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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

National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases - NIH Optimal Treatment Strategies for use of Anti-Obesity Medications in Children and Adolescents Clinical Centers
Deadline: October 9, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $1,000,000
Description: This NOFO invites applications from clinical centers to participate in a consortium to test anti-obesity medication (AOM) treatment strategies for youth with obesity that maximize benefits and minimize risks of AOM use. Intervention strategies should support healthy growth and development, adequate nutritional status/intake, healthy eating and physical activity behaviors, mental health and well-being, and quality of life. The NOFO will only support therapeutic clinical trials, and medications tested under this NOFO must be FDA approved or have an Investigational New Drug approval or exemption for the use of the medication for obesity in children or adolescents. Eligible organizations include nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status, nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status, higher education institutions, for-profit organizations, local governments, faith-based or community-based organizations, and regional organizations. LEARN MORE

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

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

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 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 are 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: 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. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 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: Rolling
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

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

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

Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares
Deadline: Rolling
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

DAV Charitable Service Trust - DAV Charitable Service Trust Grant
Deadline: October 30, 2026

Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust is dedicated to empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. The grant program supports not-for-profit organizations that fulfill a need or array of needs for sick, wounded, homeless, or at-risk United States veterans and their families. All applicants must be operational and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as tax-exempt. Application cycles will open and close yearly on the first and last business days of January, April, July, and October. LEARN MORE

The Wilson Foundation - Grants *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: The Wilson Foundation provides community and humanitarian support in social services, education, health, arts and humanities, and the environment. Applicants submit a written request by letter or email and include an IRS determination letter documenting the agency's tax-exempt status; proposals involving multi-year obligations or continuing operating budgets are not funded. Most grants have been awarded to agencies in the Iredell County area, and the Foundation states that preference is given to North Carolina applicants. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Biotechnology Center - Flash Grants, FY27 Cycle 2 *NEW!*
Deadline: October 21, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $37,500
Description: The North Carolina Biotechnology Center's FY27 Cycle 2 Flash Grant supports short research projects involving New Approach Methodologies, including human-derived organoids, organ-on-a-chip technologies, microphysiological systems, high-throughput cell-based screening, ex vivo human tissues, and other model systems used to examine mechanisms, safety, efficacy, or toxicity for human disease. North Carolina universities and nonprofit research institutions are eligible to apply. The PI must meet the program's faculty or research-faculty requirements, and project-related intellectual property must remain held by the university or nonprofit research institution at the time of submission. Proposals primarily focused on AI or in silico approaches are strongly discouraged, and consumer products and mobile apps are not supported. LEARN MORE

Corporate Grants

J.B. Hunt - Company Giving
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 such 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
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
Deadline: 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
Deadline: Rolling
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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at least one month in advance of their event or project. 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

Abbott - Medical Device Charitable Grant Program
Deadline: Rolling
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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply at least 60 days prior to their event. LEARN MORE

Oriental Trading Company - Donation Request Form
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Together with its national and community partners, the Oriental Trading Corporate Giving program strives to enhance the enrichment of the lives of children through education, youth programming, healthcare and human services. Oriental Trading Company supports organizations and programs in the following areas: Education, Youth, Healthcare, and Human Services. To be eligible under the Oriental Trading Corporate Giving Program, organizations must have a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or be a public school, college or university operated exclusively for public purposes. LEARN MORE

Wells Fargo - Heritage Home Group Charitable Trust *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: The Heritage Home Group Charitable Trust funds charitable programs serving communities in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, and Randolph counties in North Carolina, with program areas including education, health, human services, arts and culture, environment and animals, public benefit, religion, and international affairs. North Carolina nonprofits may apply for programs they directly administer that support charitable needs in the named counties; proposals designed to redistribute the grant funds to other organizations normally are not funded. LEARN MORE

Capacity Building

Federal Grants

U.S. National Science Foundation - NSF Pathways to Enable Secure Open-Source Ecosystems (PESOSE)
Deadline: March 2, 2027
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $1,500,000
Description: The Pathways to Enable Secure Open-Source Ecosystems program supports the translation of open-source science and engineering-focused research products into safe and sustainable ecosystems that address national and societal challenges. PESOSE supports the creation of managing organizations for these ecosystems and enhancements to the safety, security, and privacy of Open-Source Ecosystems. The solicitation seeks proposals to scope and plan the establishment of an OSE, establish and expand a sustainable OSE, or improve the safety, security, and privacy of an existing OSE and its products. Eligible proposers include non-profit, non-academic organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, For-profit organizations, State and Local Governments, Tribal Nations, and eligible Other Federal Agencies and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers. LEARN MORE

