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Labor & Workforce Grant Resource Guide

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About This Guide

This **Labor and Workforce Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants.

Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities.

The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letter of Support

This **Labor and Workforce Grant Resource Guide** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov

Federal Agencies and Available Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA utilizes science and public policy to improve economic opportunity in rural areas, promote agricultural production, and preserve natural resources. To achieve this goal, the Department offers an array of funding avenues that assist with projects that bring housing, community facilities, business guarantees, utilities and other services to rural America.

For more information about USDA grants and programs, please visit the USDA page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [usda.gov/topics/farming/grants-and-loans](https://www.usda.gov/topics/farming/grants-and-loans)

Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program – Organic Transitions

Current Grants.gov close date: March 15, 2021

The overall goal of the Organic Transitions Program (ORG) is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) administers the ORG program by determining priorities in U.S. agriculture through Agency stakeholder input processes in consultation with the National Agricultural Research Extension Education and Economics Advisory Board (NAREEEAB). ORG will continue to prioritize environmental services provided by organic farming systems in the area of soil conservation, pollinator health, and climate change mitigation, including greenhouse gases (GHG), as well as the development of educational tools for Cooperative Extension personnel and other agricultural professionals who advise producers on organic practices, and development of cultural practices and other allowable alternatives to substances recommended for removal from the National Organic Program's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. It is expected that all projects will integrate research, education and extension activities, as appropriate to project goals, although some projects may be weighted more heavily than others in one or more of these areas. However, all proposals should have activities and impact in research and at least one of the other areas: education and extension.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-ICGP-008060** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-transitions-org*

Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Current Grant.gov close date: March 22, 2021

The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. The Technical Assistance and/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, and Nonprofit

Corporations to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs.

For more information, please visit: [govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-11/pdf/2021-00290.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-11/pdf/2021-00290.pdf) or [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-RD-CFTAT-2021**

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)

Current Grants.gov close date: March 25, 2021

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (aka the 2018 Farm Bill) reauthorized the BFRDP and provides mandatory funds for which supports education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers and ranchers.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-BFR-008056** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp

Veterinary Services Grant Program (VSGP)

Current Grants.gov close date: April 16, 2021

The VSGP is designed to support education and extension activities and practice enhancement initiatives that will enable veterinarians, veterinary students, veterinary technicians, and veterinary technician students to gain specialized skills and provide practices with additional resources (e.g., equipment, personnel) needed to more effectively mitigate veterinary service shortages in the U.S. Ultimately, this program will bolster the capacity of private practitioners to provide food animal veterinary services in designated rural veterinarian shortage situations. The purpose of VSGP is to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services and relieve veterinarian shortage situations in the U.S.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-VSGP-008119** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/veterinary-services-grant-program-vsgp

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Competitive Grants Program Education and Workforce Development (EWD) Program

Current Grants.gov close date: July 1, 2021

EWD invites applications in five areas: professional development for agricultural literacy; training of undergraduate students in research and extension; fellowships for predoctoral candidates; fellowships for postdoctoral scholars, and a brand-new program for agricultural workforce training.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **USDA-NIFA-AFRI-008121** or nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-education-workforce-development

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL's stated mission is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. Through funding opportunities, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems

For more information about DOL grants and programs, please visit the DOL page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants

Pathway Home 2 Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: March 16, 2021

The purpose of this pilot program is to provide eligible, incarcerated individuals in state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services prior to release and to continue services after release by transitioning the participants into reentry programs in the communities to which they will return. These grants are job-driven and build connections to local employers that will enable transitioning offenders to secure employment.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FOA-ETA-21-02** and also see the **"Related Documents"** tab*

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Female Veterans' and Veterans' with Families Program (HFVWF) (referred to collectively as HVRP) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: April 19, 2021

The purpose of this program is to provide services to reintegrate homeless veterans into the labor force by placing them into family-sustaining employment and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. DOL defines family-sustaining employment as paid employment in line with the homeless veteran's aspirations, talents, and abilities. Ideally, the employment will provide a family sustaining wage or, in other words, at least the minimum income necessary for a worker to meet his or her basic financial needs.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FOA-VETS-21-01** and also see the **"Related Documents"** tab*

