



# Grant Funding Focus

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## Grants & Government Contracts Database

Explore current grant and government contracting opportunities that may be relevant to nonprofits, public agencies, community-based organizations, and service providers working in the topic areas listed above. Grant opportunities featured in this newsletter can also be viewed, filtered, and sorted in the database linked below. Government contracts are not detailed individually in this newsletter because deadlines are often within three weeks of the opportunity's release, but the database will be updated over time with current contract opportunities. This resource includes funding and contracting opportunities that support programs, services, capacity building, technical assistance, and community impact work.

[Search through the grants and government contracts database.](#)

## Access to Care (Health Care Workforce)

### Federal Grants

#### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) – Improving Diagnostic Safety in Ambulatory Care: Strategies and Interventions (R18) (PA-23-290)**

**Deadline:** Opportunity expires May 26, 2028

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$500,000 total costs/year, Maximum of \$2,000,000 total costs for up to 4 years

**Description:** This opportunity supports teams to design, implement, and evaluate practical strategies/interventions that reduce diagnostic errors in ambulatory care, where workflows, handoffs, and testing/communication processes vary widely across settings. Applicants are expected to propose an intervention approach grounded in patient safety/quality improvement methods, with a clear plan to test how the strategy works in real outpatient environments and how it can be adopted or scaled. AHRQ emphasizes attention to health equity and diagnostic disparities, including planning for recruitment and inclusion of populations that experience health disparities when relevant to the project aims. Funded projects are expected to track and report real-world implementation “reach” (e.g., practices/clinicians/patients reached) and whether targeted safety processes or outcomes improve. 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 27, 2027, January 26, 2028, January 25, 2029

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#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This USDA program provides predevelopment grant funding to help very small, financially distressed rural communities plan water and waste disposal projects before construction begins. Grants can support feasibility studies, preliminary design and engineering work, and technical assistance needed to prepare an application for future financial assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities, nonprofits, and federally recognized tribes serving rural areas with populations of 2,500 or less and median household incomes below the poverty line or below 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income. Applications are accepted year-round through local USDA Rural Development offices. [LEARN MORE](#).

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Grants may cover up to 75%, 55%, 35%, or 15% of eligible project costs depending on rural population and median household income

**Description:** This opportunity includes grant funding for essential community facilities in rural areas through the USDA Community Facilities Program. Grants are available to eligible public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes for projects such as health care facilities, public safety buildings and equipment, community centers, child care centers, libraries, and other facilities that provide essential local services. Grant funds may be used to purchase, construct, improve, or equip these facilities and may be awarded alone or combined with loan financing. Grant amounts are determined on a graduated scale based on the community's population size and median household income, with the highest-need small rural communities eligible for up to 75% of eligible project costs. Applications are accepted year-round through the North Carolina USDA Rural Development office. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026, October 05, 2026, February 05, 2027, June 05, 2027, October 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** NIH's Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) supports studies that identify, develop, or test strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, spread, or de-implementation of evidence-based interventions in health. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, along with other eligible organization types listed in the NOFO, and applications must fall within the mission of at least one participating NIH Institute or Center. The opportunity supports research in clinical, community, public health, and policy settings, and clinical trials are allowed but not required. Proposed budgets must reflect the actual needs of the project, and the maximum project period is five years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Deadline:** June 16, 2026, October 16, 2026, February 16, 2027, June 16, 2027, October 16, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** \$50,000 per year

**Description:** NIH's Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) funds small research projects that can be completed in a short period of time with limited resources. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, and applications must fit the mission of at least one participating NIH Institute or Center. Supported projects include pilot and feasibility studies, secondary analysis of existing data, small self-contained research projects, research methodology development, and new research technology development. Clinical trials are not allowed, and project periods may run up to two years.

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## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 16, 2026, October 16, 2026, February 16, 2027, June 16, 2027, October 16, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$275,000

**Description:** NIH's Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) supports studies that identify, develop, or test strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, and spread of evidence-based interventions. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, along with other eligible organization types listed in the NOFO, and applications must fall within the mission of a participating NIH Institute or Center. The award supports dissemination and implementation research in clinical, community, public health, and policy settings, and clinical trials are allowed but not required. The maximum project period is two years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Water transmission line grants are available up to \$150,000, Water source grants are available up to \$1,000,000.

**Description:** This USDA Rural Development program funds emergency drinking-water projects for small rural communities when safe, reliable water has recently declined or is at imminent risk because of disasters or similar emergencies. It can fund short-term waterline extensions and repairs as well as larger water-source projects like wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, and treatment-related infrastructure. Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized Tribes serving rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less and median household incomes below the state's nonmetropolitan median. The

application begins by contacting the North Carolina Rural Development State Office. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Foundation Grants

### Community Foundation of Henderson County - Perry N. Rudnick Endowment Fund Grants *NEW!*

**Deadline:** LOI due July 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Perry N. Rudnick Grants serve Western North Carolina, with a focus on organizations primarily located in Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties. Grants are generally used for specific projects, and the fund's areas of interest include Arts and Culture, Conservation, Health and Human Services, and Youth. The Perry N. Rudnick Fund encourages proposals that demonstrate collaboration, affect a broad segment of the population, are relevant to overall community needs and available resources, enhance or improve organizations serving clients whose needs are not met by existing services, encourage client independence, self-sufficiency and responsibility, and emphasize prevention and early intervention. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Davie Community Foundation - Healthcare Grants *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Healthcare Grants from the Davie County Hospital Foundation Fund are awarded once each year to support projects that improve healthcare in Davie County. The selection committee considers initiatives that strengthen wellness and prevention, expand access and awareness, and enhance mental health and behavioral health services. Davie Community Foundation's grant program provides funding for nonprofit organizations that serve Davie County, and organizations that have not previously received a Davie Community Foundation grant must complete an approved grant workshop before applying. [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.

**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](#)

## **Speedway Children’s Charities - Charlotte Chapter Grants**

**Deadline:** June 26th, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants**

**Deadline:** Pre-application deadline: November 15 2026, full application deadline (if invited): June 15, December 15, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment Health Care Program Grants are focused on priority organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina, including nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, Area Health Education Centers, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities. Competitive proposals align with the program’s funding priorities, which include improving access to care for vulnerable populations, advancing maternal and infant health, strengthening mental health services with an emphasis on pediatric care, expanding oral health access, supporting population health, and building the health care workforce. Applicants whose pre-applications align with current priorities may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Pre-applications are set to open 6 weeks before the full application deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants**

**Deadline:** July 23, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$50,000

**Description:** Burroughs Wellcome Fund’s Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants support small, early-stage, transdisciplinary projects that connect climate change and human health across fields such as biomedical science, public health, environmental science, demography, economics, urban planning, healthcare sustainability, crisis preparedness, and climate communication. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Deadline:** June 12, 2026, October 12, 2026, February 12, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** NIH's Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) provides protected time for intensive, supervised research career development for individuals with clinical doctoral degrees. Eligible sponsoring organizations include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, and the candidate must have a clinical doctoral degree, hold a full-time appointment at the academic institution by the time of award, and commit at least 75% of full-time professional effort to the career development program. The award supports mentored research in biomedical, behavioral, and translational research, and applicants may not propose leading an independent clinical trial under this NOFO, though mentored experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor is allowed. The maximum project period is five years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Speedway Children's Charities - North Wilkesboro Chapter Grants**

**Deadline:** June 26, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Speedway Children's Charities is dedicated to helping our next generation exceed expectations and ensuring every child has the same opportunities, no matter the obstacles they face. They are dedicated to caring for children to help them lead productive lives. 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. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares**

**Deadline:** 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](#)

## **Corporate Grants**

### **J.B. Hunt - Company Giving *NEW!***

**Deadline:** December 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** J.B. Hunt, as part of its giving strategy, provides financial support for projects

across four pillars: health care, veterans' support, education, and crisis management. The Company's Giving Eligibility page lists eligible organizations as 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, religious organizations, government agencies, and civic, youth, and veterans groups. J.B. Hunt gives both nationally and locally. All requests and proposals for funding are accepted in the month of December for consideration in the following calendar year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Abbott - Domestic (US) Product Donation Program** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Abbott Medical Device Domestic (US) Product Donation Program accepts requests to support U.S.-based organizations with donated products for an indigent patient they have identified. Requests are accepted from U.S.-based healthcare facilities, licensed physicians, and charitable organizations that provide care for indigent patients. Abbott donates FDA-approved medical devices and related accessories for patient care, including implantable devices such as ICDs and CRT-Ds, along with associated leads. Requests must be submitted at least 5 days and no more than 30 days prior to the implant date, and Abbott states that in the event of a medical emergency requiring immediate use of an Abbott product, an application may be submitted up to 5 days after implant of the product. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **BioMarin - Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling on or before, November 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** BioMarin provides funding for a variety of events, activities, and projects that benefit patients, the scientific or medical community, and/or public health in areas of interest to BioMarin. Eligible organization types include accredited providers, medical or professional associations, hospitals or community health centers, patient associations or advocacy groups, medical education companies, universities or colleges, community projects or groups, and registered charities. Funding requests are accepted for review all year, but requests requiring funding prior to year-end must be submitted on or before November 1. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Brooks Brothers - Request A Donation** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at least one month in advance of their event or project.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Brooks Brothers' mission is to enhance the lives of those both within and beyond the communities it serves by partnering with select local and national non-profit organizations related to men's, women's, and children's health issues, as well as education and the arts. This donation request opportunity requires applicants to provide information on the organization's work, how the donation will be acknowledged at the event, and the event's fundraising goals. Applicants must attach the organization's letterhead or proof of 501(c)(3) status as a single PDF

or Word document. The official request form includes event types such as live auction, silent auction, online auction, raffle/door prize, peer-to-peer fundraising event, and others. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Bayer - Healthcare-related Contributions**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount.