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants
Deadline: Rolling
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. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

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: 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: October 22, 2026; December 24, 2026; February 18, 2027
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: Rolling
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 with 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. LEARN MORE

Truist Foundation - Building Career Pathways to Economic Mobility
Deadline: 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

Enbridge Gas - Giving Program
Deadline: November 15, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Enbridge Gas directs community investments to communities that fall within its service areas including Enbridge Gas regions in North Carolina. The program is guided by three focus areas: safe communities, vibrant communities, and sustainable communities. Enbridge Gas considers opportunities that are important to the local community, benefit the greatest number of people, support the community’s long-term interests, and align with one of its core focus areas. Organizations must apply through Enbridge Gas’ Benevity application. Before applying, organizations should ensure they are registered with Benevity and have Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) set up as a disbursement option. LEARN MORE

Goldman Sachs Foundation - 10,000 Small Businesses
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is an investment in the growth of small businesses. This opportunity helps entrepreneurs create jobs and economic opportunity by providing access to education, capital and support services. Participants gain practical skills to take their businesses to the next level, access financial capital, and receive support from a network of trained professionals. The program is 100% funded by the Goldman Sachs Foundation – $0 cost to participants, and applicants must be an owner or co-owner of the business, have been operating at least two years, have revenue of $75K or more in one of the

past two fiscal years, and have at least two employees, including yourself as the owner. LEARN MORE

Piedmont Electric Cooperative - Helping Hand Foundation Charitable Request Form
Deadline: Oct. 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Piedmont Electric Cooperative established the Helping Hand Foundation as a way to give back to the communities in which they live and serve. The foundation aims to help individuals in need with energy assistance while also supporting local nonprofits, scholarships for students, grants for teachers and other projects. Organizations must operate within the foundation's service areas and have beneficiaries that reside within Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange or Person counties. Prohibited funding purposes include religious activities, lobbying or political activity, fraternal or labor organization, fundraising efforts, national fund drives, or advertising. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed on a quarterly basis. LEARN MORE

Local Government Grants

Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Long Term Unappropriated Fund Grant
Deadline: Not Specified
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
Deadline: Rolling
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. Applications for this program are accepted year-round. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

Truist Foundation - Truist Grant Opportunity
Deadline: November 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum of $15,000
Description: The Truist Foundation funds 501(c)(3) nonprofits working in two focus areas: building career pathways to economic mobility for adults age 18 and older, and strengthening small businesses through access to capital, technical assistance, and ecosystem support. The foundation supports sustainable, non-recurring needs such as new program launches, curriculum development, equipment, and capital campaigns (the latter only once 60% of fundraising goals are secured). LEARN MORE

Cannon Charitable Interests - Grant Inquiries
Deadline: Rolling
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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are due quarterly in March, June, September or December. LEARN MORE

Fidelity Foundation - Capacity Building Grants
Deadline: Rolling
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 with 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. 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

The Hearst Foundation - Culture Grant
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum grant size is $100,000
Description: The Hearst Foundation's 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. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Biotechnology Center - Innovation Impact Grant (IIG) *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $30,000 to $150,000
Description: The North Carolina Biotechnology Center Innovation Impact Grant funds the purchase of shared-use research equipment for core facilities at academic and nonprofit research institutions in North Carolina. Applicants must have a permanent, full-time core facility director or faculty member serving as PI, and requested equipment must be integrated into an existing core facility or used to establish a new core facility. Applicants must request at least

$30,000 and up to $150,000, with requests from the five identified R1 institutions requiring a minimum 20% cash match and requests from all other NC institutions requiring a minimum 10% cash match. LEARN MORE

Corporate Grants

GameTime - Community Champions Playground Grant
Deadline: October 23, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum of $75,000
Description: GameTime, for a limited time, is offering matching funds toward the purchase of a new play system. These matching funds can help parks, schools, nonprofits, and youth organizations move a playground project forward with more buying power. Matching funds may be applied toward eligible GameTime play systems, and communities may select from featured eligible systems or work with a local GameTime representative to design a play system that meets specific site needs and funding requirements. Up to 100% matching funds may be available for qualifying play systems over $75,000, with payment in full. LEARN MORE

