

## ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DUE	FUNDER	GRANT TITLE	PURPOSE	ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	APPLICATION GUIDELINES
7/9/2012	Department of Commerce	Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge	The Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge provides support to assist the development and implementation of regionally-driven economic development strategies that support advanced manufacturing activities and drive high potential industry cluster development. The objectives of the challenge are to create jobs, grow the economy, and enhance the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers in the global marketplace. Proposed strategies should promote advanced manufacturing growth in targeted industries by strengthening a region's capacity to create high-quality sustainable jobs, develop a skilled and diverse advanced manufacturing workforce, increase exports, encourage the development of small businesses, and accelerate technological innovation. Strategies growing a region's industry clusters by strengthening connections to regional economic development opportunities and advanced manufacturing assets will also be supported.	Each agency contributing to this Funding Opportunity has different eligibility requirements. Please see the following sections of the Funding Opportunity for more specific eligibility information: Section IV.A.2 for EDA Eligibility Information; Section IV.B.2 for NIST Eligibility Information; Section IV.C.2 for DOE Eligibility Information; Section IV.D.2 for ETA Eligibility Information; Section IV.E.2 for SBA Eligibility Information.	<\$2,300,000, Total: \$26,000,000	<a href="http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=yQBNPPNHY97vgyJnx17hQhkJzylJpxdbWfQc1sH21p8q8opP4FH!-2018416081?opportunity=IIAC2012AM&amp;agencycode=DOC-EDA-IIAC">http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=yQBNPPNHY97vgyJnx17hQhkJzylJpxdbWfQc1sH21p8q8opP4FH!-2018416081?opportunity=IIAC2012AM&amp;agencycode=DOC-EDA-IIAC</a>
8/6/2012	USDA - Business and Cooperative Programs	Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)	The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. Grants are awarded competitively on an annual basis to Rural Cooperative Development Centers who in turn provide technical assistance to individuals and entities.	Public bodies, nonprofit corporations, institutions of higher education, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations and other Federally recognized tribal groups, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents.	<\$50,000 Total: \$2,370,000	<a href="http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=RzZ3QD TLHVQoVl1y7n2VQWpnDJTjhg4hZCn2ZMTkFH4GgyTMOznG!-522510686?opportunity=RBOG&amp;agencycode=USDA-rbcs">http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=RzZ3QD TLHVQoVl1y7n2VQWpnDJTjhg4hZCn2ZMTkFH4GgyTMOznG!-522510686?opportunity=RBOG&amp;agencycode=USDA-rbcs</a>

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8/6/2012	USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service	Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG)	The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise, or who can contract out for the expertise, to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural businesses, especially cooperative or mutually-owned businesses	Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and accredited institutions of higher education. Grants may not be made to public bodies or to individuals.	<\$175,000 Total: \$5,800,000	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RCDG.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RCDG.html</a>
8/6/2012	Administration for Children and Families - OCS	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Next Generation Center of Excellence (COE)	The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications will be accepted for a cooperative agreement to enhance the existing local, State, and national accountability and performance management strategies within the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Network. This two-year cooperative agreement will fund one Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Next Generation Center of Excellence (COE) to develop updated training and technical assistance materials for a comprehensive and integrated system of performance management and accountability within CSBG. The ROMA Next Generation COE will build on the foundation of ROMA, while also integrating evidence-informed approaches to assess program success and impact.	Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education	1-\$200,000	<a href="http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants.jsessionid=pKVQQD3HJcLxwrK2y5hvVBYxHDhHV7wplBpDpD5TYrLWS7KyKTW5!-522510686?opportunity=HHS-2012-ACF-OCS-ET-0301&amp;agencycode=HHS-ACF-OCS">http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants.jsessionid=pKVQQD3HJcLxwrK2y5hvVBYxHDhHV7wplBpDpD5TYrLWS7KyKTW5!-522510686?opportunity=HHS-2012-ACF-OCS-ET-0301&amp;agencycode=HHS-ACF-OCS</a>

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9/1/2012	First Peoples Fund	First Peoples Fund	To cultivate entrepreneurial artists to a small business level (consistent and reliable income) where business concepts are understood and applied.	<p>Artist applicants must be in mid career (5+ years) in their experience in marketing their art at Indian art markets, galleries, and have wholesale experience.</p> <p>Artists will have chosen art as a means to obtain economic self-sufficiency for their family and to establish themselves as independent, credible artists with viable community based businesses.</p>	\$5,000	<a href="http://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/artists_artist_in_business_leadership.html">http://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/artists_artist_in_business_leadership.html</a>
9/6/2012	USDA - National Institute of Food and Agriculture	Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I	Projects dealing with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all 2013 SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water.	Small businesses	\$70,000 - \$100,000 Total: \$18,300,000	<a href="http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=mQj1QDI BrMDTWPMcq6Qlyj73RRybCKgZfmvzzRvhTTbwrhfrpjTP!-522510686?opportunity=USDA-NIFA-SBIR-003848&amp;agencycode=USDA-NIFA">http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=mQj1QDI BrMDTWPMcq6Qlyj73RRybCKgZfmvzzRvhTTbwrhfrpjTP!-522510686?opportunity=USDA-NIFA-SBIR-003848&amp;agencycode=USDA-NIFA</a>