**Description:** Bayer's Healthcare-related Contributions program is a promising opportunity for eligible 501(c)(3) patient, professional, and scientific nonprofits working to improve patient care, education, or advocacy. Funding may support general operations, a specific program or activity, or a fundraiser event. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Pfizer Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR)**

**Deadline:** Sep 9, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**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](#)

## **Abbott - Medical Device Charitable Grant Program**

**Deadline:** 60 days prior to event

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Abbott's Charitable Grant supports charitable programs and events that serve low-income, underserved, and/or uninsured populations through cardiovascular-focused work, such as fundraisers that benefit communities affected by cardiovascular conditions, chronic pain, and movement disorders, as well as overall community well-being in these areas. [LEARN MORE](#)

## 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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## **National Endowment for the Arts - Grants for Arts Projects**

**Deadline:** Part 1 is due July 9, 2026, Part 2 is due July 21, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Most Grants for Arts Projects applicants may request up to \$100,000

**Description:** Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) is the National Endowment for the Arts’ principal funding program for organizations that deliver high-quality arts experiences and advance the arts across American communities. The program supports projects that expand public access to the arts, preserve and celebrate the nation’s artistic and cultural heritage, strengthen arts education for learners of all ages, and promote community well-being through arts and health initiatives, including creative arts therapies. Funding is available across a wide range of artistic disciplines and is open to nonprofit organizations, units of state or local government, and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. To be eligible, applicants must have completed at least five years of arts programming and have had an operating budget of at least \$20,000 in the previous fiscal year. [LEARN MORE](#).

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This USDA Rural Development program funds organizations that help very-low- and low-income families build their own homes together in eligible rural areas through the mutual self-help housing model. Instead of paying for construction materials or labor, the grant supports the nonprofit’s technical and supervisory role, including organizing participating families, guiding the build process, and helping families complete related loan applications.

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## Foundation Grants

### Mutual of America Foundation - Community Partnership Award <sup>NEW!</sup>

**Deadline:** July 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Award recognizes outstanding nonprofit organizations in the United States that have shown exemplary leadership by facilitating partnerships with public, private, or social sector leaders who work together as equal partners to build cohesive communities that serve as models for collaboration. Each year, the Foundation sponsors a national competition in which organizations demonstrate the value of their partnership to the communities they serve, their ability to be replicated by others, and their capacity to stimulate new approaches to addressing significant social issues. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation - Grants

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

### Community Foundation of Henderson County Community - CFHC Community Grants

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

### ChildTrust Foundation - Program Grants

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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:** August 20, 2026, 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 - Capacity Building Grants**

**Deadline:** No fixed deadline / LOIs accepted anytime

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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:** July 31, 2026, November 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Minimum grant is \$15,000

**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](#)

## Corporate Grants

### **Pfizer Investigator Sponsored Research (ISR)**

**Deadline:** September 9, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**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](#)

## Local Government Grants

### **Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Long Term Unappropriated Fund Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Yearly on August 1st–15th and February 1st –15th

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$500,000

**Description:** The Dare County Tourism Board offers reimbursement-based grants to Dare County nonprofits and local government units to address unplanned, extraordinary, and nonrecurring needs arising from the impact of tourism on the county. Applicants must be a Dare County Local Government or a non-profit entity with its principal place of business in Dare County. Additionally, projects must be located in Dare County. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Capital Funding

### Federal Grants

#### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants <sup>NEW!</sup>

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis from October 1 to September 30

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$1,000,000 for water source grants, and up to \$150,000 for water transmission line grants

**Description:** USDA Rural Development's Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants help eligible communities prepare for, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, rurally located public bodies, and federally recognized Tribes. Funds may be used for water source projects, including construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and other sources of water, as well as water transmission line projects such as waterline extensions, repair of breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. Water source grants may be up to \$1,000,000, water transmission line grants may be up to \$150,000. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Foundation Grants

#### The Bolger Foundation - Grant Request

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026

**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 - Grant Inquiries**

**Deadline:** June, September, and December (inquiry form required at least 90 days prior to the application deadline).

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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 aligns with the foundation's funding areas, the organization may be invited to submit a full application.

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## **Fidelity Foundation - Capacity Building Grants**

**Deadline:** No fixed deadline / LOIs accepted anytime

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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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## **The J.W. Couch Foundation - Historical Preservation**

**Deadline:** September 25, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Minimum request is \$50,000

**Description:** The J.W. Couch Foundation accepts grant applications for projects that support historical preservation. Eligible applicants must be registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations aligned with one of the foundation's charitable programs. The application indicates a minimum request of \$50,000. Organizations interested in other charitable programs or focus areas not currently accepting unsolicited applications may submit a grant letter of inquiry through the foundation's online chat. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The Hearst Foundation - Culture Grant**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Minimum grant size is \$100,000

**Description:** The Hearst Foundations' Culture grant funds cultural institutions that offer meaningful programs in the arts and sciences, with priority for organizations that engage young people and create lasting, measurable impact. Supported organizations include arts schools, ballets, museums, operas, performing arts centers, symphonies, and theaters. Eligible

applicants must be U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with audited expenses of at least \$2 million and leadership that has been in place for at least one year. The program supports program and capital requests and, on a limited basis, general and endowment support.

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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](#)

## **Corporate Grants**

### **Four County Electric Membership Corporation - Operation Round Up**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Four County EMC's Operation Round Up offers a local funding opportunity for established nonprofits serving Four County EMC members in southeastern North Carolina, including Bladen, Duplin, Pender, and Sampson counties. Support can help cover community-serving projects and programs, building repairs or improvements, items of necessity, and other essential needs, except for electric bills. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Local Government Grants**

### **Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Tourism Impact Grant <sup>NEW!</sup>**

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** No fixed cap. Match requirements are based on the awarded amount: below \$50,000, no match required; \$50,000–\$125,000, at least 25% match required from applicant; over \$125,000, at least 50% match required from applicant.

**Description:** The Tourism Impact Grant financially assists Dare County governmental units and other non-profit organizations with programs or services needed due to the impact of tourism on the County. Eligible applicants are Dare County Local Governments or nonprofit entities with

principal place of business in Dare County, and projects must be located in Dare County. Complete applications must be submitted between September 1 and September 30, and match requirements are based on the awarded amount. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Long Term Unappropriated Fund Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Yearly on August 1st–15th and February 1st –15th

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$500,000

**Description:** The Dare County Tourism Board offers reimbursement-based grants to Dare County nonprofits and local government units to address unplanned, extraordinary, and nonrecurring needs arising from the impact of tourism on the county. Applicants must be a Dare County Local Government or a non-profit entity with its principal place of business in Dare County. Additionally, projects must be located in Dare County. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Event Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** August 1 to August 15 **Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$50,000

**Description:** The Event Grant supports Dare County-based nonprofit and governmental organizations in creating and hosting events such as concerts, fairs and festivals, and sporting competitions that encourage overnight visitation to Dare County's Outer Banks during the off-peak season. The applying organization and planned event must be located in Dare County. Additionally, the event must take place between September 7 and June 15. Maximum grant awards are based on the number of out-of-market visitors, including up to \$50,000 for events attracting more than 3,000 out-of-market visitors. Applications must be received no less than four months before the start of the project. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **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

### N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Multifamily Recycling Grant *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling, no deadline

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$71,500 per project

**Description:** The Multifamily Recycling Grant program assists with the implementation, expansion, and improvement of multifamily recycling programs in North Carolina and funds projects that help build lasting capacity to recycle traditional household materials from multifamily residences. Eligible applicants include local governments, colleges and universities for off-campus housing, public housing authorities, multifamily property owners or management companies, and recycling businesses or nonprofits that collect and/or haul recyclables from multifamily properties. The maximum amount of grant funding available per project is \$71,500, with no minimum funding requirement; a cash match is required at 10 percent for local governments, colleges and universities, and public housing authorities, and 20 percent for recycling businesses, nonprofits, property owners, and property managers. Grant funds may be used for equipment such as carts, dumpsters, collection vehicles, concrete pads, recycling corrals, and education, as well as positions or labor to manage or implement multifamily programs, but funds may not be used for operational costs such as overhead or recycling collection or processing fees; projects must create new access and/or new recovered tonnage and include an education component. [LEARN MORE](#)