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
Deadline: 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

Deadline: Not Specified
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

State Government Grants

N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Multifamily Recycling Grant
Deadline: Rolling
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
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 Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure - Emerging Contaminants Study Projects
Deadline: 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 Containments funding. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)
Deadline: October 22, 2026, January 7, 2027, February 22, 2027, April 29, 2027
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 the renovation or the 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

NC Department of Commerce - Renew NC Multi-Family Construction and Repair Program: Non-LIHTC *NEW!*
Deadline: November 2, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $500,000 to $15,000,000
Description: This funding opportunity is designed to increase the availability of safe and sanitary affordable rental housing in areas affected by Hurricane Helene. The program is intended to serve multi-family rental properties with five or more rental units, including the rehabilitation or development and construction of new rental housing stock that does not qualify for or receive Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) under the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's (NCHFA) Qualified Allocation Plan. Eligible applicants include nonprofit

housing developers, public housing authorities, local governments, for-profit developers, and qualifying joint ventures with demonstrated capacity to develop and operate publicly funded affordable housing. Projects must be located in an eligible HUD- or State-identified Most Impacted and Distressed area, demonstrate a clear connection to the impacts of Hurricane Helene, and be covered by a minimum 20-year affordability and restrictive use period. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority - Rural Demolition Program *NEW!*
Deadline: October 22, 2026; January 7, 2027; February 22, 2027; April 29, 2027
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

Early Childhood

Federal Grants

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Advancement and Innovation in Measurement of Language Development and Predictors
Deadline: 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; Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development - Novel Experiential Technologies Assisting Individual Learning (NExT AI) Hubs
Deadline: October 2, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $390,000 in direct costs per year
Description: The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites exploratory research grant applications from universities, nonprofits, and other eligible organizations to study how AI technologies affect learning and development in children ages birth to 18 who have or are at risk for specific learning disabilities (SLDs) in reading, writing, and mathematics. Each funded "Hub" must include a Research Project and a Leadership Core, with an emphasis on transdisciplinary collaboration, early career researcher development, and community-engaged research. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

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

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: 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: Rolling
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

North Carolina Community Foundation - HCWGMW Endowment *NEW!*
Deadline: October 13, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: The North Carolina Community Foundation's HCWGMW Endowment supports nonprofits, local governments (including public schools), religious entities, and fire and rescue departments working on youth development and breaking the cycle of poverty for young people in Camden, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties. Applications are submitted through NCCF's Grant Application Portal using the access code listed in the application instructions. LEARN MORE

Corporate Grants

GameTime - Community Champions Playground Grant
Deadline: October 23, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum of $75,000
Description: GameTime, for a limited time, is offering matching funds toward the purchase of a new play system. These matching funds can help parks, schools, nonprofits, and youth organizations move a playground project forward with more buying power. Matching funds may be applied toward eligible GameTime play systems, and communities may select from featured eligible systems or work with a local GameTime representative to design a play system that meets specific site needs and funding requirements. Up to 100% matching funds may be available for qualifying play systems over $75,000, with payment in full. LEARN MORE

Brooks Brothers - Request A Donation
Deadline: Rolling
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.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at least one month in advance of their event or project. 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

Oriental Trading Company - Donation Request Form
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Together with its national and community partners, the Oriental Trading Corporate Giving program strives to enhance the enrichment of the lives of children through education, youth programming, healthcare and human services. Oriental Trading Company supports organizations and programs in the following areas: Education, Youth, Healthcare, and Human Services. To be eligible under the Oriental Trading Corporate Giving Program, organizations must have a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or be a public school, college or university operated exclusively for public purposes. LEARN MORE

Healthy Communities

Federal Grants

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - NIH Research Project Grant
Deadline: 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: 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: 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: Rolling
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: Rolling
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: Rolling
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

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 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 are 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: 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. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
Deadline: 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: Rolling
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 Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares
Deadline: Rolling
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

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. Organizational summaries can be submitted any time of year. LEARN MORE

Golden LEAF Foundation - Open Grants
Deadline: October 22, 2026; December 24, 2026; February 18, 2027
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 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

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: 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 Foundation's 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. 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