Stand Down (SD) Grants

Current Grants.gov close date: December 31, 2021

A Stand Down is a non-competitive grant that is awarded to organizations to provide basic services to homeless veterans such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns, and

other collaborative services to give participants a greater sense of self and an opportunity to improve their chances of securing and maintaining employment. Veterans experiencing homelessness do not always have access to basic hygiene supplies that are necessary to maintain their health and appearance. Also, the lack of shelter limits their ability to prepare for and present themselves at job interviews or be contacted for follow-up. These grants funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless veterans through paid work.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **VPL-02-18** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab

State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation (SAEEI) Grant Program

Forecasted

The purpose of this program is to support the expansion and diversification of Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). Funds will be awarded to Governor-led, state initiatives that are expanding, diversifying and transforming registered apprenticeship. Funding will provide states with the flexibility to meet specific industry needs and demands. Collectively, these efforts will aim to achieve the following goals: 1) System expansion to support the development, modernization, and diversification of RAPs; 2) Equity in apprenticeship by increasing the number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs, including underrepresented populations; and 3) Partnership and alignment to support workforce system integration; 4) Innovation in program development and recruitment strategies.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FOA-ETA-21-07**

Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Technical Assistance (TA) Centers of Excellence

Forecasted

The purpose of this program is support four RA TA Centers of Excellence to expand Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). The RA TA Centers of Excellence will provide technical expertise and services to current and future RAP customers to accelerate and support RAP expansion, improve equity in RAPs, and, ultimately, increase the effectiveness of the use of federal funding appropriated for the expansion of RAPs across the nation.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FOA-ETA-21-06**

National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs)

No close date listed on Grants.gov

DWGs are discretionary grants awarded to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. The Department funds two types of DWGs:

- Disaster Recovery DWGs provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an

emergency or disaster of national significance by a Federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over Federal response to the disaster or emergency.

- Employment Recovery DWGs temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and to meet the increased demand for employment and training services following a qualifying event. Qualifying events include major economic dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or higher-than-average demand for employment and training activities for dislocated members of the Armed Forces and their spouses.

For more information, please visit: [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **ETA-TEGL-12-19** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

DOT provides grants to help build up and maintain a fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system for the American people, today and into the future. The Department funds an array of projects through several initiatives.

For more information about DOT grants, please visit the DOT page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [transportation.gov/grants](https://www.transportation.gov/grants)

Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Operator Safety Training Program

Current Grant.gov close date: March 15, 2021

The purpose of this program is to expand the number of commercial driver’s license (CDL) holders possessing enhanced operator safety training to help reduce the severity and number of crashes involving CMVs on U.S. roads. In addition, this program seeks to assist current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reservists, to obtain a CDL.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **FM-DTG-21-001** or [grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=91862](https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=91862)

Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation (CDLPI)

Current Grant.gov close date: March 15, 2021

The CDLPI financial assistance program objective is to provide financial assistance to States and other eligible entities to aid participation in the National CDL program. The ultimate goal of the National CDL Program supports the Department’s strategic goals and FMCSA’s mission by ensuring that only qualified drivers are eligible to receive and retain a CDL. The National CDL program focuses on the concept that each driver has only one driving record and only one licensing document, commonly referred to as "One Driver — One License — One Record." Further, the National CDL program requires States to to conduct knowledge and skills testing before issuing a Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) and/or CDL; to maintain a complete and accurate driver history record for anyone who obtains a CLP and/or CDL; and to impose driver disqualifications as appropriate.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **FM-CDL-21-001** or grantsolutions.gov/qs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=91859

FAA Aviation Workforce Development Grant Program - Aircraft Pilots

Current [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) close date: March 22, 2021

The purpose of this program is to provide grants for eligible projects to support the education of future aircraft pilots and the development of the aircraft pilot workforce..