### N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - Land and Water Conservation Fund *NEW!*

**Deadline:** November 2, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$750,000

**Description:** The Land and Water Conservation Fund awards matching grants to local governments to assist with acquisition, development, renovation, or combination projects for outdoor public recreation. Eligible applicants are North Carolina counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized Native American tribes. LWCF grants can be used for acquisition, development, renovation, and combination projects for outdoor public recreation, and a project must be located on a single site. Applicants may request a maximum grant of \$750,000 with each application and must provide at least a 50 percent match. Applicants must own the park property, and property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance must be used for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. [LEARN MORE](#)

### North Carolina Trails Program / N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation - Recreational Trails Program Grant *NEW!*

**Deadline:** September 4, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$100,000. Minimum of \$10,000.

**Description:** The Recreational Trails Program Grant provides federal grants for trail creation and maintenance through the North Carolina Trails Program. Grants are available to

governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations, and the program values trail projects that are legal, safe, managed, and provide connectivity, reasonable public access, and parking. Eligible uses include new trail and greenway construction, trail or greenway renovation, approved trail or greenway facilities and trailhead or trail markers, purchase of tools to construct or renovate trails, land acquisition for trail purposes, planning/legal/environmental/permitting costs up to 10% of the grant amount, or a combination of eligible uses. The program is a reimbursement and matching grant program, with a \$10,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum, and 25% match requirement for RTP funds received. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources - Guidelines: Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS-EQIP) *NEW!***

**Deadline:** July 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The DWR is authorized to provide grants to local governments for stream restoration projects cost-shared as part of the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Eligible applicants are units of local government and local political subdivisions; non-governmental organizations may participate only as co-applicants partnering with a local government applicant. Stream restoration projects approved for NRCS-EQIP funding by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are eligible for state financial assistance, and a single project consists of all landowners and participants under a single NRCS-approved project contract along a contiguous stretch of stream. Eligible stream practices are those listed in the most recent EQIP/RCPP Guidelines for Natural Stream Channel Work; projects for maintenance or repairs, existing permit requirements or regulatory enforcement actions, nutrient-credit generation, NRCS small watershed projects, compensatory mitigation credits, and most stream debris removal are not eligible. The DWR can provide up to a maximum 1:1 cost-share based on the federal cost estimate of eligible stream restoration practices, and the current spring 2026 application cycle has been extended to July 31, 2026.

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## **N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources - Water Resources Development Grant Program — State & Local Grants *NEW!***

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$200,000

**Description:** The Water Resources Development Grant Program — State & Local Grants provide cost-share funding to local governments for water resources development projects. Eligible purposes include stream restoration, water management, water-based recreation sites, and preliminary feasibility or engineering studies toward implementation of those eligible categories. Eligible applicants are units of local government and local political subdivisions such as municipalities and regional councils of government; nonprofits, universities, watershed

associations, private consultants, and other non-governmental organizations may serve as a primary contact or supporter and help administer the grant on behalf of the local government applicant. Applicants are encouraged not to exceed a \$200,000 funding request, or \$50,000 for engineering/feasibility studies; larger awards may be granted on a case-by-case basis, and the General Assembly placed a 50% cost-share maximum on Water Resources Development Grant awards. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure - Emerging Contaminants Study Projects**

**Deadline:** August 1, and November 2, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** \$500,000

**Description:** The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure is offering Emerging Contaminants funding, available to local government units, non-profit water corporations and investor-owned drinking water companies for planning or construction projects addressing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in water or wastewater systems. DEQ is utilizing federal funding to help public water systems address PFAS in advance of the EPA's proposed National Drinking Water Regulation. Eligible applicants are local government units and non-profit water or wastewater corporations that provide water or wastewater service, investor-owned drinking water utilities regulated by the Utilities Commission are also eligible for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and publicly-owned landfills are eligible for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Emerging Contaminants funding. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority - Rural Demolition Program**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$75,000 for buildings 100,000 square feet or less, up to \$150,000 for buildings over 100,000 square feet, and no more than \$12,500 per projected job to be created on the rehabilitated site.

**Description:** The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority – Rural Demolition Program provides grants to units of local government located in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties, or within a rural census tract in a Tier 3 county of North Carolina to demolish blighted, publicly owned buildings for future economic development use. Eligible projects must involve buildings that have been vacant for at least three years, include a minimum 25% local cash match, and demonstrate a reasonable expectation of private-sector investment and job creation after redevelopment. Applicants must own the property proposed for demolition. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026, October 22, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The NC Department of Commerce's Rural Engagement & Investment unit

administers the Rural Reuse & Development Programs, including the Rural Building Reuse and Rural Infrastructure programs, which support local-government-led economic development projects that result in the direct creation of new, full-time, private-sector jobs. The Building Reuse Program supports renovation or upfit of vacant buildings, renovation or expansion of existing business buildings, and renovation, expansion, or construction of certain rural health care facilities. The Rural Infrastructure Program supports publicly owned infrastructure improvements such as drinking water or wastewater treatment plants, public water or sewer lines, publicly owned natural gas lines, access roads not funded or owned by NCDOT, and public rail spur improvements. Building Reuse requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match and awards may not exceed one-half of renovation or construction costs, while Rural Infrastructure requires a 5% local cash 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](#)

### **North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority - Rural Building Reuse Program**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Grant awards may not exceed one-half of renovation and/or construction costs and require a dollar-for-dollar cash match equal to the grant request amount.

**Description:** The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Rural Building Reuse Program supports building improvements led by local governments that create new, full-time private-sector jobs in eligible rural areas of North Carolina. Funding may support vacant building renovation, existing business expansion, or the renovation, expansion, or construction of licensed rural health care facilities. Eligible applicants are units of local government, with projects limited to Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties or rural census tracts in Tier 3 counties, and subject to category-specific requirements, job-creation expectations, and matching fund requirements.

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### **NC Department of Environmental Quality - Water Resources Development Grant Program**

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$200,000, or \$50,000 for engineering/feasibility studies; larger

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awards may be granted case-by-case; requires a 50% match

**Description:** This statewide NC DEQ program provides cost-share grants to local governments for stream restoration, water management, water-based recreation sites, and preliminary feasibility or engineering studies tied to those purposes. This opportunity may be relevant to municipalities, regional councils of government, and other local political subdivisions that can bring at least a 50% match, complete a required pre-application consultation, and manage a competitive project with maps, resolutions, and detailed budget documentation. Nonprofits, universities, consultants, and watershed associations can help administer projects, but they cannot be the direct applicant unless they are working on behalf of an eligible local government.

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## Early Childhood

### Federal Grants

#### **U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services - Accessible Education Video Projects** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 26, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$1,050,000

**Description:** The Accessible Education Video Projects competition supports projects designed to meet IDEA requirements for audio description, open captioning, and closed captioning that are appropriate for use in early learning and K–12 settings. Projects must increase the number of high-quality captioned, audio described, and American Sign Language interpreted educational media and materials for children and youth with disabilities. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, educational agencies, institutions of higher education, public agencies, Indian tribes, and for-profit organizations. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Advancement and Innovation in Measurement of Language Development and Predictors**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026, October 05, 2026, February 05, 2027, June 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Description:** This NIH funding opportunity supports community-engaged research aimed at developing new, culturally and linguistically responsive tools to better measure children's language development and the environments that support it. The overall goal is to build the number of strengths-focused, culturally and linguistically responsive, and generalizable tools to further our understanding of children's language development and/or impairment, and predictors thereof. Projects should focus on creating or validating measures of language development and/or the communicative environment, with a strong emphasis on generalizability and relevance to communities that are typically underrepresented in research. A Community Engagement Plan is required with every application, outlining how community partners will be meaningfully involved throughout the research process. Eligible applicants include nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3) status), higher education institutions, tribal governments, faith- and community-based organizations, and others, with project periods of up to five years and no stated budget cap. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Foundation Grants

#### **Community Foundation of Henderson County - Perry N. Rudnick Endowment Fund Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** LOI due July 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Perry N. Rudnick Grants serve Western North Carolina, with a focus on organizations primarily located in Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties. Grants are generally used for specific projects, and the fund's areas of interest include Arts and Culture, Conservation, Health and Human Services, and Youth. The Perry N. Rudnick Fund encourages proposals that demonstrate collaboration, affect a broad segment of the population, are relevant to overall community needs and available resources, enhance or improve organizations serving clients whose needs are not met by existing services, encourage client independence, self-sufficiency and responsibility, and emphasize prevention and early intervention. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **ChildTrust Foundation - Program Grants**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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:** Unspecified Amount

**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:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Speedway Children's Charities is dedicated to helping our next generation exceed

expectations and ensuring every child has the same opportunities, no matter the obstacles they face. They are dedicated to caring for children to help them lead productive lives. 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. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants**

**Deadline:** Pre-application deadline: November 15 2026, full application deadline (if invited): December 15, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment Health Care Program Grants are focused on priority organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina, including nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, Area Health Education Centers, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities. Competitive proposals align with the program's funding priorities, which include improving access to care for vulnerable populations, advancing maternal and infant health, strengthening mental health services with an emphasis on pediatric care, expanding oral health access, supporting population health, and building the health care workforce. Applicants whose pre-applications align with current priorities may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Pre-applications are set to open 6 weeks before the full application deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Duke Endowment - Child & Family Well-Being Grant**