Piedmont Electric Cooperative - Helping Hand Foundation Charitable Request Form
Deadline: Oct. 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Piedmont Electric Cooperative established the Helping Hand Foundation as a way to give back to the communities in which they live and serve. The foundation aims to help individuals in need with energy assistance while also supporting local nonprofits, scholarships for students, grants for teachers and other projects. Organizations must operate within the foundation's service areas and have beneficiaries that reside within Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange or Person counties. Prohibited funding purposes include religious activities, lobbying or political activity, fraternal or labor organization, fundraising efforts, national fund drives, or advertising. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed on a quarterly basis. 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

American Camp Association - Character at Camp Planning Grant *NEW!*
Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $50,000
Description: The Character at Camp Planning Grant supports U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charities and government or municipal nonprofits that currently operate day and/or overnight camp programs in the U.S. that want to build capacity before launching a full character-development program or project. Funds may support activities such as strategic planning, evaluating current offerings, staff training, and relationship-building with potential partners, with

the goal of preparing a strong Implementation Grant application the following year. Organizations may request up to $50,000 for a one-year Planning Grant. LEARN MORE

American Camp Association - Character at Camp Implementation Grant *NEW!*
Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $300,000
Description: The Character at Camp Planning Grant supports 501(c)(3) or government/municipal nonprofits that currently operate day and/or overnight camp programs that have a specific character-development program or project ready to implement starting January 2027. Eligible activities include starting, enhancing, expanding, or celebrating character-focused programming such as curricula, staff training, evaluation efforts, or communications campaigns. Both individual applications (single organization, including multi-site programs) and joint applications are accepted. Organizations may request up to $300,000 for a three-year Implementation Grant and up to $200,000 for a two-year Implementation Grant. LEARN MORE

American Camp Association - Character at Camp Network Implementation Grant *NEW!*
Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $300,000
Description: The American Camp Association Character at Camp Planning Grant supports 501(c)(3) or government/municipal network organizations that serve as the central coordinating body for six or more camp organizations or programs, aimed at implementing a coordinated, character-focused program or project with their on-site teams.. Grant funds can be used for activities and/or personnel to support activities such as implementing character-focused programs or curricula across participating camps, building staff capacity through training and professional development, strengthening the network through shared learning and dissemination of best practices, convening participating organizations for collaboration, supporting project coordination and partner engagement, and conducting evaluation and continuous improvement efforts. Applicants may request up to $300,000 for a three-year Network Implementation Grant. LEARN MORE

The Wilson Foundation - Grants *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount.
Description: The Wilson Foundation provides community and humanitarian support in social services, education, health, arts and humanities, and the environment. Applicants submit a written request by letter or email and include an IRS determination letter documenting the agency's tax-exempt status; proposals involving multi-year obligations or continuing operating budgets are not funded. Most grants have been awarded to agencies in the Iredell County area, and the Foundation states that preference is given to North Carolina applicants. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Community Foundation - HCWGMW Endowment *NEW!*
Deadline: October 13, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount

Description: The North Carolina Community Foundation's HCWGMW Endowment supports nonprofits, local governments (including public schools), religious entities, and fire and rescue departments working on youth development and breaking the cycle of poverty for young people in Camden, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties. Applications are submitted through NCCF's Grant Application Portal using the access code listed in the application instructions. LEARN MORE

American Psychological Foundation - Direct Action Visionary Grants *NEW!*
Deadline: October 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $60,000
Description: The American Psychological Foundation's Direct Action Visionary Grants fund evidence-based psychological interventions and resources that directly address community needs by prioritizing projects that focus on serving marginalized communities, ending prejudice and stigma, preventing violence, and exploring mind-body health connections. Projects may include implementation and evaluation of established interventions, community outreach using evidence-based psychological approaches, and translation of psychological knowledge into accessible resources; institutional indirect, administrative, and overhead costs are not permitted. North Carolina nonprofit organizations are eligible when they meet APF's institutional requirements and demonstrate capacity to conduct the work. Applicants are not required to be psychologists or mental health professionals but must include an expert in the relevant evidence-based psychological intervention or resource throughout the funding period. LEARN MORE

Corporate Grants

Stantec - Community Engagement Funding
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Stantec invests in initiatives that strengthen the places where people live and work through four core focus areas: arts, education, wellness, and environmental sustainability. The company considers one funding request per charity each year, and applications are reviewed based on its funding guidelines and Community Engagement Program priorities. Stantec has office locations throughout North Carolina, including Charlotte, Asheville, Winston-Salem, and Raleigh. LEARN MORE