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **20-FAA-AWD-AP-1** and also see the **“Related Documents”** tab, or faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ang/grants/awd/

FAA Aviation Workforce Development Grant Program - Aviation Maintenance

Current [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) close date: March 22, 2021

The purpose of this program is to provide grants for eligible projects to support the education and recruitment of aviation maintenance technical workers and the development of the aviation maintenance workforce.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **20-FAA-AWD-AM-1** and also see the **“Related Documents”** tab, or faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ang/grants/awd/

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Every year, EPA awards more than \$4 billion in funding to state and local governments, tribes, universities, nonprofit recipients, and other entities for grants and other assistance agreements to achieve their environmental goals. EPA’s mission to protect human health and the environment is accomplished, in large part, by the awarding of funds to other organizations to conduct environmental program or projects. When EPA transfers funds for a public purpose, it uses a legal instrument called an assistance agreement, which may be in the form of a grant or cooperative agreement.

For more information about EPA grants, please visit the EPA page on grants.gov or epa.gov/grants

Innovative Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Grant Program

Current [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) close date: March 26, 2021

The EPA is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to (1) assist in the development and use of innovative activities relating to water workforce development and career opportunities in the drinking water and wastewater utility sector, and (2) expand public awareness about drinking water and wastewater utilities and to connect individuals to careers in the drinking water and wastewater utility sector.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **EPA-OW-OWM-20-01** or epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/innovative-water-infrastructure-workforce-development-program

Social Security Administration (SSA)

SSA's Office of Acquisition and Grants (OAG) funds research and demonstration grants involving the Old-Age Survivors Program, the Social Security Disability Insurance Program (SSDI), and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program. Grants are awarded for innovative research and demonstrations, adding to existing knowledge and improving methods and techniques for managing and administering SSA programs.

For more information about SSA grants, please visit the SSA page on grants.gov or ssa.gov/oag/grants/

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)

Current Grants.gov close date: April 19, 2021

The purpose of these projects is to disseminate accurate information to beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) about work incentives programs and issues related to such programs, to enable them to make informed choices about working and whether or when to assign their Ticket to Work, as well as how available work incentives can facilitate their transition into the workforce. The ultimate goal of the work incentives planning and assistance projects is to assist SSA beneficiaries with disabilities succeed in their return to work efforts.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **WIPA-WIP-21-001** and also see the **"Related Documents"** tab, or ssa.gov/work/WIPA.html

Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program

Forecasted

This funding opportunity will establish a new cooperative agreement program to allow SSA to collaborate with States, private foundations, and other non-federal groups and organizations who have the interest and ability to identify, operate, and partially fund interventional research. The research and interventions under this program will target the increased employment and self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities (whether beneficiaries, applicants, or potential applicants of the Disability Insurance (DI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs); coordinating planning between private and public welfare agencies to improve the administration and effectiveness the DI, SSI, and related programs; assisting claimants in vulnerable populations apply for or appeal decisions on claims for DI and SSI benefits; and conducting outreach to children with disabilities who are potentially eligible to receive SSI. SSA intends the projects to have a project period of 5 years, with the first year intended to put any necessary data agreements into place, recruit additional partners, secure

additional funding, and other implementation planning activities. If the project is able to meet these milestones in the first year, funding will be continued to implement and evaluate the project for up to four years.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **ICAP-ICA-21-001**

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

As one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States, NEH has awarded more than \$5.6 billion for humanities projects through more than 64,000 grants. The independent agency promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history to Americans by awarding grants for top-rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers.

For information about NEH grants, please visit: neh.gov/grants, or the NEH page on grants.gov

Awards for Faculty

Current Grants.gov close date: April 14, 2021

The purpose of this program is to strengthen the humanities at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities by encouraging and expanding humanities research opportunities for individual faculty and staff members. Awards support individuals pursuing scholarly research that is of value to humanities scholars, students, and/or general audiences.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **20210414-HB** or neh.gov/divisions/research

Preservation and Access Education and Training

Current Grants.gov close date: May 18, 2021

The purpose of this program is to support the development of knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections. Awards are made to organizations that offer national, regional, or statewide education and training programs that provide the staff of cultural institutions with the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections.

For more information, please visit grants.gov using Opportunity Number **20210518-PE** or neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-and-access-education-and-training

Additional Resources

Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](mailto:grantsgov@grants.gov), or visit the [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) website.

Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: beta.sam.gov/

Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal
- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: crs.gov/

A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/federal-agencies/a

Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website:

sba.gov/funding-programs/grants

For more information, please visit: usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans

Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/

Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: benefits.gov/

FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm

OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/

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If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov.