

Funding Opportunities

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Arts Council of Macon County: <https://www.artscouncilofmacon.org/>

The Arts Council of Macon County is a non-profit organization. The Board and its members work year round to develop and present high quality, diverse, accessible arts programs to entertain, inform, and inspire us all. We serve the county with community concerts, Artists-in-the-Schools, and grants to other non-profits producing community arts programs.

Jackson Arts Council: <https://www.jacksoncountyarts.org/>

The Jackson County Arts Council was founded in 1976 to provide greater artistic exposure and opportunities for public school students. JCAC’s original goal – to foster the arts in the public schools – remains a top priority. JCAC serves as a key cultural resource for Jackson County students, working closely with local administrators to provide students artistic programs and other cultural opportunities. Additionally, JCAC funds the Junior Appalachian Musician program, allowing students to learn and play music traditional to the mountain culture.

North Carolina Arts Council: <https://www.ncarts.org/grants-resources/grants>

The N.C. Arts Council's grants are one of the many ways we invest in sustaining and advancing our diverse and widespread network of arts organizations and artists. In fact, 80-percent of our funds flow directly to arts organizations and artists across North Carolina.

North Carolina Humanities: <https://nchumanities.org/grants/>

North Carolina Humanities is the leading cultural project funder in North Carolina. We distribute three types of cultural project grants to nonprofits that use the humanities to raise questions, encourage conversation, contextualize experiences, and connect people across differences in their local communities. This work creates meaningful opportunities for people to learn from experts and each other. We welcome diverse projects from across North Carolina that address different topics and use a variety of public humanities formats.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

Ask Every Student: <https://www.studentvoting.org/>

Ask Every Student is a national joint initiative that facilitates collaboration between campus leaders and nonprofit partners to help campuses ask every student to participate in the democratic process and achieve full student voter registration.

Laughing Gull Foundation: <https://laughinggull.org/about-us/>

Laughing Gull Foundation envisions a more equitable, just, and sustainable world. As a supportive partner, we are committed and intentional, and never take our eyes off the horizon. Founded in 2012 as a progressive family foundation rooted in the South and committed to justice, Laughing Gull Foundation ensures frontline leaders have the funding, resources, and support needed to build power and make change. Focus areas: climate and environment, LGBTQ+Equality, Higher education in prison.

NC Campus Engagement: <https://nccampusengagement.org/>

North Carolina Campus Engagement is a collaborative network of colleges and universities committed to: Educating students for civic and social responsibility, partnering with communities for positive change, and strengthening democracy

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Appalachian Regional Commission: <https://www.arc.gov/grants-and-opportunities/>

ARC uses [Congressionally appropriated funds](#) to invest in the Region's economic and community development through grants. As part of our unique federal-state partnership, ARC's grant application process begins at the state government level. All ARC grants align with the investment priorities outlined in our current [Strategic Plan](#) and reflect [state plans and strategies](#).

Dogwood Health Trust: <https://dogwoodhealthtrust.org/>

Dogwood Health Trust wants to help create a Western North Carolina where every generation can live, learn, earn and thrive, with dignity and opportunity for all – no exceptions. To do this, we focus a large portion of our community investments on creating equitable outcomes within four key strategic priorities (housing, education, economic opportunity, health and wellness) that intertwine to significantly influence overall wellbeing.

Duke Energy Foundation: <https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy-foundation/funding-guidelines>

Each year, the Duke Energy Foundation will decide if there are additional grant opportunities available through a request for proposals process (RFP). If available, these opportunities will be announced via news release and via email to previous grantees. The majority of Duke Energy Foundation grants awarded are less than \$20,000. If you have a project that warrants additional consideration, please work through your Duke Energy Foundation contact. Duke Energy funds work in North Carolina within the areas of vibrant communities, climate resiliency, and justice, equity, and inclusion.

Golden Leaf Foundation: <https://goldenleaf.org/welcome/>

Golden LEAF's mission is to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina's rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grantmaking, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation.

