



GRANTS WITH APPROACHING DEADLINES

Cultivating Connected Communities Prize Challenge

 The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is seeking innovative community garden projects that increase accessibility and participation for older adults, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and individuals living with physical disabilities. The two-phase national prize competition supports projects that reduce social isolation, improve food access, promote healthy living, and build stronger community connections through inclusive gardening.

 Phase 1 awards up to 50 prizes of \$4,000 to develop an accessibility enhancement plan. Phase 2 awards up to 50 prizes of \$8,000 to teams that successfully implement their plans and demonstrate increased accessibility and community impact.

 **Eligible applicants** include individuals, teams, nonprofit organizations, **businesses**, and other U.S.-based entities with an existing community garden project.

 Key Dates:

- Optional Intent to Apply: July 15, 2026
- Application Deadline: August 26, 2026

 Learn more and apply: <https://acl.gov/cultivating-connections-challenge-details>

MDHHS Rural Health Transformation – Workforce for Wellness Grants (Multiple Funding Opportunities)

 The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is investing \$34.2 million through five Workforce for Wellness grant opportunities to strengthen Michigan's rural healthcare workforce. Funding will support recruitment, retention, training, and education programs that expand access to quality healthcare and integrated care services in rural communities.

 Funding opportunities include:

-  Maternal Health Provider Training – \$5 million
-  University-Led Master of Social Work Award Program – \$7 million
-  Rural Health Provider Recruitment & Retention Program – \$14.73 million

-  Limited License Master of Social Work Supervision Stipend Program – \$2.5 million
-  Bachelor of Social Work to Clinical Master of Social Work Stipend Program – \$5 million

 **Eligible applicants** include 501(c)(3) nonprofits, public and private organizations, local health departments, federally recognized Michigan tribes, Indian Health Clinic programs, and universities.

 **Key Dates:**

- [Pre-Application Webinar](#): July 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- Project Director Access Request Due: July 30, 2026
- Application Deadline: August 4, 2026

 Learn more, access the grant guidance, and apply through [EGrAMS](#).

NSF America's Seed Fund (SBIR/STTR)

 The National Science Foundation (NSF) is investing up to \$2 million in non-dilutive funding for startups and small businesses developing innovative, high-risk technologies with strong commercialization potential. Funding supports research and development across nearly every area of science and engineering—including artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, energy, medical technology, robotics, cybersecurity, and more—while allowing businesses to retain 100% of their equity and intellectual property.

 **Eligible applicants** are U.S.-based, **for-profit small businesses** with fewer than 500 employees. Companies must first submit a Project Pitch and receive an invitation before submitting a full proposal.

 **Key Deadline:** July 27, 2026 (Full Proposal – invitation required following Project Pitch approval). Additional submission windows are offered annually.

 Learn more and get started: [NSF America's Seed Fund](#)

GRANTS WITH AUGUST DEADLINES

EGLE Food Waste & Organics Grants (Multiple Funding Opportunities)

 The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is offering \$5 million through two grant programs to expand food waste diversion, food rescue, and organics infrastructure across Michigan. Both are matching, reimbursement-based grants designed to increase recycling, reduce landfill waste, and strengthen local food systems.

 Available funding opportunities include:

-  [Organics Infrastructure Grant](#) – \$2 million to support curbside food waste collection, drop-off sites, school composting programs, collection vehicles, multi-family collection, and food waste processing infrastructure.
-  [Food Rescue Grant](#) – \$3 million to increase food rescue and donation efforts through cold storage, warehouse and processing equipment, collection

vehicles, technology, facility improvements, and training that keeps edible food out of landfills and available for human consumption.

 **Eligible applicants** include Michigan nonprofits, tribal governments, schools, colleges and universities, local governments, regional planning agencies, municipal solid waste authorities, **businesses, corporations, and other private sector entities**.

 **17** Application Deadline: August 14, 2026

 Learn more and apply: Michigan.gov/MiRecycles

USDA FIELD5 Program (Fertilizer Investment & Expansion for Long-term Domestic Supply)

 The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making at least \$500 million available through the FIELD5 Program to expand domestic fertilizer production, strengthen supply chains, and increase fertilizer availability for U.S. farmers. Competitive awards range from \$15 million to \$150 million and require matching funds. Eligible projects include new or expanded fertilizer manufacturing facilities, equipment upgrades, storage and transportation infrastructure, and other investments that increase domestic production capacity.

 **Eligible applicants** include **for-profit businesses**, nonprofits, producer-owned cooperatives, Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, certified benefit corporations, and state and local governments. Projects must be located in the United States and support domestic fertilizer manufacturing.

 **17** Application Deadline: August 17, 2026

 Learn more and apply: [USDA FIELD5 Program](https://www.usda.gov/field5)

U.S. DOJ COPS Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants

 The U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office is offering approximately \$6.7 million through the FY 2026 Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program. Grants of up to \$200,000 are available to support innovative demonstration or pilot projects that strengthen community policing, improve public safety, increase community engagement, and address local public safety challenges. There is no local match required, and awards are for 24 months.

