



Grants Development Office
Funding Opportunities
Week of December 12, 2016
~It starts with an idea



Federal

- **Project Title:** Challenge America
- **Funder:** National Endowment for the Arts
- **Description:** The Challenge America category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.
- **Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>
- **Deadline:** March 23, 2017*
- **Recommended Areas:** Various
- **Award Ceiling:** \$10,000

- **Project Title:** Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program Grants Program
- **Funder:** United States Department of Agriculture
- **Description:** Funded projects will address the HEC Program Goals: To enhance the quality of instruction in order to help meet current and future national food, agricultural, natural resources, and human (FANH) sciences workplace needs; To increase the number and diversity of students who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in the food, agricultural, natural resources and human (FANH) sciences.
- **Website:** <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/higher-education-challenge-hec-grants-program>
- **Recommended Areas:** Various
- **Deadline:** March 22, 2017 (Anticipated)*
- **Award Ceiling:** \$30,000 - \$750,000

Federal

- **Project Title:** Creativity Connects
- **Funder:** National Endowment for the Arts
- **Description:** Creativity Connects is an initiative that will show how the arts are central to the country's creativity ecosystem, investigate how support systems for the arts have changed, explore how the arts connect with other industries, and invest in innovative projects to spark new ideas for the arts field.
- **Website:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/creativity-connects-projects>
- **Recommended Areas:** Various
- **Deadline:** April 4, 2017*
- **Award Ceiling:** \$20,000 - \$100,000

- **Project Title:** Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program (SPECA)
- **Funder:** United States Department of Agriculture
- **Description:** The SPECA program seeks to promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in the food, agriculture, natural resources and human (FANH) sciences in order to help ensure the existence of a qualified workforce to serve the FANH sciences system.
- **Website:** <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/secondary-education-two-year-postsecondary-education-and-agriculture-k-12>
- **Recommended Areas:** Agriculture, Environmental Science, Culinary, Nutrition
- **Deadline:** March 18, 2017 (Anticipated)
- **Award Ceiling:** No ceiling amount.

Foundation

- **Project Title:** Education Grants
- **Funder:** The Grover Hermann Foundation
- **Description:** Scholarships, fellowships, challenge grants and grants for capital expenditures. Private colleges and universities are strongly favored over tax supported institutions. Pre-college programs are eligible for grants, but higher education will receive the greatest consideration.
- **Website:** <https://sites.google.com/site/thegroverhermannfoundation/guidelines>
- **Recommended Areas:** Various
- **Deadline:** Accepting applications throughout the year. Target Date-February 28, 2017
- **Award Ceiling:** \$50,000

- **Project Title:** Grants to Support Community Engagement
- **Funder:** Walgreens
- **Description:** Awards grants in the following program areas: Non-hospital based health agencies; Walgreens One-on-One tutorial programs in inner city neighborhoods where they operate; and a small share is reserved for eligible community and social service agencies.
- **Website:** <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/community/comp-anyguidelines.jsp#Funding>
- **Recommended Areas:** Health Professions, College Readiness, Various
- **Deadline:** Accepting applications throughout the year. Target Date-February 28, 2017
- **Award Ceiling:** None Specified (past awards ranged from \$25,000 - \$100,000)

Grant News:

GRANT WRITING TIP

The Grant Development Office builds in approximately one month of lead time for each grant to complete the internal review process. As you are considering pursuing an opportunity, give yourself enough lead time to complete a draft, get feedback from colleagues, and then look at the grant again yourself with a fresh eye.

GATA Requirement

Per the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), Federal and State agencies will now designate grantees as low, medium or high risk, which can include additional oversight on grant projects or hurt a grantee's chance to obtain funding. Risk factors that contribute to a high risk status include late reporting, poor project outcomes, mismanagement of funds and other factors. Triton's designation will be listed in the Notice of Award for all state grants.

We look forward to working with you!

Many of these opportunities are time-sensitive and require a quick response time. Please contact us at ext. 3022 or stop by E-315 ASAP if you're interested in any of these funding opportunities. Thank you for your hard work!

*Deadline reflects the internal target date established by the GDO for planning purposes.