredell County, North Carolina. Priority is given to projects addressing education, human services, and mental health, particularly initiatives seeking one-time funding to launch new programs or projects. Competitive proposals demonstrate measurable outcomes, collaboration with other organizations, and a clear plan for sustaining the initiative beyond the grant period. LEARN MORE

William T. Grant Foundation – William T. Grant Scholars Program

Deadline: June 30, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: $425,000 total over five years (including up to 7.5% indirect costs)

Description: The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports the professional development of promising early-career researchers through funding for five-year research and mentoring plans designed to expand expertise in new disciplines, methods, or content areas. Proposed research must address one of two focus areas: reducing inequality in youth outcomes or improving the use of research evidence in policy and practice affecting young people ages 5–25 in the United States. Scholars are selected based on their potential to become influential researchers and the strength of their proposed research and mentoring plans. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Grants

Deadline: Rolling - organizational summary can be submitted any time of year

Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published

Description: The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation supports power building to advance racial equity and social and economic justice across an 11-state Southern footprint, including North Carolina. They invite proposals from nonprofits serving the South that have track records of helping people and places move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. Organizations may use funds for general operating support, project support, "glue" support for networks of grassroots and partner organizations, and organizational development needs. Prospective partners may submit an organizational summary at any point in the year; if work aligns and funding is available, MRBF may invite a full proposal and staff then bring recommendations forward for board approval. LEARN MORE

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The Harris & Frances Block Foundation – Apply For Funding

Deadline: June 1, 2026, and December 1, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $35,000

Description: The Harris & Frances Block Foundation supports small, grassroots organizations working toward just and sustainable communities, with priority geographies that include North Carolina. Funding focuses on environmental education and justice, food and farm initiatives. The process begins with a short Letter of Inquiry that can be submitted year-round; selected applicants may be invited to submit a full proposal for spring or fall board review, with proposal deadlines of June 1 and December 1. LEARN MORE

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Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants
Deadline: October 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: Albemarle Foundation Impact Grants provide charitable donations to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofits (or global equivalents) to support the programming of the requesting organization, with funding decisions made by local Albemarle employees based on community needs. Eligible applicants must align to at least one of Albemarle Foundation's strategic pillars (e.g., Future Ready Workforce, Environmental Sustainability, or Resilient Communities), offer programming within 50 miles of an Albemarle Corporation location (including Charlotte, NC and Kings Mountain, NC), and be able to provide financial statements from the previous year. Impact Grant requests are accepted on a rolling basis from January 1st to October 31st, and applications are reviewed quarterly with decisions communicated via email. Requests are submitted through Albemarle's online platform, which notes a minimum 90-day processing window. LEARN MORE

The J.W. Couch Foundation - Historical Preservation
Deadline: 03-27-2026; 09-25-2026
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Community Foundation of Henderson County Community Grants
Deadline: June 1, 2026, September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published
Description: CFHC's Community Grants support tax-exempt organizations running programs located in Henderson County or providing direct benefit to Henderson County residents. CFHC encourages proposals that demonstrate collaboration, minimize duplication of services, emphasize prevention and early intervention, affect a broad segment of the population and are relevant to community needs. Focus areas include animal care, arts &culture, civic affairs, conservation, health, education, and human services. Applications are accepted quarterly, and awards are normally announced about two months after each cycle deadline. LEARN MORE

Corporations Grants

Erie Insurance Giving Network - Funding Requests of $10,000 or More
Deadline: Apr 24, 2026, Jul 17, 2026, Sep 11, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: Erie Insurance's Giving Network provides charitable support to eligible organizations within ERIE's geographic footprint, including 501(c)(3) nonprofits, accredited educational institutions, and municipalities. Funding requests should align with ERIE's three areas of focus: community building, safety, and environmental responsibility. Requests under $10,000 can be submitted at any time, while requests of $10,000+ must be submitted by published deadlines and may take 8 to12 weeks or more to process. LEARN MORE