 **Eligible applicants** include local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority. Rural agencies are encouraged to apply.

 **17** Key Dates:

- Grants.gov Deadline: August 17, 2026
- JustGrants Application Deadline: August 24, 2026

 Learn more and apply: [COPS CPD Microgrants Program](https://www.doj.gov/cops/cpd)

EGLE Clean Energy Workforce Development Program

 The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is offering \$250,000 to strengthen Michigan's clean energy workforce through training programs, apprenticeships, and career pathways. Grants will support projects that expand workforce training, improve access to wraparound services for participants, strengthen partnerships with educational institutions, and address gaps in Michigan's advanced energy workforce development resources.

 **Eligible applicants** include Michigan-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits, 501(c)(6) organizations, and **small businesses** with fewer than 500 employees.

 Award Amount: \$5,000–\$50,000

 Application Deadline: August 30, 2026

 Learn more and apply:

<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/materials-management/energy/rfps-loans/energy-workforce>

America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) (Multiple Funding Opportunities)

 The America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) has more than \$42 million available to expand healthy food access, strengthen local food systems, and support food retailers and food enterprises serving underserved communities. Priority is given to rural communities, locally grown food systems, and projects that create quality jobs.

 Two funding opportunities are currently available:

-  HFFI Partnerships Program – \$20 million for public-private partnerships to build local financing programs, provide technical assistance, and support healthy food retailers. Awards range from \$200,000–\$3 million. Application **deadline: September 18, 2026.**
-  HFFI Food Access & Retail Expansion (FARE) Fund – \$22 million in loans and technical assistance to create or expand grocery stores, food retailers, and food enterprises that improve access to healthy foods. Loans range from \$500,000–\$3 million (up to \$5 million in select cases), with technical assistance awards up to \$50,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through September 30, 2028, or until funds are exhausted.

 **Eligible applicants** include public-private partnerships, nonprofits, **for-profit businesses**, cooperatives, institutions of higher education, community development organizations, and other eligible food system partners, depending on the funding opportunity.

 Learn more and explore both opportunities: <https://www.investinginfood.com/>

GRANTS WITH NO DEADLINES

EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA)

 Funding: \$100,000–\$30 million (matching funds required)

 **What it Funds:** The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) invests in projects that create jobs, attract private investment, and strengthen regional economies. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted.

 **Who Can Apply:** Local governments, nonprofits, economic development organizations, higher education institutions, tribes, and Economic Development Districts. (For-profit businesses are not eligible to apply directly but can partner on eligible projects.)

-  **Projects That Could Fit Develop Iosco Members:**
- Industrial park or business park infrastructure
 - Water, sewer, broadband, or utility extensions supporting business growth
 - Business incubators or shared commercial kitchens
 - Workforce training facilities developed with local employers
 - Redevelopment of vacant commercial or industrial buildings into business space
 - Regional technical assistance that helps businesses expand or attracts new investment

 **Deadline:** Rolling – applications accepted until funds are exhausted.

 **Learn More & Apply:** [EDA Funding Opportunities](#)

Awesome Foundation Micro-Grants

 **Funding:** \$1,000 no-strings-attached micro-grants awarded monthly through local Awesome Foundation chapters. There is no repayment, no equity, and no ownership of your idea.

 **What it Funds:** Creative, community-focused projects that make a positive impact. The Awesome Foundation supports new ideas, pilot projects, public art, educational programs, neighborhood initiatives, technology, environmental efforts, and other innovative concepts that benefit the community.

 **Who Can Apply:** Anyone, including **individuals**, nonprofits, community groups, schools, artists, entrepreneurs, and **small businesses** with a community-focused project.

 **Deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with most chapters selecting one project each month.

 **Learn More & Apply:** [Awesome Foundation](#)

SEARCH FOR GRANTS

🔍 Never miss a Michigan funding opportunity. MI Funding Hub is a free, statewide database that connects businesses, nonprofits, local governments, schools, and other organizations with active grant and loan programs. Users can search by eligibility, funding type, deadline, or project category, and access practical resources like grant writing guides, webinars, and funding alerts.

Explore current opportunities at <https://mifundinghub.org/>.

💙 SAMHSA Grant Opportunities (Multiple Funding Opportunities)

💰 The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers a variety of grant opportunities throughout the year to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, workforce development, and community health initiatives.

🔍 The SAMHSA Grants Dashboard lets organizations search current and upcoming funding opportunities, view the FY 2026 Funding Opportunity Forecast, and subscribe to funding announcements so you never miss a new opportunity.

👉 Learn more and search available grants:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-dashboard>

💰 HelloSkip

🚀 Looking for more grant opportunities? HelloSkip is a free platform that helps entrepreneurs and small businesses discover federal, state, private, and corporate grant opportunities while offering AI-powered tools to strengthen grant applications.

In addition to its searchable grant database, Skip awards Instant Grants to U.S. entrepreneurs through live YouTube drawings multiple times each week. Visit [HelloSkip](#) to explore funding opportunities, view upcoming Instant Grant deadlines, and learn how to apply.



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