NC Idea: <https://ncidea.org/about/>

NC IDEA is an independent private, 501(c)(3) foundation whose vision is to help North Carolinians achieve their entrepreneurial ambition to start and grow high potential companies. NC IDEA fosters sustainable economic development with competitive grants and programs for entrepreneurs and funding to strengthen the North Carolina entrepreneurial ecosystem. NC IDEA offers grant funding and support on the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

USDA Rural Development: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>

We offer loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing; health care; first responder services and equipment; and water, electric and communications infrastructure. Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities through improved infrastructure.

US Department of Labor: <https://www.dol.gov/grants>

Labor Grants: Empowering and expanding equitable opportunities for all workers. Our grants connect, protect, train, support and empower workers and job seekers, at home and abroad.

US Economic Development Administration: <https://www.eda.gov/>

The U.S. Economic Development Administration's investment policy is designed to establish a foundation for sustainable job growth and the building of durable regional economies throughout the United States.

EDUCATION

ECMC Foundation: <https://www.ecmcfoundation.org/what-we-do/strategic-framework>

We make grants and investments that fit within one of our three strategic priorities, and we are particularly interested in those proposals that focus on implementing systemic reforms to improve postsecondary outcomes for students from underserved backgrounds. 1. Removing barriers to postsecondary completion: 2. Building the capacity of organizations, systems and institutions. 3. We strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions, systems, and other support and service organizations to improve outcomes for today's learners and evolve to meet the changing needs of learners. We support large-scale, cross-sector collaborations and innovations that have the potential to transform the postsecondary ecosystem in service of more equitable outcomes for the learners of today and tomorrow. Currently, ECMS has the following initiatives: Rural Impact Initiative and a Career, Technical Education Leadership Initiative, Transfer and Credit Mobility Initiative, Men of Color Initiative, Basic Needs, and Single Mother Student Success Initiative.

Glass Foundation, Inc.: <https://www.glassfoundation.org/apply>

The Foundation strives to help Western North Carolina thrive as a whole community educationally, environmentally, and culturally and offer a distinctive quality of life. We have two areas of interest:

(1) Environmental education and preservation. (2) Developmental and educational opportunities for children and teens.

John M. Belk Endowment: <https://jimbendowment.org/how-we-work>

In 2014, the John M. Belk Endowment began allocating resources toward eliminating barriers to postsecondary education for underrepresented students across North Carolina by focusing on Access, Completion and Workforce Relevance. Based on research, we define underrepresented populations as groups where there is a clearly demonstratable gap in educational attainment. These include, but are not limited to, low-income, rural, first-generation, minority students and military veterans.

Mebane Foundation: <https://www.mebanefoundation.com/guiding-principles/>

The Foundation will use its assets to promote collaborations and partnerships among educational professionals (public and private), business leaders, elected officials, and the community at large, focused on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their highest potential in school, in career, and in life. The Foundation – as a catalyst for educational innovation and improvement, not a permanent source of funding – will require its education, business, government, and community partners to develop models with long-term, independent sustainability.

North Carolina Community Foundation Scholarships:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/how-to-apply>

Undergraduates, graduates, medical and professional school students and adult re-entry students who are attending community colleges, four-year universities, career/technical schools, teaching credential programs and graduate, medical or

professional schools in the United States are eligible for scholarships offered at NCCF. Depending on the scholarship, it may pay for tuition, room and board, books, fees and/or other related educational expenses. This will be outlined in your award notification.

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/funding-opportunities>

A collection of available funding opportunities and grants. Please see their associated pages for more information.

Spencer Foundation: <https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant>

Our programs provide funding for education-focused research projects, research training fellowships, and additional field-building initiatives. Throughout each of our programs, we maintain broad ideas about the questions educational research might ask, the theories it might employ, the methods and approaches it might use, and the ways in which we might support it.

Society for Research in Child Development: <https://www.srcd.org/programs-and-funding>

SRCD offers a number of rich programs and funding opportunities for professional development whether you are just beginning to explore a career related to developmental science or are a leading scholar in the field.