Piedmont Electric Helping Hand Foundation - Charitable Request
Deadline: April 30, 2026 (for May 13 board meeting), additional board meetings scheduled August 12, 2026, and November 11, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: The Piedmont Electric Cooperative Helping Hand Foundation accepts charitable donation requests from nonprofit organizations serving communities within Piedmont Electric's service area in North Carolina. The foundation was established by the cooperative to give back to the communities it serves and has supported a variety of local initiatives, including education programs, youth leadership opportunities, community events, and economic development efforts. Requests are submitted through the online Charitable Request Form and reviewed by the Helping Hand Foundation board at quarterly meetings. Applications received after a

published deadline are automatically considered at the next meeting cycle, and organizations receiving grants of $5,000 or more must agree to submit an annual report describing how the funds were used. LEARN MORE

State Government Grants

North Carolina Land and Water Fund - Donation Mini-Grant Program
Deadline: April 15, August 15
Description: The NCLWF Donation Mini-Grant program helps eligible NC agencies, local governments, and conservation-focused nonprofits cover transaction, property management, and stewardship costs tied to donated land in a fee simple or a permanent conservation agreement. The program provides up to $50,000 and requires that all project acres be permanently restricted to protect natural or cultural resources. Eligible donations must protect water quality, ecological habitats, military installation buffers, or historically/culturally significant properties. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Trails Program - Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant
Deadline: September 4, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $10,000 to $100,000
Description: The North Carolina Trails Program administers the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant to support trail creation and maintenance projects statewide. Eligible applicants include government agencies and qualified nonprofit organizations. The Trails Program staff are ready, willing and available to assist in all phases of the application process of projects that are construction ready for grant funding. These sustainable, "shovel-ready" projects leverage local funds to meet recreational trail and trail needs, in an effort to provide low infrastructure economic development opportunities through natural resource tourism. There is a 25% match requirement for RTP funds received, and the program reimburses approved costs after deliverables are completed. LEARN MORE

NC Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)
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Healthy Food

Foundation Grants

Swine Health Information Center (SHIC) - H5N1 Risk to Swine Research Program
Deadline: March 24, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $250,000
Description: The H5N1 Risk to Swine Research Program, funded by the Swine Health Information Center in partnership with FFAR and the Pork Checkoff, supports research to strengthen prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and response for H5N1 influenza risk in the U.S. swine herd. The program invites proposals from qualified researchers and institutions and prioritizes projects that address the program's stated research areas, such as vaccines for swine, clinical presentation in pigs, mammary transmission, diagnostic surveillance, introduction and transmission risks, caretakers of pigs, biosecurity practices, safety of pork, mitigating production impact, and business continuity. Individual awards are generally capped at $250,000 (higher requests may be considered with strong justification). LEARN MORE

Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) – Enhancing the Flavor of Plant-based & Fermentation-derived Proteins RFA
Deadline: March 25, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $400,000 to $500,000
Description: FFAR and the Good Food Institute are seeking proposals for pre-competitive research to improve the flavor and palatability of plant-based and fermentation-derived proteins used in center-of-plate foods. Projects must be relevant and translatable to the U.S. food and agriculture system, and applicants may be domestic or international higher education institutions. Funding requests are expected in the $400,000 to $500,000 range for projects lasting 24 to 36 months, and matching funds are optional. The RFA emphasizes work such as identifying and reducing off-flavors, improving flavor consistency, optimizing flavor precursors, and other approaches that support better consumer sensory outcomes. LEARN MORE

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The Rosendin Foundation — Annual Grants (2026 Grant Cycle)
Deadline: May 29, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $100,000
Description: The Rosendin Foundation's Annual Grants support nonprofit programming aligned with the Foundation's focus areas of emotional, occupational, and nutritional health. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits in good standing and must submit a completed application with a 501(c)(3) determination letter and current board list. The Foundation supports national programming and programs in eligible geographies within 100 miles of Rosendin or MPS office/project areas (including North Carolina where applicable). Annual Grant applications for the 2026 cycle must be received by May 29, 2026, and grants are planned to be awarded in September 2026. LEARN MORE

Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants
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Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
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Emeril Lagasse Foundation — Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen
Deadline: Not publicly disclosed
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen is a nationwide education initiative that integrates culinary gardens and teaching kitchens into elementary and middle schools to provide hands-on learning about food, nutrition, and cooking. The Emeril Lagasse Foundation offers multi-year or curriculum-only grants to support the implementation of its K–8 seed-to-table education model using the program curriculum. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) K–8 schools with a well-established school garden and/or culinary education program, or a school foundation applying on behalf of an eligible nonprofit K–8 school. Participating schools must have the capacity to build a teaching kitchen on campus, implement the Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen curriculum, provide dedicated culinary and garden instruction for students, and support teacher training and program participation requirements. Organizations interested in the program must first submit an inquiry by email before being invited to apply. LEARN MORE

State Government Grants

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Housing

Local Government Grants

City of Raleigh - Rental Development Program
Deadline: August 14, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: City anticipates $8,000,000 to $10,000,000 total available to award
Description: The City of Raleigh's Housing and Community Development Department offers Rental Development Program gap financing to help create and preserve affordable multifamily rental housing in Raleigh by filling remaining financing gaps in LIHTC and other affordable deals. The program is designed to leverage other major funding sources (such as tax credits and private lending) and secure long-term affordability in projects the City helps fund. Assisted units must be affordable to households earning 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI). Eligible applicants include for-profit and nonprofit developers or sponsors proposing new construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental housing within Raleigh (or annexing into Raleigh, with annexation completed before City recommendations). Applications are submitted through the City's Neighborly portal and require a mandatory pre-meeting before submission. LEARN MORE

Mental Health

Federal Grants

Department of Health and Human Services Advanced Laboratories for Accelerating the Reach and Impact of Treatments for Youth and Adults with Mental Illness (ALACRITY) Research Centers (P50 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: May 18, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $1,500,000 in direct costs per year for a project period of up to 5 years.
Description: The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) ALACRITY Research Centers program supports transdisciplinary research centers designed to accelerate the reach and impact of evidence-based mental health treatments and services. The program funds integrated center structures that include multiple research projects and shared cores focused on advancing clinical practice and transforming the delivery of mental health care in the United States. Eligible applicants include domestic public or private institutions of higher education, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, and other eligible organizations; foreign institutions are not eligible to apply. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

2026 Iredell County Community Foundation Grant Cycle
Deadline: March 27, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $20,000, though larger requests may be considered for exceptional projects with strong impact for Iredell County residents.
Description: The Iredell County Community Foundation, an affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas, administers an annual competitive grant program that supports nonprofit initiatives improving the lives of residents in Iredell County, North Carolina. Priority is given to projects addressing education, human services, and mental health, particularly initiatives seeking one-time funding to launch new programs or projects. Competitive proposals demonstrate measurable outcomes, collaboration with other organizations, and a clear plan for sustaining the initiative beyond the grant period. LEARN MORE

The Rosendin Foundation — Annual Grants (2026 Grant Cycle)
Deadline: May 29, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $100,000
Description: The Rosendin Foundation's Annual Grants support nonprofit programming aligned with the Foundation's focus areas of emotional, occupational, and nutritional health. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits in good standing and must submit a completed application with a 501(c)(3) determination letter and current board list. The Foundation supports national programming and programs in eligible geographies within 100 miles of Rosendin or

MPS office/project areas (including North Carolina where applicable). Annual Grant applications for the 2026 cycle must be received by May 29, 2026, and grants are planned to be awarded in September 2026. LEARN MORE