**Deadline:** June 15, 2026, December 15, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment's Child & Family Well-Being Grant funds projects that adopt and sustain evidence-based or evidence-informed models to prevent or treat child abuse and neglect and enhance well-being. Eligible applicants are accredited organizations and other nonprofit groups in North Carolina and South Carolina serving children, youth, and families affected by abuse, neglect, or imminent risk of maltreatment. Applicants must have two years of audited financial statements, and public schools and startups are not eligible. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares**

**Deadline:** 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](#)

## Corporate Grants

### Brooks Brothers - Request A Donation *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at least one month in advance of their event or project.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Brooks Brothers' mission is to enhance the lives of those both within and beyond the communities it serves by partnering with select local and national non-profit organizations related to men's, women's, and children's health issues, as well as education and the arts. This donation request opportunity requires applicants to provide information on the organization's work, how the donation will be acknowledged at the event, and the event's fundraising goals. Applicants must attach the organization's letterhead or proof of 501(c)(3) status as a single PDF or Word document. The official request form includes event types such as live auction, silent auction, online auction, raffle/door prize, peer-to-peer fundraising event, and others. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Toyota Battery Manufacturing North Carolina (TBMNC) - Grant Program

**Deadline:** October 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This Toyota facility-based giving opportunity is a strong local fit for nonprofits, state or municipal organizations, and public schools serving Guilford and Randolph counties in North Carolina, where Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina is located. Toyota's published priorities emphasize long-term, sustainable impact for under-resourced communities, with especially strong signals around STEM/STEAM education, workforce readiness, and student-support strategies that help build the future local talent pipeline. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Costco Wholesale - Charitable Contribution Grant Applications

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**Description:** Costco's Grant Applications program is a rolling opportunity for larger, broad-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits working in children, education, and health and human services. Costco advises organizations not to request more than 10% of their program's overall budget. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Healthy Communities

### Federal Grants

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis from October 1 to September 30

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**Deadline:** June 26, 2026

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#### **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - NIH Research Project Grant**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026; October 05, 2026; February 05, 2027; June 05, 2027; October 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** No published ceiling; application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Description:** The NIH Research Project Grant supports investigator-driven research projects that fall within the mission of participating NIH Institutes and Centers. This opportunity is open to health-related research (excluding clinical trials) across a wide range of scientific fields, and applicants are encouraged to identify which NIH Institute aligns with their work before applying. Projects can run up to five years with no stated budget cap. Eligible applicants include

nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3) status), higher education institutions, tribal governments, faith- and community-based organizations. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Advancement and Innovation in Measurement of Language Development and Predictors**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026, October 05, 2026, February 05, 2027, June 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Description:** This NIH funding opportunity supports community-engaged research aimed at developing new, culturally and linguistically responsive tools to better measure children's language development and the environments that support it. The overall goal is to build the number of strengths-focused, culturally and linguistically responsive, and generalizable tools to further our understanding of children's language development and/or impairment, and predictors thereof. Projects should focus on creating or validating measures of language development and/or the communicative environment, with a strong emphasis on generalizability and relevance to communities that are typically underrepresented in research. A Community Engagement Plan is required with every application, outlining how community partners will be meaningfully involved throughout the research process. Eligible applicants include nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3) status), higher education institutions, tribal governments, faith- and community-based organizations, and others, with project periods of up to five years and no stated budget cap. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Interventions to Reduce Sleep Health Disparities (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026, October 05, 2026, February 05, 2027, June 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Description (3–4 sentences):** This NIH funding opportunity supports the development and testing of non-pharmacological interventions aimed at improving sleep health, reducing sleep disparities, and addressing sleep as a factor in broader health outcomes among underserved populations in the U.S. Eligible projects should target NIH-designated health disparity populations (such as Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native communities) and address behavioral, social, environmental, or structural determinants of sleep health across the lifespan. Funded research may cover a wide range of approaches, including community-based interventions, policy-level strategies like school start time delays, workplace programs, and clinical settings, with projects spanning up to five years. Eligible applicants include nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3) status), higher education institutions, tribal governments, faith-based and community-based organizations, and others, with no stated budget cap. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This USDA program provides predevelopment grant funding to help very small, financially distressed rural communities plan water and waste disposal projects before construction begins. Grants can support feasibility studies, preliminary design and engineering work, and technical assistance needed to prepare an application for future financial assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities, nonprofits, and federally recognized tribes serving rural areas with populations of 2,500 or less and median household incomes below the poverty line or below 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income. Applications are accepted year-round through local USDA Rural Development offices. [LEARN MORE](#).

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This USDA Rural Development program funds organizations that help very-low- and low-income families build their own homes together in eligible rural areas through the mutual self-help housing model. Instead of paying for construction materials or labor, the grant supports the nonprofit's technical and supervisory role, including organizing participating families, guiding the build process, and helping families complete related loan applications. This opportunity may be relevant to rural housing nonprofits in North Carolina that work in affordable homeownership and can manage a hands-on construction support model. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Grants may cover up to 75%, 55%, 35%, or 15% of eligible project costs depending on rural population and median household income

**Description:** This opportunity includes grant funding for essential community facilities in rural areas through the USDA Community Facilities Program. Grants are available to eligible public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes for projects such as health care facilities, public safety buildings and equipment, community centers, child care centers, libraries, and other facilities that provide essential local services. Grant funds may be used to purchase, construct, improve, or equip these facilities and may be awarded alone or combined with loan financing. Grant amounts are determined on a graduated scale based on the community's population size and median household income, with the highest-need small rural communities eligible for up to 75% of eligible project costs. Applications are accepted year-round through the North Carolina USDA Rural Development office. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026, October 05, 2026, February 05, 2027, June 05, 2027, October 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** NIH's Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) supports studies that identify, develop, or test strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, spread, or de-implementation of evidence-based interventions in health. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, along with other eligible organization types listed in the NOFO, and applications must fall within the mission of at least one participating NIH Institute or Center. The opportunity supports research in clinical, community, public health, and policy settings, and clinical trials are allowed but not required. Proposed budgets must reflect the actual needs of the project, and the maximum project period is five years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Deadline:** June 16, 2026, October 16, 2026, February 16, 2027, June 16, 2027, October 16, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** \$50,000 per year

**Description:** NIH's Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) funds small research projects that can be completed in a short period of time with limited resources. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, and applications must fit the mission of at least one participating NIH Institute or Center. Supported projects include pilot and feasibility studies, secondary analysis of existing data, small self-contained research projects, research methodology development, and new research technology development. Clinical trials are not allowed, and project periods may run up to two years.

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## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 16, 2026, October 16, 2026, February 16, 2027, June 16, 2027, October 16, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$275,000

**Description:** NIH's Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) supports studies that identify, develop, or test strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, and spread of evidence-based interventions. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, along with other eligible organization types listed in the NOFO, and applications must fall within the mission of a participating NIH Institute or Center. The award supports dissemination and implementation

research in clinical, community, public health, and policy settings, and clinical trials are allowed but not required. The maximum project period is two years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program - Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Water transmission line grants are available up to \$150,000, Water source grants are available up to \$1,000,000.

**Description:** This USDA Rural Development program funds emergency drinking-water projects for small rural communities when safe, reliable water has recently declined or is at imminent risk because of disasters or similar emergencies. It can fund short-term waterline extensions and repairs as well as larger water-source projects like wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, and treatment-related infrastructure. Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized Tribes serving rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less and median household incomes below the state's nonmetropolitan median. The application begins by contacting the North Carolina Rural Development State Office. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Foundation Grants**

### **Mutual of America Foundation - Community Partnership Award** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** July 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Award recognizes outstanding nonprofit organizations in the United States that have shown exemplary leadership by facilitating partnerships with public, private, or social sector leaders who work together as equal partners to build cohesive communities that serve as models for collaboration. Each year, the Foundation sponsors a national competition in which organizations demonstrate the value of their partnership to the communities they serve, their ability to be replicated by others, and their capacity to stimulate new approaches to addressing significant social issues. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Community Foundation of Henderson County - Perry N. Rudnick Endowment Fund Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** LOI due July 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Perry N. Rudnick Grants serve Western North Carolina, with a focus on organizations primarily located in Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties. Grants are generally used for specific projects, and the fund's areas of interest include Arts and Culture, Conservation, Health and Human Services, and Youth. The Perry N. Rudnick Fund encourages proposals that demonstrate collaboration, affect a broad segment of the population, are relevant to overall community needs and available resources, enhance or improve

organizations serving clients whose needs are not met by existing services, encourage client independence, self-sufficiency and responsibility, and emphasize prevention and early intervention. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **The High Country Charitable Foundation - 2026 Grant Application** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The mission of The High Country Charitable Foundation is to provide funds to local nonprofit organizations that provide for neighbors and animals in need in Avery County, North Carolina. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations that have been operating for at least two years and are located in Avery County. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Davie Community Foundation - Healthcare Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Healthcare Grants from the Davie County Hospital Foundation Fund are awarded once each year to support projects that improve healthcare in Davie County. The selection committee considers initiatives that strengthen wellness and prevention, expand access and awareness, and enhance mental health and behavioral health services. Davie Community Foundation's grant program provides funding for nonprofit organizations that serve Davie County, and organizations that have not previously received a Davie Community Foundation grant must complete an approved grant workshop before applying. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation - General Grant Program Under Requesting Support Guidelines**

