

GROWTH AND INVESTMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DUE	FUNDER	GRANT TITLE	PURPOSE	ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	APPLICATION GUIDELINES
7/2/2012	Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program	Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation seek to promote sustainable communities through the Environmental Solutions for Communities program, which supports projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment.	Eligible applicants include: non-profit 501(c) organizations; state, tribal, provincial and local governments; and educational institutions working in states and communities where Wells Fargo operates.	\$25,000 - \$250,000	http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&CONTENTID=25245&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm
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	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants.jsessionid=yQBNPPNHY97vgyJnx17hQhkJzynlJpxdbWFQC1sH21p8q8opP4FH!-2018416081?opportunity=IIAC2012AM&agencycode=DOC-EDA-IIAC

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7/20/2012	Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration	2012 i6 Challenge	EDA solicits competitive applications to encourage and reward innovative, ground-breaking ideas that greatly expand innovation, commercialization and new enterprise formation across the United States. The 2012 i6 Challenge will award applicants submitting the best strategies to create Proof of Concept Centers that greatly increase innovation within their organizations, create processes to commercialize or implement innovation, and build networks that can utilize that innovation and entrepreneurship for local economic development.	State governments County governments City or township governments Public and State controlled institutions of higher education Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) 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 Private institutions of higher education	<\$1,000,000 Total: \$6,000,000	http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=175993

7/31/2012	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Community Transformation Grants - Small Communities Programs	<p>The overarching purpose of this program is to prevent heart attack, stroke, cancer, diabetes and other leading chronic disease causes of death or disability through implementation of a variety of evidence based programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements to promote healthy lifestyles in small communities that improve health and health behaviors among an intervention population.</p>	<p>Governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations. This includes, but is not limited to, school districts, local housing authorities, local transportation authorities, health departments, planning and economic development agencies, non-profit and community based organizations, area aging agencies, and cooperative extension agencies (educational programs within land grant universities). •Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages •Tribal organizations, which include Intertribal Councils and American Indian Health Boards which meet the definition set forth in 25 U.S.C. Section 1603(26), 25 U.S.C. 450b and are under a resolution that such organizations, councils, and boards represent the underlying tribes. •Urban Indian Health Programs, tribal and intertribal consortia</p>	Total: \$70,000,000	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants.jsessionid=dJ8FPPTC1jNiCMhtQlkvJpXdpok3BhY2LyvbRryT8L3jMc4wXDqn!157115659?opportunity=CDC-RFA-DP12-1216PPHF12&agencycode=HHS-CDC
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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	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=RzZ3QD TLHVQoV1y7n2VQWpn DJTjhg4hZCn2ZMTkFH4 G9yTMOznG!-522510686?opportunity=RDBCP-2012-RBOG&agencycode=USDA-rbcs
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	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RCDG.html

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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	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=pKVOQD3HJcLxwrK2y5hvVBYxHDhHV7wplBpDpD5TYrLWS7KyKTW5!-522510686?opportunity=HHS-2012-ACF-OCS-ET-0301&agencycode=HHS-ACF-OCS

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8/13/2012	The Home Depot Foundation	Community Impact Grants Program	Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing, or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional veterans' housing, or community facilities; and planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S. Projects that help military veterans stay in their homes comfortably will be given priority.	Nonprofit organizations, public schools and public service agencies that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities.		
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	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants.jsessionid=mQj1QDIBrMDTWPmcq6QJyj73RRybCKgZfmvzzRvhTTbwrhfrpjTP!-522510686?opportunity=USDA-NIFA-SBIR-003848&agencycode=USDA-NIFA

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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><\$600,000 Total: \$8,000,000</p>	<p>http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12578</p>

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11/7/2012	The Laura Jane Musser Fund	Rural Initiative Program	PRIORITY IS PLACED ON PROJECTS THAT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bring together a broad range of community members and institutions •Provide the opportunity for diverse community members to work together •Contain measurable short term outcomes within the first 12 to 18 months •Include community members actively in all phases of the process •Work toward an outcome of positive change within their community 	Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, Organizations that are forming if they are sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization, and Local units of Government. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer and must be able to demonstrate the rural characteristics of their location	Up to \$5,000 for Planning and Up to \$25,000 for Implementation	http://www.musserfund.org/index.asp?page_seq=6

First Tuesday in April Annually	National Science Foundation	Computing Education for the 21st Century	The Computing Education for the 21st Century (CE21) program aims to build a robust computing research community, a computationally competent 21st century workforce, and a computationally empowered citizenry. In this undertaking, there are three interrelated challenges: the significant underproduction of degrees needed for the computing and computing-related workforce, the longstanding underrepresentation of many segments of our population, and the lack of a presence of computing in K-12.	Proposals may only be submitted by the following: - Non-profit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research labs, professional societies and similar organizations in the U.S. associated with educational or research activities. -State and Local Governments: State educational offices or organizations and local school districts. -Universities and Colleges - Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Such organizations also are referred to as academic institutions.	\$200,000 - \$10,000,000 Total: \$13,000,000	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=ntwxPLlbWodYLRn1h8vpTnX3BGFQyvDJPNjmhpyR22DB51vpCfN!1020059110?opportunity=12-527&agencycode=NSF
Optional Due Date: August 14, 2012, Due Date: January 14, 2013	National Science Foundation	Advancing Informal STEM Learning	The Advancing Informal STEM Learning program invests in research and development of innovative and field advancing out of school STEM learning and emerging STEM learning environments.	Unrestricted	Total: \$20,000,000	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants;jsessionid=D1LmPMYTLPxhPPyHx[ybxnSk1vds3FyvPJnPqcvrzGyn]3jBfCsx!1020059110?opportunity=12-560&agencycode=NSF

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	Archer Daniels Midland Company	ADM Cares	The Archer Daniels Midland Company's ADM Cares program supports nonprofit organizations in company communities around the world that drive meaningful social, economic, and environmental progress. The program provides grant support in the following focus areas: promoting agricultural development, sound environmental practices, education for children and young adults, and maintaining a vibrant community. Preference is given to groups in ADM communities that can demonstrate clear, measurable results toward stated objectives and a solid track record of success.	"Organizations classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, or the international equivalent, may seek funding from ADM Cares if their objectives involve promoting agricultural development, sound environmental practices, education for children and young adults, maintaining a vibrant community or related topics."		http://www.adm.com/en-US/company/CommunityGiving/Pages/ApplyingforFunding.aspx
	Bank of America	Bank of America Charitable Foundation: Local Grants	The Bank of America Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that address pressing social, economic, and cultural needs in the communities the bank serves throughout the United States. While the priorities of specific company communities	section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and not classified as a private foundation. Must be based and serve communities in these markets. Should be aligned with funding		http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_localgrants
	Bank of America	Neighborhood Excellence Initiative	Creating neighborhood excellence in the communities where the bank does business.	Nonprofit organizations		http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_grantapp

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	Economic Development Administration- Dept. of Commerce	Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs	These programs will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to support communities and regions in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts. Resulting in increased private investment and	(1) District Organizations; (2) Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) States, cities or other political subdivisions of a State, including special purpose units of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development		http://www.eda.gov/PDF/EDAP-FFO-Planning_Tech%20Assistance-FINAL.pdf
	Michigan Dept of Environmental Quality	Small Business P2 Loans	Program that allows businesses of 500 employees or less to apply for loans up to \$400,000 at an interest rate of 5% or less. The loans must be used to implement a project that eliminates or reduces waste through pollution prevention.	Loans are available to all private business sectors, including manufacturing, farming, retail and service. However, a small business can not receive more than 1 loan in any 3 year period. Must be independently owned and operated; not dominant in its field	<\$400,000	http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3307-3515-4144-10927--,00.html
	Michigan Economic Development Corporation	Capital Access Program	Provides financing for borrowers who, for various reasons, might have difficulty in obtaining conventional loans. Borrowers must apply for a loan through a lending institution.	For profit, small business (less than 250 employees or \$6m gross annual sales) legally authorized to do business in MI.		http://www.michiganadvantage.org/cm/files/Fact-Sheets/CAPAccess.pdf
	Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs Opportunity	U.S. Dept. of Commerce- Economic Development Administration	The Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for economic growth and success in the worldwide economy.	Opportunities contingent on applying community having a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) plan. Link to the 2011 CEDS: http://old.nwm.org/downloads/nwmco_g_ceds_2011_final.pdf	High: \$2,000,000 Low: \$500,000	http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY_2012_EDAP-FFO_11-18-11_FINAL.pdf

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	RGK Foundation	RGK Foundation Grants	<p>RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community, and Medicine/Health.</p> <p>The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. Within Community, the Foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. The Foundation's current interests in the area of Medicine/Health include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS.</p>	<p>Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply. Organizations that have completed and filed Form 1023 but not yet received an IRS determination letter are not eligible to apply. The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals.</p>		http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines
	USDA-Rural Development	BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOANS (B&I)	<p>Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will keep the business from closing, prevent the loss of employment opportunities, or provide expanded job opportunities; business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development; Purchase</p>	<p>A borrower may be a cooperative organization, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity organized and operated on a profit or nonprofit basis; an Indian tribe on a Federal or State reservation or other Federally recognized tribal group; a public bod</p>	<\$10,000,000	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i_gar.htm
	Virginia A. Cott & Richard S. Cott Charitable Trust	Virginia A. Cott & Richard S. Cott Charitable Trust	<p>Gifts, grants, or loans give to other organizations in need. Individuals are not eligible</p>	<p>No grants to individuals.</p>	Total Givings: \$40,100	

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	Wells Fargo Corporate Giving	Wells Fargo Foundation	Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations working to strengthen our communities. Through the efforts of our enthusiastic team member-volunteers and our contributions, we share our success within our communities by giving back to non-profits and educational institutions that address vital community needs and issues.	Organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as well as qualified tribal and governmental agencies. Please note that Wells Fargo is unable to consider grants for the following: Endowments; For-profit entities including start-up businesses; Individuals, including scholarship or fellowship assistance; Political action committees, candidates, causes, and lobbying; Advertising; Publications, films or production underwriting; Religious organizations for religious purposes; Single disease issues; Start-up funding for new organizations; Travel, including trips or tours		https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/mi_guidelines
	Whirlpool Foundation	Whirlpool Foundation	"The foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, housing development, human services, and community development. Special emphasis is directed toward programs designed to promote lifelong learning, quality family life, and cultural diversity."	Support is limited to 1 contribution per organization during any given year. Application form required	Total Givings: \$9,847,102 (2009)	Contact foundation for application form http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com/responsibility/building_c