The L.B. Research and Education Foundation Education & Health Grants
Deadline: Rolling year-round
Award Amount/Ceiling: First-time applicants: up to $35,000; established grantees: up to $75,000.
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National Children's Alliance - Equipment and Technology Support (ETS) - CACs (2026 RFP)
Deadline: June 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $50,000
Description: National Children's Alliance (NCA), under a DOJ/OJJDP cooperative agreement, is accepting applications for Equipment and Technology Support (ETS) awards to help Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) purchase or upgrade essential equipment and technology. Applicants for this opportunity must be a public entity or a private, not-for-profit entity. Eligible organizations include various CAC membership types, multidisciplinary teams in areas without existing CACs, and entities establishing a CAC. ETS awards range from $5,000 to $50,000 and are intended for items like forensic interviewing and observation systems, HIPAA-compliant evidence management upgrades, certain medical exam equipment, and other CAC-supporting technology. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until June 30, 2026 (11:59 PM ET) or until funding is exhausted. LEARN MORE

The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants
Deadline: Pre-application deadlines: May 15 and November 15 2026; full application deadlines (if invited): June 15 and December 15, 2026.
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not publicly disclosed
Description: The Duke Endowment's Health Care program uses a short pre-application process to confirm eligibility and capture a brief overview of the proposed project. Funding is

focused on priority organizations in the Carolinas (examples include nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, AHECs, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities). If the pre-application aligns with current priorities, applicants may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Key funding priorities include access to care for vulnerable populations, maternal and infant health, mental health (with an emphasis on pediatric mental health care), oral health, population health, and workforce development. LEARN MORE

Mutual Aid

Foundation Grants

Community Foundation of Henderson County Community Grants

Deadline: June 1, 2026, September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published

Description: CFHC's Community Grants support tax-exempt organizations running programs located in Henderson County or providing direct benefit to Henderson County residents. CFHC encourages proposals that demonstrate collaboration, minimize duplication of services, emphasize prevention and early intervention, affect a broad segment of the population and are relevant to community needs. Focus areas include animal care, arts &culture, civic affairs, conservation, health, education, and human services. Applications are accepted quarterly, and awards are normally announced about two months after each cycle deadline. LEARN MORE

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Oral Health

Foundation Grants

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Workforce Development

Federal Grants

Department of Health and Human Services - Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants
Deadline: October 29, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: This opportunity funds organizations to train and strengthen the occupational safety and health (OSH) workforce by designing and delivering structured training programs that build competency in preventing and controlling workplace hazards. It supports two program types: Academic Training Programs that develop degree-based OSH professionals across core/allied disciplines, and non-Academic Training Programs that provide specialized, practice-oriented training for targeted worker or practitioner audiences. Applicants propose a training approach that typically includes curriculum/content development, recruitment and trainee support, hands-on/field-based learning opportunities, mentorship, and evaluation to demonstrate improved knowledge/skills and workforce readiness. Projects are expected to be responsive to OSH workforce needs and to prepare trainees to address priority workplace safety and health challenges through evidence-based practice. Eligible applicants include Public/State-controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status; For-profit organizations (including small businesses); State governments; County governments; City or township governments; Special district governments; Independent school districts; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); Native American tribal governments (other than federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments); Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Regional organizations; Faith-based or community-based organizations; and U.S. territory or possession governments. LEARN MORE

The U.S. Department of Labor - Pay-for-Performance (PfP) Incentive Payments Program
Deadline: April 3, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $10,000,000 to $40,000,000 (up to 5 awards; $145,000,000 total funding)
Description: The U.S. Department of Labor's Pay-for-Performance (PfP) Incentive Payments Program provides funding to expand the National Apprenticeship System through a performance-based funding model. The program will award cooperative agreements to organizations that can administer incentive payments to Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors that enroll and retain new apprentices. Grantees will implement national incentive models that reward sponsors based on measurable outcomes such as new apprentice enrollment and progression through training programs. Projects must operate at a national scale and focus on rapidly expanding Registered Apprenticeship opportunities across targeted industries or across the broader apprenticeship system. Eligible applicants include state agencies and territories, national industry groups and associations, national labor-management

organizations, national economic development entities, Registered Apprenticeship or workforce intermediary organizations, professional consulting organizations (for-profit or nonprofit), and consortia led by an eligible entity. The period of performance is four years. LEARN MORE