GameTime - Community Champions Playground Grant
Deadline: October 23, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Minimum of $75,000
Description: GameTime, for a limited time, is offering matching funds toward the purchase of a new play system. These matching funds can help parks, schools, nonprofits, and youth organizations move a playground project forward with more buying power. Matching funds may be applied toward eligible GameTime play systems, and communities may select from featured eligible systems or work with a local GameTime representative to design a play system that

meets specific site needs and funding requirements. Up to 100% matching funds may be available for qualifying play systems over $75,000, with payment in full. LEARN MORE

SC Johnson - Grants
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: SC Johnson states that its primary corporate giving focus is on institutions or organizations that serve or directly affect communities where they have operations. SC Johnson's giving areas are A Healthier World, A More Sustainable World, and A World with More Opportunity. For U.S. grants, an organization must be a registered, qualified tax-exempt, section 501(c)(3) charity based in the United States, or a government entity such as a school, library, or public agency. LEARN MORE

Ferguson Cares - Grant
Deadline: Rolling
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

J.B. Hunt - Company Giving
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 such 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
Deadline: 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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from January 1st to October 31st. LEARN MORE

BioMarin - Grants
Deadline: 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
Deadline: Rolling
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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply at least one month in advance of their event or project. LEARN MORE

Enbridge Gas - Giving Program
Deadline: November 15, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Enbridge Gas directs community investments to communities that fall within its service areas including Enbridge Gas regions in North Carolina. The program is guided by three focus areas: safe communities, vibrant communities, and sustainable communities. Enbridge Gas considers opportunities that are important to the local community, benefit the greatest number of people, support the community's long-term interests, and align with one of its core focus areas. Organizations must apply through Enbridge Gas' Benevity application. Before applying, organizations should ensure they are registered with Benevity and have Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) set up as a disbursement option. LEARN MORE

Oriental Trading Company - Donation Request Form
Deadline: Rolling

Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Together with its national and community partners, the Oriental Trading Corporate Giving program strives to enhance the enrichment of the lives of children through education, youth programming, healthcare and human services. Oriental Trading Company supports organizations and programs in the following areas: Education, Youth, Healthcare, and Human Services. To be eligible under the Oriental Trading Corporate Giving Program, organizations must have a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or be a public school, college or university operated exclusively for public purposes. LEARN MORE

Piedmont Electric Cooperative - Helping Hand Foundation Charitable Request Form
Deadline: October 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Piedmont Electric Cooperative established the Helping Hand Foundation as a way to give back to the communities in which they live and serve. The foundation aims to help individuals in need with energy assistance while also supporting local nonprofits, scholarships for students, grants for teachers and other projects. Organizations must operate within the foundation's service areas and have beneficiaries that reside within Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange or Person counties. Prohibited funding purposes include religious activities, lobbying or political activity, fraternal or labor organization, fundraising efforts, national fund drives, or advertising. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed on a quarterly basis. LEARN MORE

Wells Fargo - Heritage Home Group Charitable Trust *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: The Heritage Home Group Charitable Trust funds charitable programs serving communities in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, and Randolph counties in North Carolina, with program areas including education, health, human services, arts and culture, environment and animals, public benefit, religion, and international affairs. North Carolina nonprofits may apply for programs they directly administer that support charitable needs in the named counties; proposals designed to redistribute the grant funds to other organizations normally are not funded. LEARN MORE

Local Government Grants

Dare County Tourism Board / Outer Banks Visitors Bureau - Tourism Impact Grant
Deadline: 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
Deadline: Not Specified
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

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

The City of Hickory - CRC Project Grants *NEW!*
Deadline: September 28, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: The Hickory Community Relations Council provides project grants to support programs that promote positive human relationships, equal opportunity, conflict resolution, and improved relationships among culturally diverse groups in Hickory. Eligible applicants include churches, schools, institutions, 501(c)(3) organizations, other tax-exempt organizations, and qualifying nonprofit groups without formal tax-exempt status. Projects must serve City of Hickory residents, with priority given to activities that positively affect human relations, bring together diverse populations, and provide direct services or resources. Funds cannot be used for salaries, facility construction, political purposes, or programs promoting a particular religious point of view. LEARN MORE

State Government Grants

N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Multifamily Recycling Grant
Deadline: Rolling
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
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

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: 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 Containments funding. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)
Deadline: October 22, 2026, January 7, 2027, February 22, 2027, April 29, 2027
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 the renovation or the 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