The Transformational Partnership Fund: <https://www.higheredpartnerships.org/>

The Transformational Partnerships Fund (TPF) supports colleges and universities interested in exploring partnerships that could fundamentally improve how they operate and serve students — especially students of color, students from low-income families, and other underserved populations.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

American Association of Colleges of Nursing: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/news-data/all-news/category/funding-opportunities>

As the collective voice for academic nursing, AACN serves as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina:

<https://www.bcbsncfoundation.org/overview-and-opportunities/>

Grants are investments – in organizations, in people, in health. We value and strive to support initiatives and investments that reflect the voices, perspectives, and lived experiences of the people and communities in North Carolina faced with significant barriers to good health. We invite applications based on specific strategic objectives or announce broader opportunities to apply for funding. Our grants can range in size from targeted small dollar amounts to large, multi-year partnerships. Grantmaking supports: Access to care, early childhood, healthy communities, healthy food, oral health)

Burrough's Wellcome Fund: <https://www.bwfund.org/>

BWF makes grants primarily to degree-granting institutions on behalf of individual researchers. To complement these competitive award programs, BWF also makes grants to nonprofit organizations conducting activities intended to improve the general environment for science.

Charlies Heart Foundation: <https://charliesheartfoundation.org/>

Charlie's Heart Foundation is committed to supporting small nonprofits aligned with our mission that are doing great work! Our grant program seeks to fund innovative, holistic programs that promote the mental well-being of families in underserved and under-resourced communities.

Constellation Quality Health Foundation:

<https://constellationqualityhealth.org/foundation/>

The CCME Foundation works to improve the health of individuals and communities. We provide charitable grants to nonprofit organizations to build upon or undertake new projects that improve access to health care and health-related services for our neighbors in the Carolinas. Funding is prioritized on a project's potential to impact the community using measurable outcomes. We welcome all eligible applicants, especially community-based organizations in earlier stages of development.

Great Smokies Health Foundation: <https://www.greatsmokieshealthfoundation.com/>

The mission of the Great Smokies Health Foundation is to improve the health status of the residents of Jackson, Swain, Macon, and Graham counties through investment and collaboration focused on health, wellness, and prevention. The Foundation is governed by a local board with representatives from the communities being served.

Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation:

<https://highlandscashiershealthfoundation.org/>

The Health Foundation strives to partner with organizations whose transformative, lasting solutions will advance our mission to improve the health and well-being of Highlands, Cashiers, and surrounding communities.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants>

We award grants for ideas and projects that benefit the public. Our grants help solve critical needs in their community. Examples include: Expanding the health workforce; increasing access to affordable and quality health care; more options for telehealth; HIV medical care, medications, and support services.

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust: <https://kbr.org/health-improvement-in-north-carolina/>

We invest in solutions that improve health for residents of North Carolina. We support equitable access to care, work to build equitable health systems, and invest in rural health solutions.

Nantahala Health Foundation: <https://nantahalahealthfoundation.org/who-we-are/>

Nantahala Health Foundation is committed to collaborating with organizations to build capacity and address areas that significantly affect the health and well-being of all people in the community we serve.

Nantahala Health Foundation, a public 501(c)3 nonprofit, is charged with improving the health, wellness and overall quality of life for those living in the westernmost region of North Carolina, including Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties, as well as the Qualla Boundary.

NC AHEC: <https://www.ncahec.net/>

NC AHEC's [mission](#) is to provide and support educational activities and services with a focus on primary care in rural communities and those with less access to resources to recruit, train, and retain the workforce needed to create a healthy North Carolina. We [envision](#) a state where every North Carolinian is healthy and supported by an appropriate and well-trained health workforce that reflects the communities it serves. NC AHEC presents awards and fellowships to faculty, staff, and colleagues

North Carolina Office of Rural Health (ORH): <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/rural-health-grant-opportunities>

The North Carolina Office of Rural Health (ORH) supports equitable access to health in rural and underserved communities. The Office of Rural Health (ORH) assists underserved communities by improving access, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. While we do not provide direct care, our programs support numerous health care safety net organizations throughout North Carolina.