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – Research to Advance the Science of Primary Care (R01)
Deadline: November 5, 2029
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $500,000 total costs/year, Maximum of $2.5M total costs for up to 5 years
Description: This opportunity supports research that examines what "high-quality primary care" looks like in practice and how to strengthen it, including core features such as care coordination, continuity, comprehensiveness, person-centered whole healthcare, clinician–patient relationships, and trust. Applicants propose studies grounded in real primary care environments (often in partnership with practices, communities, and patients) that generate evidence decision-makers can use to improve primary care delivery, models of care, workforce approaches, financing/payment, and use of data/technology in primary care. AHRQ emphasizes projects that address health disparities and diagnostic/healthcare inequities and that include a clear discussion of how findings could be implemented to improve primary care delivery or patient outcomes and be sustained over time. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

National Science Foundation - Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Excellence in Research
Deadline: LOI due July 9, 2026 | Full proposal due October 20, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $28,000,000 total for 30–35 awards (no fixed per-award ceiling stated)
Description: NSF's HBCU-EiR program supports research at accredited HBCUs to strengthen institutional research capacity and deepen engagement with NSF's core research programs. Eligible submissions must come from an accredited HBCU, with a PI who is a full-time faculty member or researcher at the submitting HBCU. Projects should align with NSF-supported STEM or STEM education research areas and are reviewed through relevant NSF research programs (secondary unit of consideration). Eligibility is limited to accredited HBCUs; proposals must be submitted by the HBCU, and the principal investigator must be a full-time faculty member or researcher at the submitting institution. A letter of intent is required ahead of the annual full proposal deadline. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health (NIH) — Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program (UM1) (PAR-24-272)
Deadline: January 28, 2026, January 27, 2027, January 26, 2028, January 25, 2029
Award Amount/Ceiling: No fixed cap, award amount varies by applicant institution's NIH funding level; applicants may request different maximum budgets based on the total NIH funding received, as specified in the FOA's budget tier table.

Description: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program supports academic research hubs that accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries into improvements in human health. The program funds integrated centers that develop innovative methods, training, and collaborative infrastructure to improve the efficiency, quality, and impact of clinical and translational research. Projects support multidisciplinary teams and partnerships that enhance the clinical research workforce, advance data and informatics capabilities, and strengthen community engagement to speed the development and implementation of medical treatments and health interventions. See NOFO for eligibility criteria. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

Golden LEAF Foundation — Open Grants
Deadline: Applications are reviewed in recurring board-cycle deadlines April 23, June 25, August 20, October 22, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $500,000
Description: Golden LEAF's Open Grants Program funds economic development projects in North Carolina, with emphasis on tobacco-dependent, economically distressed, and/or rural communities. Eligible applicants are governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and awards in this program are $500,000 or less. The process is a two-stage application: applicants submit a Stage 1 application, and only selected applicants are invited to submit a Stage 2 application for funding consideration. Priority funding areas include Job Creation & Economic Investment, Workforce Preparedness, Agriculture, and Community Competitiveness. Applications are submitted through Golden LEAF's Fluxx grant portal, and submissions are grouped into recurring board-cycle deadlines while still allowing applications throughout the year. LEARN MORE

Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants
Deadline: October 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not Published
Description: Albemarle Foundation Impact Grants provide charitable donations to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofits (or global equivalents) to support the programming of the requesting organization, with funding decisions made by local Albemarle employees based on community needs. Eligible applicants must align to at least one of Albemarle Foundation's strategic pillars (e.g., Future Ready Workforce, Environmental Sustainability, or Resilient Communities), offer programming within 50 miles of an Albemarle Corporation location (including Charlotte, NC and Kings Mountain, NC), and be able to provide financial statements from the previous year. Impact Grant requests are accepted on a rolling basis from January 1st to October 31st, and applications are reviewed quarterly with decisions communicated via email. Requests are submitted through Albemarle's online platform, which notes a minimum 90-day processing window. LEARN MORE

BlueCross BlueShield of
North Carolina Foundation

Truist Foundation - Building career pathways to economic mobility
Deadline: March 31, July 31, and November 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum grant is $15,000; Maximum not published
Description: The Truist Foundation invests in innovative nonprofits that work with adults and align with its key areas of focus: "building career pathways to economic mobility" and "strengthening small businesses". The Truist Foundation supports needs that are sustainable and don't commit funds to recurring expenditures such as funding for a new program launch, a curriculum to expand or strengthen a program, equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs. The application process is open through Truist's online portal with three annual deadlines (March 31, July 31, Nov 30) and decisions are communicated roughly four months after each deadline. Truist requires applicants to be qualifying 501(c)(3)/509(a) organizations and notes it does not provide general operating support for this pillar. LEARN MORE

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Grants
Deadline: Rolling - organizational summary can be submitted any time of year
Award Amount/Ceiling: Not published
Description: The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation supports power building to advance racial equity and social and economic justice across an 11-state Southern footprint, including North Carolina. They invite proposals from nonprofits serving the South that have track records of helping people and places move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. Organizations may use funds for general operating support, project support, "glue" support for networks of grassroots and partner organizations, and organizational development needs. Prospective partners may submit an organizational summary at any point in the year; if work aligns and funding is available, MRBF may invite a full proposal and staff then bring recommendations forward for board approval. LEARN MORE

William T. Grant Foundation – William T. Grant Scholars Program
Deadline: June 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $425,000 total over five years (including up to 7.5% indirect costs)
Description: The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports the professional development of promising early-career researchers through funding for five-year research and mentoring plans designed to expand expertise in new disciplines, methods, or content areas. Proposed research must address one of two focus areas: reducing inequality in youth outcomes or improving the use of research evidence in policy and practice affecting young people ages 5–25 in the United States. Scholars are selected based on their potential to become influential researchers and the strength of their proposed research and mentoring plans. See NOFO for eligibility criteria.
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Corporations Grants

Pfizer-Independent Medical Education
Deadline: April 15, 2026 | June 15, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Annual Meetings: up to $50,000 (national/international) or $25,000 (regional/local).
Description: Pfizer's Independent Medical Education grants support education activities that maintain or improve healthcare professional knowledge, skills, and performance. Funding is available through (1) Annual Meetings support for live (in-person) conferences/congresses and (2) competitive Response to Request for Proposal opportunities posted for certain clinical areas. Award sizes and deadlines depend on the pathway: Annual Meetings have tiered caps and recurring submission cycles, while RFPs specify topic, geographic scope, budget, and timelines for each posting. LEARN MORE

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NC Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)
Deadline: April 23, 2026, June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026, October 22, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: The NC Department of Commerce's Rural Engagement & Investment unit administers the Rural Reuse & Development Programs, which provide Building Reuse and Rural Infrastructure grants to local governments for rural economic development and job-

creation projects. Building Reuse supports renovation of vacant buildings, expansion of existing businesses, and construction or expansion of certain rural health care facilities, while Rural Infrastructure supports publicly owned improvements such as water and sewer systems, electric or broadband infrastructure, access roads, and rail spurs that enable business recruitment or expansion. All projects must result in the creation of new full-time jobs in the private sector. Projects require at least a 5% local cash match, and Building Reuse projects also require a dollar-for-dollar project match. LEARN MORE

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