Healthy Food

Federal Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
Deadline: Rolling
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

Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants
Deadline: October 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified Amount
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Community Support Grants Program - Amcor Cares
Deadline: Rolling
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
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Housing

Federal Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants
Deadline: Rolling
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

Foundation Grants

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DAV Charitable Service Trust - DAV Charitable Service Trust Grant
Deadline: October 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust is dedicated to empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. The grant program supports not-for-profit organizations that fulfill a need or array of needs for sick, wounded, homeless, or at-risk United States veterans and their families. All applicants must be operational and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as tax-exempt. Application cycles will open and close yearly on the first and last business days of January, April, July, and October. LEARN MORE

Corporate Grants

Ferguson Cares - Grant
Deadline: Rolling
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

State Government Grants

N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Multifamily Recycling Grant
Deadline: Rolling
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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

NC Department of Commerce - Renew NC Multi-Family Construction and Repair Program: Non-LIHTC *NEW!*
Deadline: November 2, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $500,000 to $15,000,000
Description: This funding opportunity is designed to increase the availability of safe and sanitary affordable rental housing in areas affected by Hurricane Helene. The program is intended to serve multi-family rental properties with five or more rental units, including the rehabilitation or development and construction of new rental housing stock that does not qualify for or receive Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) under the North Carolina Housing

Finance Agency's (NCHFA) Qualified Allocation Plan. Eligible applicants include nonprofit housing developers, public housing authorities, local governments, for-profit developers, and qualifying joint ventures with demonstrated capacity to develop and operate publicly funded affordable housing. Projects must be located in an eligible HUD- or State-identified Most Impacted and Distressed area, demonstrate a clear connection to the impacts of Hurricane Helene, and be covered by a minimum 20-year affordability and restrictive use period. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority - Rural Demolition Program *NEW!*
Deadline: October 22, 2026; January 7, 2027; February 22, 2027; April 29, 2027
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: 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: 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 are 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: 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

National Institutes of Health; Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development - Novel Experiential Technologies Assisting Individual Learning (NExT AI) Hubs
Deadline: October 2, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $390,000 in direct costs per year
Description: The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites exploratory research grant applications from universities, nonprofits, and other eligible organizations to study how AI technologies affect learning and development in children ages birth to 18 who have or are at risk for specific learning disabilities (SLDs) in reading, writing, and mathematics. Each funded "Hub" must include a Research Project and a Leadership Core, with an emphasis on transdisciplinary collaboration, early career researcher development, and community-engaged research. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

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: 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: Rolling
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

DAV Charitable Service Trust - DAV Charitable Service Trust Grant
Deadline: October 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust is dedicated to empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. The grant program supports not-for-profit organizations that fulfill a need or array of needs for sick, wounded, homeless, or at-risk United States veterans and their families. All applicants must be operational and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as tax-exempt. Application cycles will open and close yearly on the first and last business days of January, April, July, and October. LEARN MORE

American Psychological Foundation - Direct Action Visionary Grants *NEW!*
Deadline: October 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $60,000
Description: The American Psychological Foundation's Direct Action Visionary Grants fund evidence-based psychological interventions and resources that directly address community needs by prioritizing projects that focus on serving marginalized communities, ending prejudice and stigma, preventing violence, and exploring mind-body health connections. Projects may include implementation and evaluation of established interventions, community outreach using evidence-based psychological approaches, and translation of psychological knowledge into accessible resources; institutional indirect, administrative, and overhead costs are not permitted. North Carolina nonprofit organizations are eligible when they meet APF's institutional requirements and demonstrate capacity to conduct the work. Applicants are not required to be psychologists or mental health professionals but must include an expert in the relevant evidence-based psychological intervention or resource throughout the funding period. LEARN MORE

Mutual Aid

Foundation Grants

Community Foundation of Henderson County Community - CFHC Community Grants
Deadline: 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

Corporate Grants

J.B. Hunt - Company Giving
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 such 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

Piedmont Electric Cooperative - Helping Hand Foundation Charitable Request Form
Deadline: Oct. 31, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Piedmont Electric Cooperative established the Helping Hand Foundation as a way to give back to the communities in which they live and serve. The foundation aims to help individuals in need with energy assistance while also supporting local nonprofits, scholarships for students, grants for teachers and other projects. Organizations must operate within the foundation's service areas and have beneficiaries that reside within Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange or Person counties. Prohibited funding purposes include religious activities, lobbying or political activity, fraternal or labor organization, fundraising efforts, national fund drives, or advertising. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed on a quarterly basis. LEARN MORE

Oral Health

Foundation Grants

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 Wilson Foundation - Grants *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount.
Description: The Wilson Foundation provides community and humanitarian support in social services, education, health, arts and humanities, and the environment. Applicants submit a written request by letter or email and include an IRS determination letter documenting the agency's tax-exempt status; proposals involving multi-year obligations or continuing operating budgets are not funded. Most grants have been awarded to agencies in the Iredell County area, and the Foundation states that preference is given to North Carolina applicants. LEARN MORE

Workforce Development

Federal Grants

U.S. National Science Foundation - NSF Pathways to Enable Secure Open-Source Ecosystems (PESOSE)
Deadline: March 2, 2027
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $1,500,000
Description: The Pathways to Enable Secure Open-Source Ecosystems program supports the translation of open-source science and engineering-focused research products into safe and sustainable ecosystems that address national and societal challenges. PESOSE supports the creation of managing organizations for these ecosystems and enhancements to the safety, security, and privacy of Open-Source Ecosystems. The solicitation seeks proposals to scope and plan the establishment of an OSE, establish and expand a sustainable OSE, or improve the safety, security, and privacy of an existing OSE and its products. Eligible proposers include non-profit, non-academic organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, For-profit organizations, State and Local Governments, Tribal Nations, and eligible Other Federal Agencies and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health - NIH Independent Scientist Award (Parent K02 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: October 12, 2026; November 12, 2026; February 12, 2027; March 12, 2027
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified Amount
Description: The NIH Independent Scientist Award (K02) is intended to foster the development of outstanding scientists and enable them to expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field of research. The K02 award provides three to five years of salary support and 'protected time' for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary clinical trial. Applicants are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator. Eligible organizations include nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) IRS Status, local governments, higher education institutions, and other eligible U.S.-based organization types. 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. 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. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08 – Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Deadline: 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 Science Foundation - EDU Core Research (ECR:Core) (NSF 21-588) *NEW!*

Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $500,000 (Level I), $1,500,000 (Level II), or $2,500,000 (Level III)
Description: The National Science Foundation's EDU Core Research program funds fundamental research that develops general knowledge about STEM education and the STEM workforce. Proposals must focus on undergraduate education, graduate education, higher education, or the STEM workforce. Available proposal types include Level I, Level II, and Level III research projects, pilot studies, synthesis proposals, and conference proposals. Proposals are due annually on the first Thursday in October. LEARN MORE

National Institutes of Health - Institutional Mentored Career Development Award (Parent K12) *NEW!*
Deadline: July 12, 2029
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: The National Institutes of Health Institutional Mentored Career Development Award supports domestic institutions operating career development programs for later-stage postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty pursuing independent biomedical or behavioral research careers. Supported scholars receive protected time for intensive mentored research career development, and programs must provide appropriate faculty, mentoring, facilities, institutional support, and individualized career development plans. Eligible applicants include public and private higher education institutions, nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3) status, eligible federal and tribal entities, and faith-based or community-based organizations. LEARN MORE

Foundation Grants

Golden LEAF Foundation - Open Grants
Deadline: October 22, 2026; December 24, 2026; February 18, 2027
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: 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

The Duke Endowment - Health Care Program Grants
Deadline: Pre-application deadline: November 15, 2026; Full application deadlines (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

DAV Charitable Service Trust - DAV Charitable Service Trust Grant
Deadline: October 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust is dedicated to empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. The grant program supports not-for-profit organizations that fulfill a need or array of needs for sick, wounded, homeless, or at-risk United States veterans and their families. All applicants must be operational and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as tax-exempt. Application cycles will open and close yearly on the first and last business days of January, April, July, and October. LEARN MORE

American Camp Association - Character at Camp Planning Grant *NEW!*
Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $50,000
Description: The Character at Camp Planning Grant supports U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charities and government or municipal nonprofits that currently operate day and/or overnight camp programs in the U.S. that want to build capacity before launching a full character-development program or project. Funds may support activities such as strategic planning, evaluating current offerings, staff training, and relationship-building with potential partners, with the goal of preparing a strong Implementation Grant application the following year. Organizations may request up to $50,000 for a one-year Planning Grant. LEARN MORE