**Deadline:** LOI due August 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation supports nonprofit projects in communities where Cleveland-Cliffs operates, including Newton, North Carolina. The foundation focuses on projects that enhance educational opportunities, protect and improve the environment, and promote healthy and vibrant communities. This opportunity may be relevant to local programs that build skills and employment pathways, restore land or water, create green spaces, promote healthy lifestyles, or expand services for underserved populations. The process begins with a letter of inquiry, and only invited organizations may submit a full proposal. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares**

**Deadline:** 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

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apply for projects over \$1,000. Applications are submitted through the program's online portal, and are reviewed quarterly. [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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## **Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation - Grants**

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

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

## **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 Harris & Frances Block Foundation - Grant Proposal**

**Deadline:** 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](#)

## **Golden LEAF Foundation - Open Grants**

**Deadline:** June 25, 2026, August 20, 2026, 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](#)

## **The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants**

**Deadline:** Pre-application deadline: November 15 2026, full application deadlines (if invited): June 15, December 15, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment Health Care Program Grants are focused on priority organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina, including nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, Area Health Education Centers, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities. Competitive proposals align with the program's funding priorities, which include improving access to care for vulnerable populations, advancing maternal and infant health, strengthening mental health services with an emphasis on pediatric care, expanding oral health access, supporting population health, and building the health care workforce. Applicants whose pre-applications align with current priorities may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Pre-applications are set to open 6 weeks before the full application deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants**

**Deadline:** October 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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:** September 25, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Minimum request is \$50,000

**Description:** The J.W. Couch Foundation accepts grant applications for projects that support historical preservation. Eligible applicants must be registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations aligned with one of the foundation's charitable programs. The application indicates a minimum request of \$50,000. Organizations interested in other charitable programs or focus areas not currently accepting unsolicited applications may submit a grant letter of inquiry through the foundation's online chat. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Community Foundation of Henderson County Community - CFHC Community Grants**

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

## **The Hearst Foundation - Culture Grant**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Minimum grant size is \$100,000

**Description:** The Hearst Foundations' Culture grant funds cultural institutions that offer meaningful programs in the arts and sciences, with priority for organizations that engage young people and create lasting, measurable impact. Supported organizations include arts schools, ballets, museums, operas, performing arts centers, symphonies, and theaters. Eligible applicants must be U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with audited expenses of at least \$2 million and leadership that has been in place for at least one year. The program supports program and capital requests and, on a limited basis, general and endowment support.

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## **Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants**

**Deadline:** July 23, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$50,000

**Description:** Burroughs Wellcome Fund's Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants support small, early-stage, transdisciplinary projects that connect climate change and human health across fields such as biomedical science, public health, environmental science, demography, economics, urban planning, healthcare sustainability, crisis preparedness, and climate communication. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Costco Wholesale - Charitable Contribution Grant Applications**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**Description:** Costco's Grant Applications program is a rolling opportunity for larger, broad-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits working in children, education, and health and human services. Costco advises organizations not to request more than 10% of their program's overall budget.

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## **Erie Insurance Giving Network - Funding Requests of \$10,000 or More**

**Deadline:** July 17, 2026, September 11, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**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 to 12 weeks or more to process. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Piedmont Electric Helping Hand Foundation - Charitable Request**

**Deadline:** Based on board meetings scheduled August 12, 2026, and November 11, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**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](#)

### **Vulcan Foundation - Charitable Projects**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Vulcan Foundation supports community-serving projects in places where Vulcan operates, with published priorities centered on working with schools, supporting environmental stewardship, and encouraging employee involvement. Nonprofits or public-school-serving organizations in a Vulcan community that can show clear local benefit may apply, especially if the proposal touches more than one of those focus areas. Proposals submitted to the Foundation should be sent directly to the charitable contributions officer in the appropriate geographical area. Requests are considered throughout the year. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Toyota Battery Manufacturing North Carolina (TBMNC) - Grant Program**

**Deadline:** October 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This Toyota facility-based giving opportunity is a strong local fit for nonprofits, state or municipal organizations, and public schools serving Guilford and Randolph counties in North Carolina, where Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina is located. Toyota's published priorities emphasize long-term, sustainable impact for under-resourced communities, with especially strong signals around STEM/STEAM education, workforce readiness, and student-support strategies that help build the future local talent pipeline. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Corporate Grants**

### **Ferguson Cares - Grant**

**Deadline:** Rolling-basis

**Award Amount/ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Ferguson Cares provides grant support to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve U.S. communities within the company's geographic footprint. As part of Ferguson's broader sustainability strategy, this program focuses on four key pillars: Affordable Housing,

Skilled Trades Workforce Development, Clean Water and Sanitation Access, and initiatives that enhance local economic wellbeing in Ferguson's hometown. The grant program supports impactful partnerships that address social challenges and build long-term community resilience.

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## **J.B. Hunt - Company Giving** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** December 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** J.B. Hunt, as part of its giving strategy, provides financial support for projects across four pillars: health care, veterans' support, education, and crisis management. The Company's Giving Eligibility page lists eligible organizations as 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, religious organizations, government agencies, and civic, youth, and veterans groups. J.B. Hunt gives both nationally and locally. All requests and proposals for funding are accepted in the month of December for consideration in the following calendar year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling, till October 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Albemarle Foundation provides Impact Grants as charitable donations to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, NGOs, or the global equivalent, to support programming of the requesting organization. Funding decisions are made by local Albemarle employees and are based on the community's needs. Grant requests must align with at least one of Albemarle Foundation's strategic pillars, and recipient organizations must offer programming within 50 miles of an Albemarle Corporation location, be a permanent tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organization or non-U.S. equivalent, and be able to provide financial statements from the previous year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **BioMarin - Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling on or before, November 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** BioMarin provides funding for a variety of events, activities, and projects that benefit patients, the scientific or medical community, and/or public health in areas of interest to BioMarin. Eligible organization types include accredited providers, medical or professional associations, hospitals or community health centers, patient associations or advocacy groups, medical education companies, universities or colleges, community projects or groups, and registered charities. Funding requests are accepted for review all year, but requests requiring funding prior to year-end must be submitted on or before November 1. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Brooks Brothers - Request A Donation** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at least one month in advance of their

event or project.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Brooks Brothers' mission is to enhance the lives of those both within and beyond the communities it serves by partnering with select local and national non-profit organizations related to men's, women's, and children's health issues, as well as education and the arts. This donation request opportunity requires applicants to provide information on the organization's work, how the donation will be acknowledged at the event, and the event's fundraising goals. Applicants must attach the organization's letterhead or proof of 501(c)(3) status as a single PDF or Word document. The official request form includes event types such as live auction, silent auction, online auction, raffle/door prize, peer-to-peer fundraising event, and others. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Local Government Grants

**Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Tourism Impact Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** No fixed cap. Match requirements are based on the awarded amount: below \$50,000, no match required; \$50,000–\$125,000, at least 25% match required from applicant; over \$125,000, at least 50% match required from applicant.

**Description:** The Tourism Impact Grant financially assists Dare County governmental units and other non-profit organizations with programs or services needed due to the impact of tourism on the County. Eligible applicants are Dare County Local Governments or nonprofit entities with principal place of business in Dare County, and projects must be located in Dare County. Complete applications must be submitted between September 1 and September 30, and match requirements are based on the awarded amount. [LEARN MORE](#)

**Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Long Term Unappropriated Fund Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Yearly on August 1st–15th and February 1st –15th

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$500,000

**Description:** The Dare County Tourism Board offers reimbursement-based grants to Dare County nonprofits and local government units to address unplanned, extraordinary, and nonrecurring needs arising from the impact of tourism on the county. Applicants must be a Dare County Local Government or a non-profit entity with its principal place of business in Dare County. Additionally, projects must be located in Dare County. [LEARN MORE](#)

**Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Event Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** August 1 to August 15 **Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$50,000

**Description:** The Event Grant supports Dare County-based nonprofit and governmental organizations in creating and hosting events such as concerts, fairs and festivals, and sporting competitions that encourage overnight visitation to Dare County's Outer Banks during the off-

peak season. The applying organization and planned event must be located in Dare County. Additionally, the event must take place between September 7 and June 15. Maximum grant awards are based on the number of out-of-market visitors, including up to \$50,000 for events attracting more than 3,000 out-of-market visitors. Applications must be received no less than four months before the start of the project. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Jackson County Tourism Development Authority - Grants**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Jackson County Tourism Development Authority offers grants for initiatives that generate overnight guests, increase tourism, and enhance the visitor experience in Jackson County. Eligible applicants include community groups, nonprofits, for-profit entities, municipalities, and government organizations. Projects must occur within Jackson County or as a partnership with neighboring counties and must show how they will increase tourism and visitation. Applications must include a detailed budget, and grant funds cannot be used for existing debt or to promote a specific accommodation. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **State Government Grants**

### **N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Multifamily Recycling Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling, no deadline