Mountain AHEC: <https://www.ncahec.net/about-nc-ahec/find-your-ahec/mahec/>

MAHEC provides and supports educational activities and services in the western part of the state with a focus on primary care in rural communities and those with less access to resources to recruit, train, and retain the workforce needed to create a healthy North Carolina.

Rural Health Information Hub: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/states/north-carolina/funding>

This website provides all kinds of information regarding rural health, including data and statistics. In addition, the funding page provides a list of grant programs and other opportunities in North Carolina related to rural health.

WNC Bridge Foundation: <https://www.wncbridge.org/>

We are a community-based charitable organization that works to provide funds to support and assist in meeting the many health challenges that face the people of WNC. We provide direct support and also empower carefully selected non-profits to impact individual and community wellness in our communities throughout the WNC region.

HUMAN SERVICES

Evergreen Foundation: <https://evergreenfoundationnc.org/grants/>

The mission of the Evergreen Foundation is to improve access to and public awareness of quality prevention, treatment, and support services by the provider community to individuals and families with intellectual/developmental disabilities or behavioral health and/or substance abuse needs in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities>

The Department of Health and Human Services manages the delivery of health- and human-related services for all North Carolinians, especially our most vulnerable people – children, elderly, disabled and low-income families. The Department works closely with health care professionals, community leaders and advocacy groups; local, state and federal entities; and many other stakeholders to make this happen.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA): <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding>

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) offers funding through a variety of different programs.

FEMA Preparedness Grants: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness>

Preparedness grants support our citizens and first responders to ensure we work together as a nation to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ): <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/current>

Includes funding opportunities for Law Enforcement programs.

North Carolina Department of Public Safety: <https://www.ncdps.gov/dps-services/grants>

The Department of Public Safety administers federal criminal justice grants through the Governor's Crime Commission, as well as homeland security, disaster preparedness and disaster recovery grants through the Division of Emergency Management.

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT):

<https://www.naemt.org/resources/federal-funding>

EMS is eligible to secure a variety of federal grants through a variety of federal agencies to support its needs to provide quality patient care in its community. NAEMT has developed a list of funding opportunities with direct access to the grant web page.

Office of Justice Programs (OJP): <https://www.ojp.gov/funding>

Whether you're looking for a funding opportunity or need an overview of OJP's grant process, the Center provides you with access to the information you need.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-grants>

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions that can be used for training, exercises, planning, personnel, and equipment to prepare for many threats and hazards. These resources provide useful information on current grants available to IHEs. There are two main categories of grants: preparedness grants and other.

STEM

American Mathematical Society: <https://www.ams.org/profession/profession>

AMS Programs provides the mathematics community with the resources and opportunities to further their mathematical pursuits. Find a [Travel Grant](#) or a [Fellowship](#) administered by the AMS. Other funding opportunities: <https://www.ams.org/opportunities>

Burrough's Welcome Fund: <https://www.bwfund.org/>

BWF makes grants primarily to degree-granting institutions on behalf of individual researchers. To complement these competitive award programs, BWF also makes grants to nonprofit organizations conducting activities intended to improve the general environment for science.

Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program: <https://www.nsfnoyce.org/>

Robert Noyce Teaching Scholarship Program provides funding to institutions of higher education to provide scholarships, stipends, and programmatic support to recruit and prepare STEM majors and professionals to become K-12 teachers. The program seeks to increase the number of K-12 teachers with strong STEM content knowledge who teach in high-need school districts.

MULTI-FOCUS FOUNDATIONS

Bank of America Charitable Foundation:

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/charitable-foundation-funding>

At Bank of America, we're guided by a common purpose to help make financial lives better. Through our focus on responsible growth, we deliver for our teammates, clients and shareholders, while addressing economic mobility and social progress focused on the needs of the community.

Cannon Foundation: <https://cannonfoundation.org/cannon-foundation/>

The Cannon Foundation was established in 1943 by Charles A. Cannon, President and CEO of Cannon Mills Company. The Foundation continues his philanthropic legacy by funding capital and equipment projects for organizations across Mr. Cannon's home state of North Carolina. Areas of focus: human services, higher education, healthcare, community (veterans, arts, historic and environmental preservation).

Center for Native Health: <https://www.centerfornativehealth.org/grant-application>

The Center provides funding to projects and programs that emphasize improvement in overall health and well-being of Southeastern indigenous people. Priority is given to those that support our focus areas, including education and

consultation, cultural preservation and application, community based partnerships, and training and mentorship.

Community Foundation of Western North Carolina: <https://cfwnc.org/>

CFWNC makes grants and works with fundholders to support promising projects across 18 counties, including Jackson, Macon, Swain, and the Qualla Boundary. CFWNC's focus areas have shifted to Cultural Resources, Education, Human Services and Natural Resources.

Dogwood Health Trust: <https://dogwoodhealthtrust.org/>

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Duke Endowment: <https://www.dukeendowment.org/grants>

Our work in North Carolina and South Carolina focuses primarily on four program areas and builds off of strong connections with our grantees and community partners. The program areas include, child and family well-being, health care, higher education, and rural church.

North Carolina Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/nonprofits/community-grantmaking>

Our community grantmaking funds a broad range of purposes to meet local needs that include human services, education, youth development, health, food/nutrition, arts, and more. Organizations can apply for grants from our affiliate foundations, giving circles and community funds. Grant decisions are made by community members who bring knowledge and expertise of local needs. Public schools may apply.

North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation:

<https://www.ncgskfoundation.org/about-us.html>

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation is committed to embracing the entire state through our grant programs. We seek the creative spark that makes a true difference in people's lives by supporting innovative programs promoting the sciences, health and education. Traditional grants, which are over \$25,000, are often multi-year commitments that have a broad impact in the state. The Ribbon of Hope grants provide \$50,000 to nonprofits to establish or expand local programs.

Rural.gov: <https://www.rural.gov/programs>

Browse funding opportunities, technical assistance, and other programs supporting a broad range of rural community and economic development activities. You can also find assistance for residents, including families, homeowners, seniors, veterans, small businesses, agricultural producers, and more.

SECU Foundation: <https://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Grants/Grants.html>

The SECU Foundation will promote local and community development by primarily funding high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare, and human services. The State Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors chartered the SECU Foundation to help identify and address community issues that are beyond the normal scope of State Employees' Credit Union.

Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina: <https://www.somnclegacy.org/>

Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Legacy provides grants to tax-exempt health care, educational and social service organizations which meet its criteria and effectively assist women, children, those who are elderly and those who are poor to improve the quality of their lives. Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Legacy values working with organizations whose efforts are collaborative, ecumenical, multicultural and evidence-based. Its grantmaking focus is on organizations that serve the unserved or underserved.

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants: <https://walmart.org/how-we-give/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>

Walmart believes that strengthening local communities creates value for business as well as society. Each year, Walmart U.S. stores, Sam's Clubs and Distribution Centers award local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5000. These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate.

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation: <https://www.zsr.org/>

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (ZSR) is committed to improving the quality of life for all North Carolinians. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is a statewide, private, family foundation that has been a catalyst for positive change in North Carolina for more than 85 years. Headquartered in Winston-Salem, NC, the Foundation has invested more than \$691 million into North Carolina.

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT SEARCH

Grant opportunities from the State of North Carolina: <https://www.nc.gov/your-government/all-nc-state-services/grant-opportunities>

This page includes links to grant programs across NC state government agencies.

Federal Grant Opportunities: <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>

This page is where you may search grant opportunities across all federal government agencies. You may search by eligibility, category, agency, keyword(s), Opportunity Number, and funding instrument type.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC): <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/>

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is a free service of the State of North Carolina. CFNC promotes access to N.C. higher education and assists students with education planning, career planning and applying and paying for college.

College Board Scholarship Info: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly \$6 billion. Scholarship information is based on the College Board's Annual Survey of Financial Aid Programs.