American Camp Association - Character at Camp Implementation Grant *NEW!*
Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $300,000
Description: The Character at Camp Planning Grant supports 501(c)(3) or government/municipal nonprofits that currently operate day and/or overnight camp programs that have a specific character-development program or project ready to implement starting January 2027. Eligible activities include starting, enhancing, expanding, or celebrating character-focused programming such as curricula, staff training, evaluation efforts, or communications campaigns. Both individual applications (single organization, including multi-site programs) and joint applications are accepted. Organizations may request up to $300,000

for a three-year Implementation Grant and up to $200,000 for a two-year Implementation Grant. LEARN MORE

American Camp Association - Character at Camp Network Implementation Grant *NEW!*
Deadline: October 1, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $300,000
Description: The American Camp Association Character at Camp Planning Grant supports 501(c)(3) or government/municipal network organizations that serve as the central coordinating body for six or more camp organizations or programs, aimed at implementing a coordinated, character-focused program or project with their on-site teams.. Grant funds can be used for activities and/or personnel to support activities such as implementing character-focused programs or curricula across participating camps, building staff capacity through training and professional development, strengthening the network through shared learning and dissemination of best practices, convening participating organizations for collaboration, supporting project coordination and partner engagement, and conducting evaluation and continuous improvement efforts. Applicants may request up to $300,000 for a three-year Network Implementation Grant. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Biotechnology Center - Innovation Impact Grant (IIG) *NEW!*
Deadline: September 30, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: $30,000 to $150,000
Description: The North Carolina Biotechnology Center Innovation Impact Grant funds the purchase of shared-use research equipment for core facilities at academic and nonprofit research institutions in North Carolina. Applicants must have a permanent, full-time core facility director or faculty member serving as PI, and requested equipment must be integrated into an existing core facility or used to establish a new core facility. Applicants must request at least $30,000 and up to $150,000, with requests from the five identified R1 institutions requiring a minimum 20% cash match and requests from all other NC institutions requiring a minimum 10% cash match. LEARN MORE

North Carolina Biotechnology Center - Flash Grants, FY27 Cycle 2 *NEW!*
Deadline: October 21, 2026
Award Amount/Ceiling: Up to $37,500
Description: The North Carolina Biotechnology Center's FY27 Cycle 2 Flash Grant supports short research projects involving New Approach Methodologies, including human-derived organoids, organ-on-a-chip technologies, microphysiological systems, high-throughput cell-based screening, ex vivo human tissues, and other model systems used to examine mechanisms, safety, efficacy, or toxicity for human disease. North Carolina universities and nonprofit research institutions are eligible to apply. The PI must meet the program's faculty or research-faculty requirements, and project-related intellectual property must remain held by the university or nonprofit research institution at the time of submission. Proposals primarily focused on AI or in silico approaches are strongly discouraged, and consumer products and mobile apps are not supported. LEARN MORE

Corporate Grants

SC Johnson - Grants
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: SC Johnson states that its primary corporate giving focus is on institutions or organizations that serve or directly affect communities where they have operations. SC Johnson's giving areas are A Healthier World, A More Sustainable World, and A World with More Opportunity. For U.S. grants, an organization must be a registered, qualified tax-exempt, section 501(c)(3) charity based in the United States, or a government entity such as a school, library, or public agency. LEARN MORE

Ferguson Cares - Grant
Deadline: Rolling
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

Albemarle Foundation - Impact Grants
Deadline: 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. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from January 1st to October 31st. 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

Goldman Sachs Foundation - 10,000 Small Businesses
Deadline: Rolling
Award Amount/Ceiling: Unspecified amount
Description: Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is an investment in the growth of small businesses. This opportunity helps entrepreneurs create jobs and economic opportunity by providing access to education, capital and support services. Participants gain practical skills to take their businesses to the next level, access financial capital, and receive support from a network of trained professionals. The program is 100% funded by the Goldman Sachs Foundation – $0 cost to participants, and applicants must be an owner or co-owner of the business, have been operating at least two years, have revenue of $75K or more in one of the past two fiscal years, and have at least two employees, including yourself as the owner. LEARN MORE

State Government Grants

North Carolina Department of Commerce - Rural Reuse & Development Fund (Building Reuse & Rural Infrastructure Programs)
Deadline: October 22, 2026, January 7, 2027, February 22, 2027, April 29, 2027
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 the renovation or the 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

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