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$71,500 per project

**Description:** The Multifamily Recycling Grant program assists with the implementation, expansion, and improvement of multifamily recycling programs in North Carolina and funds projects that help build lasting capacity to recycle traditional household materials from multifamily residences. Eligible applicants include local governments, colleges and universities for off-campus housing, public housing authorities, multifamily property owners or management companies, and recycling businesses or nonprofits that collect and/or haul recyclables from multifamily properties. The maximum amount of grant funding available per project is \$71,500, with no minimum funding requirement; a cash match is required at 10 percent for local governments, colleges and universities, and public housing authorities, and 20 percent for recycling businesses, nonprofits, property owners, and property managers. Grant funds may be used for equipment such as carts, dumpsters, collection vehicles, concrete pads, recycling corrals, and education, as well as positions or labor to manage or implement multifamily programs, but funds may not be used for operational costs such as overhead or recycling collection or processing fees; projects must create new access and/or new recovered tonnage and include an education component. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **N.C. Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division - Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$1 million

**Description:** The Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program is a \$55 million fund designed to help local governments and small businesses impacted by Hurricane Helene rebuild and repair critical infrastructure, restore and resume functions and operations, and support economic recovery and sustainability. Eligible applicants are North Carolina cities and counties impacted by Hurricane Helene and designated under a major disaster declaration, with special consideration for local governments in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties. Grants must be used by local governments to address qualifying infrastructure needs damaged by Hurricane Helene that adversely affect access to, or operations of, identified small businesses that employ 150 or fewer employees; eligible infrastructure may include water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, high-speed broadband, electric utility, and sidewalk and curb infrastructure. Eligible expenses may include planning, material, labor, and administration for public infrastructure improvements, while ineligible expenses include improvements to privately owned infrastructure, building construction, roadway and parking lot improvements, and land acquisition costs or fees. Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - Land and Water Conservation Fund** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** November 2, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$750,000

**Description:** The Land and Water Conservation Fund awards matching grants to local governments to assist with acquisition, development, renovation, or combination projects for outdoor public recreation. Eligible applicants are North Carolina counties, incorporated municipalities, and federally recognized Native American tribes. LWCF grants can be used for acquisition, development, renovation, and combination projects for outdoor public recreation, and a project must be located on a single site. Applicants may request a maximum grant of \$750,000 with each application and must provide at least a 50 percent match. Applicants must own the park property, and property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance must be used for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Trails Program / N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation - Recreational Trails Program Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** September 4, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$100,000. Minimum of \$10,000.

**Description:** The Recreational Trails Program Grant provides federal grants for trail creation and maintenance through the North Carolina Trails Program. Grants are available to governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations, and the program values trail projects that are legal, safe, managed, and provide connectivity, reasonable public access, and parking. Eligible uses include new trail and greenway construction, trail or greenway renovation, approved trail or greenway facilities and trailhead or trail markers, purchase of tools to construct

or renovate trails, land acquisition for trail purposes, planning/legal/environmental/permitting costs up to 10% of the grant amount, or a combination of eligible uses. The program is a reimbursement and matching grant program, with a \$10,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum, and 25% match requirement for RTP funds received. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources - Guidelines: Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS-EQIP) *NEW!***

**Deadline:** July 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The DWR is authorized to provide grants to local governments for stream restoration projects cost-shared as part of the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Eligible applicants are units of local government and local political subdivisions; non-governmental organizations may participate only as co-applicants partnering with a local government applicant. Stream restoration projects approved for NRCS-EQIP funding by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are eligible for state financial assistance, and a single project consists of all landowners and participants under a single NRCS-approved project contract along a contiguous stretch of stream. Eligible stream practices are those listed in the most recent EQIP/RCPP Guidelines for Natural Stream Channel Work; projects for maintenance or repairs, existing permit requirements or regulatory enforcement actions, nutrient-credit generation, NRCS small watershed projects, compensatory mitigation credits, and most stream debris removal are not eligible. The DWR can provide up to a maximum 1:1 cost-share based on the federal cost estimate of eligible stream restoration practices, and the current spring 2026 application cycle has been extended to July 31, 2026.

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## **N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources - Water Resources Development Grant Program — State & Local Grants *NEW!***

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$200,000

**Description:** The Water Resources Development Grant Program — State & Local Grants provide cost-share funding to local governments for water resources development projects. Eligible purposes include stream restoration, water management, water-based recreation sites, and preliminary feasibility or engineering studies toward implementation of those eligible categories. Eligible applicants are units of local government and local political subdivisions such as municipalities and regional councils of government; nonprofits, universities, watershed associations, private consultants, and other non-governmental organizations may serve as a primary contact or supporter and help administer the grant on behalf of the local government applicant. Applicants are encouraged not to exceed a \$200,000 funding request, or \$50,000 for engineering/feasibility studies; larger awards may be granted on a case-by-case basis, and the

General Assembly placed a 50% cost-share maximum on Water Resources Development Grant awards. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **NC Department of Environmental Quality - Water Resources Development Grant Program**

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$200,000, or \$50,000 for engineering/feasibility studies; larger awards may be granted case-by-case; requires a 50% match

**Description:** This statewide NC DEQ program provides cost-share grants to local governments for stream restoration, water management, water-based recreation sites, and preliminary feasibility or engineering studies tied to those purposes. This opportunity may be relevant to municipalities, regional councils of government, and other local political subdivisions that can bring at least a 50% match, complete a required pre-application consultation, and manage a competitive project with maps, resolutions, and detailed budget documentation. Nonprofits, universities, consultants, and watershed associations can help administer projects, but they cannot be the direct applicant unless they are working on behalf of an eligible local government.

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## **The CO2 Foundation - Reducing the Threats of Extreme Weather Events**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to 100,000; the foundation is open to considering projects outside this range

**Description:** This opportunity supports nonprofit projects that reduce extreme weather threats or prepare communities for the impacts of a rapidly changing climate system. This opportunity may be relevant to 501(c)(3) organizations, or projects with fiscal sponsorship, that are ready to launch a clearly defined conference, research effort, communications project, or pilot implementation activity. The foundation emphasizes projects that bridge scientific insights and diverse community perspectives, share both process and outcomes, and explore how ideas and practices can generate solutions, action, and change across different contexts. LOIs are reviewed on a rolling basis. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure - Emerging Contaminants Study Projects**

**Deadline:** August 1, 2026, November 2, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** \$500,000

**Description:** The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Infrastructure is offering Emerging Contaminants funding, available to local government units, non-profit water corporations and investor-owned drinking water companies for planning or construction projects addressing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in water or wastewater systems. DEQ is utilizing federal funding to help public water systems address PFAS in advance of the EPA's proposed National Drinking Water Regulation. Eligible applicants are local government units and non-profit water or wastewater corporations that provide water

or wastewater service, investor-owned drinking water utilities regulated by the Utilities Commission are also eligible for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and publicly-owned landfills are eligible for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Emerging Contaminants funding. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Land and Water Fund - Donation Mini-Grant Program**

**Deadline:** August 15, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$50,000

**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](#)

## **North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026, October 22, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The NC Department of Commerce's Rural Engagement & Investment unit administers the Rural Reuse & Development Programs, including the Rural Building Reuse and Rural Infrastructure programs, which support local-government-led economic development projects that result in the direct creation of new, full-time, private-sector jobs. The Building Reuse Program supports renovation or upfit of vacant buildings, renovation or expansion of existing business buildings, and renovation, expansion, or construction of certain rural health care facilities. The Rural Infrastructure Program supports publicly owned infrastructure improvements such as drinking water or wastewater treatment plants, public water or sewer

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lines, publicly owned natural gas lines, access roads not funded or owned by NCDOT, and public rail spur improvements. Building Reuse requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match and awards may not exceed one-half of renovation or construction costs, while Rural Infrastructure requires a 5% local cash match. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Healthy Food

### *Federal Grants*

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Grants may cover up to 75%, 55%, 35%, or 15% of eligible project costs depending on rural population and median household income

**Description:** This opportunity includes grant funding for essential community facilities in rural areas through the USDA Community Facilities Program. Grants are available to eligible public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes for projects such as health care facilities, public safety buildings and equipment, community centers, childcare centers, libraries, and other facilities that provide essential local services. Grant funds may be used to purchase, construct, improve, or equip these facilities and may be awarded alone or combined with loan financing. Grant amounts are determined on a graduated scale based on the community's population size and median household income, with the highest-need small rural communities eligible for up to 75% of eligible project costs. Applications are accepted year-round through the North Carolina USDA Rural Development office. [LEARN MORE](#)

### *Foundation Grants*

#### **The Harris & Frances Block Foundation - Grant Proposal**

**Deadline:** 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](#)

#### **Speedway Children's Charities - Charlotte Chapter Grants**

**Deadline:** June 26th, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

## **Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants**

**Deadline:** October 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

## **Speedway Children's Charities - North Wilkesboro Chapter Grants**

**Deadline:** June 26, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Speedway Children's Charities is dedicated to helping our next generation exceed expectations and ensuring every child has the same opportunities, no matter the obstacles they face. They are dedicated to caring for children to help them lead productive lives. 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. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares**

**Deadline:** 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](#)

## Corporate Grants

### Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling, till October 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Albemarle Foundation provides Impact Grants as charitable donations to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, NGOs, or the global equivalent, to support programming of the requesting organization. Funding decisions are made by local Albemarle employees and are based on the community's needs. Grant requests must align with at least one of Albemarle Foundation's strategic pillars, and recipient organizations must offer programming within 50 miles of an Albemarle Corporation location, be a permanent tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organization or non-U.S. equivalent, and be able to provide financial statements from the previous year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Housing

### Federal Grants

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture - Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The USDA Rural Development Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant program provides funding to nonprofits, government organizations, and federally recognized Tribes to oversee local self-help housing construction in rural areas. Grant recipients guide groups of very-low- and low-income families as they work together to build each other's homes, with participating families providing the majority of the construction labor themselves. Funds can be used for technical and supervisory assistance, family recruitment, and loan application support. Applications are accepted year-round through USDA Rural Development's local offices, and eligible rural areas can be verified using the [USDA Eligibility Site](#). [LEARN MORE](#)

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants**

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This USDA Rural Development program funds organizations that help very-low- and low-income families build their own homes together in eligible rural areas through the mutual self-help housing model. Instead of paying for construction materials or labor, the grant supports the nonprofit's technical and supervisory role, including organizing participating families, guiding the build process, and helping families complete related loan applications. This is a strong fit for experienced rural housing nonprofits in North Carolina that already work in affordable homeownership and can manage an intensive hands-on construction support model. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Foundation Grants

#### **RedRover - Safe Housing Grants for Domestic Violence and Animal Organizations**

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$60,000

**Description:** RedRover's Safe Housing grants support nonprofit domestic violence and animal organizations that want to help survivors escape abuse with their pets by building or renovating pet-friendly spaces, creating foster or boarding programs, covering routine or emergency veterinary care, and helping with pet deposits. Applicants must be established organizations and must apply with a required partner organization from the domestic violence or animal

sector, and demonstrate they can launch pet-safe housing services within 12 months. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares**

**Deadline:** 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](#)

## **Corporate Grants**

### **Ferguson Cares - Grant**

**Deadline:** Rolling-basis

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Ferguson Cares provides grant support to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve U.S. communities within the company's geographic footprint. As part of Ferguson's broader sustainability strategy, this program focuses on four key pillars: Affordable Housing, Skilled Trades Workforce Development, Clean Water and Sanitation Access, and initiatives that enhance local economic wellbeing in Ferguson's hometown. The grant program supports impactful partnerships that address social challenges and build long-term community resilience. [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

### **N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Multifamily Recycling Grant** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling, no deadline

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$71,500 per project

**Description:** The Multifamily Recycling Grant program assists with the implementation, expansion, and improvement of multifamily recycling programs in North Carolina and funds projects that help build lasting capacity to recycle traditional household materials from multifamily residences. Eligible applicants include local governments, colleges and universities for off-campus housing, public housing authorities, multifamily property owners or management companies, and recycling businesses or nonprofits that collect and/or haul recyclables from multifamily properties. The maximum amount of grant funding available per project is \$71,500, with no minimum funding requirement; a cash match is required at 10 percent for local governments, colleges and universities, and public housing authorities, and 20 percent for recycling businesses, nonprofits, property owners, and property managers. Grant funds may be used for equipment such as carts, dumpsters, collection vehicles, concrete pads, recycling corrals, and education, as well as positions or labor to manage or implement multifamily programs, but funds may not be used for operational costs such as overhead or recycling collection or processing fees; projects must create new access and/or new recovered tonnage and include an education component. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority - Rural Demolition Program**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$75,000 for buildings 100,000 square feet or less, up to \$150,000 for buildings over 100,000 square feet, and no more than \$12,500 per projected job to be created on the rehabilitated site.

**Description:** The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority – Rural Demolition Program provides grants to units of local government located in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties, or within a rural census tract in a Tier 3 county of North Carolina to demolish blighted, publicly owned buildings for future economic development use. Eligible projects must involve buildings that have been vacant for at least three years, include a minimum 25% local cash match, and demonstrate a reasonable expectation of private-sector investment and job creation after redevelopment. Applicants must own the property proposed for demolition. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Mental Health

### Federal Grants

#### **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Deadline:** June 12, 2026, October 12, 2026, February 12, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** NIH's Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) provides protected time for intensive, supervised research career development for individuals with clinical doctoral degrees. Eligible sponsoring organizations include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, and the candidate must have a clinical doctoral degree, hold a full-time appointment at the academic institution by the time of award, and commit at least 75% of full-time professional effort to the career development program. The award supports mentored research in biomedical, behavioral, and translational research, and applicants may not propose leading an independent clinical trial under this NOFO, though mentored experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor is allowed. The maximum project period is five years. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 05, 2026, October 05, 2026, February 05, 2027, June 05, 2027, October 05, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** NIH's Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) supports studies that identify, develop, or test strategies to overcome barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, spread, or de-implementation of evidence-based interventions in health. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, along with other eligible organization types listed in the NOFO, and applications must fall within the mission of at least one participating NIH Institute or Center. The opportunity supports research in clinical, community, public health, and policy settings, and clinical trials are allowed but not required. Proposed budgets must reflect the actual needs of the project, and the maximum project period is five years. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadline:** June 16, 2026, October 16, 2026, February 16, 2027, June 16, 2027, October 16, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$275,000

**Description:** NIH's Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) supports studies that identify, develop, or test strategies to overcome barriers to the

adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, and spread of evidence-based interventions. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, along with other eligible organization types listed in the NOFO, and applications must fall within the mission of a participating NIH Institute or Center. The award supports dissemination and implementation research in clinical, community, public health, and policy settings, and clinical trials are allowed but not required. The maximum project period is two years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Foundation Grants

### **Davie Community Foundation - Healthcare Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Healthcare Grants from the Davie County Hospital Foundation Fund are awarded once each year to support projects that improve healthcare in Davie County. The selection committee considers initiatives that strengthen wellness and prevention, expand access and awareness, and enhance mental health and behavioral health services. Davie Community Foundation's grant program provides funding for nonprofit organizations that serve Davie County, and organizations that have not previously received a Davie Community Foundation grant must complete an approved grant workshop before applying. [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.

**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](#)

### **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: November 15 2026, full application deadline (if invited): June 15, December 15, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment Health Care Program Grants are focused on priority organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina, including nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, Area Health Education Centers, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities. Competitive proposals align with the program's funding priorities, which include improving access to care for vulnerable populations, advancing maternal and infant health, strengthening mental health services with an emphasis on pediatric care, expanding oral health access, supporting population health, and building the health care workforce. Applicants whose pre-applications align with current priorities may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Pre-applications are set to open 6 weeks before the full application deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **The Duke Endowment - Child & Family Well-Being Grant**

**Deadline:** June 15, 2026, December 15, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment's Child & Family Well-Being Grant funds projects that adopt and sustain evidence-based or evidence-informed models to prevent or treat child abuse and neglect and enhance well-being. Eligible applicants are accredited organizations and other nonprofit groups in North Carolina and South Carolina serving children, youth, and families affected by abuse, neglect, or imminent risk of maltreatment. Applicants must have two years of audited financial statements, and public schools and startups are not eligible. [LEARN MORE](#)

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**Deadline:** June 26, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

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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. [LEARN MORE](#)

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**Deadline:** Applications are reviewed quarterly.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Over \$1,000

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## Mutual Aid

### Foundation Grants

#### Community Foundation of Henderson County Community - CFHC Community Grants

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026, December 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

#### RedRover - Safe Housing Grants for Domestic Violence and Animal Organizations

**Deadline:** September 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$60,000

**Description:** RedRover's Safe Housing grants support nonprofit domestic violence and animal organizations that want to help survivors escape abuse with their pets by building or renovating pet-friendly spaces, creating foster or boarding programs, covering routine or emergency veterinary care, and helping with pet deposits. Applicants must be established organizations and must apply with a required partner organization from the domestic violence or animal sector, and demonstrate they can launch pet-safe housing services within 12 months. [LEARN MORE](#)

### Corporate Grants

#### J.B. Hunt - Company Giving **NEW!**

**Deadline:** December 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** J.B. Hunt, as part of its giving strategy, provides financial support for projects across four pillars: health care, veterans' support, education, and crisis management. The Company's Giving Eligibility page lists eligible organizations as 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, religious organizations, government agencies, and civic, youth, and veterans groups. J.B. Hunt gives both nationally and locally. All requests and proposals for funding are accepted in the month of December for consideration in the following calendar year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Oral Health

### *Foundation Grants*

#### **The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants**

**Deadline:** Pre-application deadlines: May 15, November 15 2026, full application deadlines (if invited): June 15, December 15, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment Health Care Program Grants are focused on priority organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina, including nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, Area Health Education Centers, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities. Competitive proposals align with the program's funding priorities, which include improving access to care for vulnerable populations, advancing maternal and infant health, strengthening mental health services with an emphasis on pediatric care, expanding oral health access, supporting population health, and building the health care workforce. Applicants whose pre-applications align with current priorities may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Pre-applications are set to open 6 weeks before the full application deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Workforce Development