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Letter of Intent Due: September 26th, 2012	National Science Foundation	Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity	<p>This program solicitation, Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity (PFI: BIC) starts with an existing sound scientific and/or engineering-based research discovery that can be translated to market-valued solutions through a partnership between academe and small technology-based businesses. The funds will provide support to an academic institution to partner with at least two small technology-based businesses that are not in direct competition with each other to carry out early translational-research activities. The primary aims of the activities of this partnership are three-fold: (1) to build the innovation capacity of the individual participants from academe and from business; (2) to increase the viability of the small business concerns; and (3) to develop the next-generation workforce by providing opportunities for students at different levels to effectively learn from, participate in, and be profoundly changed by exposure to the process of building innovation capacity that occurs in BIC projects.</p>	<p>Proposals may only be submitted by the following: - U.S. universities and two-and four-year colleges (including community and technical colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the U.S., acting on behalf of their faculty members. Such organizations also are referred to as academic institutions. The lead (submitting) organization must be an academic institution. Collaborative proposals between organizations are not permitted. (A collaborative proposal is defined as simultaneous proposal submissions for a joint project from different organizations, with each organization requesting a separate award).</p>	<p>&lt;\$600,000 Total: \$8,000,000</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12578">http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12578</a></p>

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12/1/2012	Walmart Store and Sam's Club Giving Program	Walmart Store and Sam's Club Facility Grant Giving Program	1) Education: Programs which re-engage students who have dropped out of high school, improve retention rates of first-generation college students and support teachers; 2) Health and Wellness: programs that provide cooking and meal planning classes for Wo	Organizations with current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code . Recognized government entities: State, County and City agencies, including law enforcement and fire departments. Volunteer Fire Departme	\$250-\$5,000.	
	Citi Foundation	Citi Foundation Grant-Micro Enterprise	Supports organizations involved with education, health, employment, housing, disaster relief, community development, and economically disadvantaged.		\$20,000+	<a href="http://www.citigroupfoundation.org">www.citigroupfoundation.org</a>
	Draper Richards Foundation	Draper Richards Foundation	Provides selected social entrepreneurs with funding of \$100,000 annually for three years. The funds are specifically and solely for entrepreneurs starting new non-profit organizations.		\$100,000	<a href="http://www.draperrichards.org/process/proposal.html">http://www.draperrichards.org/process/proposal.html</a>
	Fifth Third Foundation	Fifth Third Foundation	Cultivating the establishment, administration and growth of private foundations is precisely the mission of The Foundation Office at Fifth Third Bank. The Foundation Office works with individuals and corporations to help them grow healthy, strong foundati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Maintain IRS 501(c)(3) status</li> <li>•Operate in Fifth Third's geographic region</li> <li>•Meet one of four core funding areas of community development, education, health and human services, or arts and culture</li> </ul>		<a href="https://www.53.com/wps/portal/personal">https://www.53.com/wps/portal/personal</a>

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	Financial Services Innovation (CFSI)	Financial Capability Innovation Fund	Supports promising nonprofit-led projects designed to help consumers better manage their finances and achieve financial prosperity.		\$200,000 to \$300,000	
	Ford Foundation	Ford Foundation	Focus on reducing poverty and injustice; promoting democratic values; and advancing human knowledge, creativity and achievement.	Must be charitable, educational or scientific as defined under the appropriate provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations.		<a href="http://www.fordfoundation.org/pdfs/grants/grant-application-guide.pdf">http://www.fordfoundation.org/pdfs/grants/grant-application-guide.pdf</a>
	Frey Foundation	Frey Foundation	We invest in change. We work in partnership with organizations, agencies, and other funders which have a track record of success and a deep commitment to the west Michigan community. Our grantmaking focuses on six interrelated aspects of community life.	Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or governmental unit. Grand Rapids area, Charlevoix or Emmett Counties		<a href="http://www.freyfdn.org/guidelines">http://www.freyfdn.org/guidelines</a>
	Microsoft	Microsoft Elevate America	Support nonprofit organizations offering employment services, including technology skills training and job placement. To provide people across the country with no-and low-cost access to the technology skills they need to find employment.	501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and their partner organizations which may include: workforce agencies, community colleges, labor organizations, and other nonprofit organizations offering employment services .		
	W.K.Kellogg Foundation	People and Land (PAL)	Support of regional collaboratives that can play te role of leader, convener, and facilitator to create a platform for regional thinking.	Educational, governmental, tribal, and nonprofit organization are eligible. Required to participate in network of PAL grantees.		<a href="http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Application.aspx?tid=9bede80d-89db-402a-a3ad-53b21302e6ee&amp;LanguageID=0">http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Application.aspx?tid=9bede80d-89db-402a-a3ad-53b21302e6ee&amp;LanguageID=0</a>

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	Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP)	Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP)	<p>The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) participates in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. SDOP currently supports groups in the United States who are oppressed by poverty and social systems, want to take charge of their own lives, are organizing to do something about their own conditions, and have decided that what they are going to do will produce long-term changes in their lives or communities. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term corrections of the conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.</p>	<p>The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People is prepared to establish partnerships with groups in the United States who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are oppressed by poverty or social systems,</li> <li>want to take charge of their own lives,</li> <li>have organized or are organizing to do something about their own conditions,</li> <li>have decided that what they are going to do will produce long term changes for their lives or communities,</li> <li>will control the programs they own and will benefit from them directly.</li> </ul>	<\$20,000	<p><a href="http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/sdop/apply-grant/">http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/sdop/apply-grant/</a></p>