



☐ New Grant Opportunities – Fall 2025 Edition

As summer turns to fall, here are key grant opportunities with September–October deadlines.

Don't miss your chance to apply!

☐ A.A. Van Elslander Foundation

Supports nonprofits in children's services, health, and human services.

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) nonprofits

Funding: Invitation to apply after LOI approval

Deadline: LOI due Sept 30, 2025

☐ [Learn More](#)

☐ T-Mobile Hometown Grants

Funds shovel-ready community projects in small towns.

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, nonprofits, community orgs

Funding: \$50,000

Deadlines: Sept 30, 2025 & Dec 31, 2025

☐ [Apply Here](#)

☐ MDARD Rural Development Fund Grants

Promotes sustainability of land-based industries & rural infrastructure.

Eligible Applicants: Individuals, businesses, nonprofits, local governments, schools, tribes

Funding: Up to \$100,000 (requires 30% cash match)

Key Dates:

- Grant RFP: Oct 15, 2025
- Webinar: Oct 29, 2025 (10 AM)

- Proposals Due: Dec 3, 2025
 - ☐ [Register & Apply](#)
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☐ EGLE Invasive Species Grants

Supports prevention, detection, and control of invasive species.

Funding: \$3.6M available for 2025 projects

Deadline: Nov 1, 2025

Webinar: Sept 9, 2025 (2–3 PM)

☐ [Register for Webinar](#)

♥ Michigan Health Endowment Fund

Grantmaking in multiple focus areas over the coming months.

Upcoming Programs:

- Maternal & Infant Health – Nov 2025
 - Capacity Building – Dec 2025
 - Behavioral Health – Mar 2026
 - Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles – Mar 2026
 - Healthy Aging – Apr 2026
 - Community Health Impact – May 2026
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☐ Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)

Funding for single-family and multi-family housing development.

Announcements: Expected early Oct 2025

☐ [Visit MSHDA](#)

☐ Olga's Loizon Memorial Foundation

Supports women entrepreneurs with business development.

Funding: \$10,000

☐ [Apply Here](#)

☐ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Supports land acquisition and development for public outdoor recreation.

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities with MDNR-approved recreation plans

Requirements:

- 5-year plan uploaded by Feb 1, 2026
- Grant applications due Apr 1, 2026
- ☐ [More Info](#)

☐ Resources


☐ Spotlight: Writing a Strong Letter of Intent (LOI)

Some funders, like the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation, require a Letter of Intent (LOI) before inviting a full proposal. Think of the LOI as your first impression—it should clearly show why your project fits their mission.

Tips for a successful LOI:

- Be concise: Usually 1–2 pages is enough.
- Align with funder priorities: Mention how your project supports their focus areas (e.g., children, health, human services).
- Highlight impact: Share who will benefit and what outcomes you expect.
- Show capacity: Briefly note your track record or partnerships that ensure success.

A strong LOI increases your chances of being invited to submit a full application.

 Join Us! Develop Iosco will host our next **Grant Writing Workshop** on Thursday, October 23, 6–9 PM at Alpena Community College – Oscoda Campus, Room 213.


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