### Federal Grants

#### U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - FY 2026 Tech Youth Program *NEW!*

**Deadline:** July 6, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Approximately \$1,100,000

**Description:** The FY 2026 Tech Youth Program is a new three-week, U.S.-based youth exchange that will equip young innovators with technical, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills to lead effectively and succeed in emerging industries. The program will support approximately 96 American and international participants, including approximately 72 English-speaking international high school students and 24 U.S. high school students, through pre-exchange activities, a summer 2027 U.S.-based exchange, post-exchange alumni engagement, and required capstone projects addressing real-world economic and business challenges. Program activities will include AI education and literacy, a technology camp, job shadowing, mentorships, site visits to U.S. companies, meetings with industry leaders, cultural activities, homestays with American families, and a short Washington, D.C. visit. Eligible applicants include U.S. not-for-profit organizations and U.S. not-for-profit public and private educational institutions. Applicants must demonstrate at least four years of experience conducting international exchanges. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - FY26 U.S. Creative Tech Exchange *NEW!*

**Deadline:** July 6, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Approximately \$1,320,000

**Description:** The FY26 U.S. Creative Tech Exchange is a new international arts exchange program that connects U.S. creative professionals and technologists with international peers working at the intersection of the arts and emerging technologies, especially artificial intelligence. ECA will award one U.S.-based nonprofit or educational organization approximately \$1,320,000 to design and implement the program in close coordination with ECA and U.S. embassies. The program will support up to 30 early- and mid-career creative professionals ages 19+ through short-term, hands-on activities such as collaborative labs, fellowships, workshops, mentorship, industry placements, and public showcases. Eligible applicants include U.S. not-for-profit organizations and U.S. not-for-profit public and private educational institutions, and applicants must demonstrate at least four years of experience conducting international exchanges. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) — Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$100,000; at least 15 percent match required.

**Description:** USDA Rural Development's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program offers grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations that provide technical assistance to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Eligible applicants are nonprofits, federally recognized Tribes, and institutions of higher education that function as MDOs. The funded service area must be rural under the program's definition, generally rural areas outside cities or towns, with populations of fewer than 50,000 residents. Applications are submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office where the project is located. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Occupational Safety and Health Training Project Grants**

**Deadline:** October 29, 2026, October 28, 2027, October 24, 2028

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Undergraduate Programs may request up to \$50,000/year. | Graduate Programs may request up to \$150,000/year. | Occupational Medicine Residency Programs may request up to \$250,000/year. | Budget requests for non-academic training programs may vary.

**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. See NOFO for eligibility criteria.

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## **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 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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## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Deadline:** June 12, 2026, October 12, 2026, February 12, 2027

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** NIH's Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed) provides protected time for intensive, supervised research career development for individuals with clinical doctoral degrees. Eligible sponsoring organizations include nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, and the candidate must have a clinical doctoral degree, hold a full-time appointment at the academic institution by the time of award, and commit at least 75% of full-time professional effort to the career development program. The award supports mentored research in biomedical, behavioral, and translational research, and applicants may not propose leading an independent clinical trial under this NOFO, though mentored experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor is allowed. The maximum project period is five years. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Office of Naval Research (ONR) - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Workforce Program**

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This grant opportunity supports STEM education initiatives that strengthen learning, expand participation, and build the future STEM workforce in areas relevant to the Navy. Priority activities include developing learners' STEM knowledge and interest, encouraging

students to pursue STEM credentials and careers, providing research and growth opportunities for college and graduate students, improving STEM educator quality, and expanding institutional capacity to support STEM fields. The program is intended for education and workforce development efforts rather than research projects, except where research is primarily educational in purpose and not expected to generate intellectual property. Applications may be submitted by academia, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations, with awards issued as grants or cooperative agreements, depending on the level of federal involvement. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Foundation Grants

### Golden LEAF Foundation - Open Grants

**Deadline:** June 25, 2026, August 20, 2026, 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:** Unspecified Amount

**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](#)

## **Truist Foundation - Building career pathways to economic mobility**

**Deadline:** July 31, 2026, November 30, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Minimum grant is \$15,000

**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, and 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

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified Amount

**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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## **The L.B. Research and Education Foundation - Education & Health Grants**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**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](#)

## The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants

**Deadline:** Pre-application deadlines: November 15 2026 | Full application deadlines (if invited): June 15, December 15, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Duke Endowment Health Care Program Grants are focused on priority organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina, including nonprofit hospitals, academic health centers, Area Health Education Centers, select organizations in counties without an eligible hospital, and nonprofit inpatient facilities. Competitive proposals align with the program's funding priorities, which include improving access to care for vulnerable populations, advancing maternal and infant health, strengthening mental health services with an emphasis on pediatric care, expanding oral health access, supporting population health, and building the health care workforce. Applicants whose pre-applications align with current priorities may be invited to submit a full application in the same cycle. Pre-applications are set to open 6 weeks before the full application deadline. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Corporate Grants

### Ferguson Cares - Grant

**Deadline:** Rolling-basis

**Award Amount/ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** Ferguson Cares provides grant support to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve U.S. communities within the company's geographic footprint. As part of Ferguson's broader sustainability strategy, this program focuses on four key pillars: Affordable Housing, Skilled Trades Workforce Development, Clean Water and Sanitation Access, and initiatives that enhance local economic wellbeing in Ferguson's hometown. The grant program supports impactful partnerships that address social challenges and build long-term community resilience.

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## **Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** Rolling, till October 31, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Albemarle Foundation provides Impact Grants as charitable donations to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, NGOs, or the global equivalent, to support programming of the requesting organization. Funding decisions are made by local Albemarle employees and are based on the community's needs. Grant requests must align with at least one of Albemarle Foundation's strategic pillars, and recipient organizations must offer programming within 50 miles of an Albemarle Corporation location, be a permanent tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organization or non-U.S. equivalent, and be able to provide financial statements from the previous year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Toyota Battery Manufacturing North Carolina (TBMNC) - Grant Program**

**Deadline:** October 1, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** This Toyota facility-based giving opportunity is a strong local fit for nonprofits, state or municipal organizations, and public schools serving Guilford and Randolph counties in North Carolina, where Toyota Battery Manufacturing, North Carolina is located. Toyota's published priorities emphasize long-term, sustainable impact for under-resourced communities, with especially strong signals around STEM/STEAM education, workforce readiness, and student-support strategies that help build the future local talent pipeline. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Vulcan Foundation - Charitable Projects**

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The Vulcan Foundation supports community-serving projects in places where Vulcan operates, with published priorities centered on working with schools, supporting environmental stewardship, and encouraging employee involvement. Nonprofits or public-school-serving organizations in a Vulcan community that can show clear local benefit may apply, especially if the proposal touches more than one of those focus areas. Proposals submitted to the Foundation should be sent directly to the charitable contributions officer in the appropriate geographical area. Requests are considered throughout the year. [LEARN MORE](#)

## State Government Grants

### **N.C. Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division - Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program** *NEW!*

**Deadline:** June 30, 2026.

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Up to \$1 million

**Description:** The Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program is a \$55 million fund designed to help local governments and small businesses impacted by Hurricane Helene rebuild and repair critical infrastructure, restore and resume functions and operations, and support economic recovery and sustainability. Eligible applicants are North Carolina cities and counties impacted by Hurricane Helene and designated under a major disaster declaration, with special consideration for local governments in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties. Grants must be used by local governments to address qualifying infrastructure needs damaged by Hurricane Helene that adversely affect access to, or operations of, identified small businesses that employ 150 or fewer employees; eligible infrastructure may include water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, high-speed broadband, electric utility, and sidewalk and curb infrastructure. Eligible expenses may include planning, material, labor, and administration for public infrastructure improvements, while ineligible expenses include improvements to privately owned infrastructure, building construction, roadway and parking lot improvements, and land acquisition costs or fees. Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026, October 22, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Unspecified amount

**Description:** The NC Department of Commerce's Rural Engagement & Investment unit administers the Rural Reuse & Development Programs, including the Rural Building Reuse and Rural Infrastructure programs, which support local-government-led economic development projects that result in the direct creation of new, full-time, private-sector jobs. The Building Reuse Program supports renovation or upfit of vacant buildings, renovation or expansion of existing business buildings, and renovation, expansion, or construction of certain rural health care facilities. The Rural Infrastructure Program supports publicly owned infrastructure improvements such as drinking water or wastewater treatment plants, public water or sewer lines, publicly owned natural gas lines, access roads not funded or owned by NCDOT, and public rail spur improvements. Building Reuse requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match and awards may not exceed one-half of renovation or construction costs, while Rural Infrastructure

requires a 5% local cash match. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority - Rural Building Reuse Program**

**Deadline:** June 18, 2026, August 20, 2026

**Award Amount/Ceiling:** Grant awards may not exceed one-half of renovation and/or construction costs and require a dollar-for-dollar cash match equal to the grant request amount.

**Description:** The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Rural Building Reuse Program supports building improvements led by local governments that create new, full-time private-sector jobs in eligible rural areas of North Carolina. Funding may support vacant building renovation, existing business expansion, or the renovation, expansion, or construction of licensed rural health care facilities. Eligible applicants are units of local government, with projects limited to Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties or rural census tracts in Tier 3 counties, and subject to category-specific requirements, job-creation expectations, and matching fund requirements.

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