



March/April UPDATE: Take a look at available grants

News and new grant funding opportunities and resources for the IndyEast Promise Zone

UPDATE OVERVIEW

In this update, you will find new information and recent news on a variety of topics, including:

NEWS: Read about IHCDA's Rental Housing Tax Credit awards.

LEARNING: See links to great online grant resources and other information.

FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: There are lots of new and current funding opportunities, plus many for which deadlines are approaching. See below for a comprehensive list of what's new and available.

RESOURCES: This section provides links to studies and stories that you may find helpful.

NEWS

IHCDA Awards \$13.9 million in Rental Housing Tax Credits for 16 Affordable Housing Developments.

On February 23rd, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) announced its award of more than \$13.9 million in Rental Housing Tax Credits (RHTCs) and \$5.8 million in additional funding from the Development Fund, HOME, and Housing Trust Fund towards 16 multi-family housing developments throughout Indiana. These developments will provide over 700 additional units of affordable housing options for residents throughout Indiana, and are an important step toward meeting local and state affordable housing needs.

With 62 applications received requesting over \$50.6 million in RHTCs and \$23.2 million in supplemental IHCDA funding, the RHTC program is highly competitive. Project activities eligible for funding include new construction, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and the preservation of historic buildings. With its application scoring system IHCDA does its best to ensure that the projects chosen to receive funding will result in the greatest benefit to the greatest number of Indiana residents.

Three projects in Greater Indianapolis were funded, and all three were located within the IndyEast Promise Zone geography. Englewood CDC was awarded funding to build the 39-unit

Phase 2 of Oxford Place Senior Apartments. In addition, Near East Area Renewal was awarded funding to build the 64-unit Minnie Hartman Center, which will house senior apartments along with 8,000 square feet of childcare space within the former IPS School 78. Finally, John Boner Neighborhood Centers was awarded funding to renovate 32 homes, mostly within St. Clair Place.

LEARNING

Technical assistance and training opportunities

As a reminder, technical assistance is available through the Promise Zone for your grant project. As a Promise Zone, we can conduct a technical review of a grant application, strategize on how to leverage funding and partners, assist with program design, provide data, and serve as a liaison between your organization and any relevant federal agency.

Additionally, we are currently organizing several training sessions for the year. The first will involve a tour of the Promise Zone with several federal agencies and a discussion of applicable grant programs, and more information will be coming soon. If you have any programs or agencies about which you would like more information, please send a note to lcrespo@jbncenters.org.

Finally, we will continue to share information about other TA opportunities as it becomes available. Current opportunities include:

Save the Date: **Grant Writing Training at University of Indianapolis**

On May 10th, there will be an all-day grant writing training event at the University of Indianapolis. Please save the date and stay tuned for upcoming details!

ED: **Fiscal Mapping Webinar and Community of Practice**

The U.S. Department of Education recently shared a webinar discussing fiscal mapping as a practice of strategy and partner engagement. In addition to the webinar, it was announced that ED will launch a community of practice for 5-6 communities interested in fiscal mapping and technical assistance. Interested communities with engaged cross-sector partners and a clear, community-driven vision can apply at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fiscalmapping>. [.https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fiscalmapping](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fiscalmapping). To listen to the webinar, visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwXKD_gHx-wGbFV5V0ISQm81R0U/view.

FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ED: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Partnership Grants

This U.S. Department of Education program provides funding for academic and related support services to eligible low-income students, including students with disabilities and English learners, to help them to obtain a secondary school diploma and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. The GEAR UP partnership grant supports partnerships comprised, at a minimum, of institutions of higher education and local educational agencies.

- Funding: \$100,000 to \$7,000,000 per year for a period of up to seven years
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 19, 2017

SAMHSA: Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless individuals support community infrastructures that integrate behavioral health treatment and services for substance use disorders and co-occurring mental and substance use disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

- Funding: Up to \$400,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 25, 2017

BJA: Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program

This program provides financial and technical assistance to governments to plan, develop and implement comprehensive diversion and alternatives to incarceration programs that expand outreach, treatment and recovery efforts to individuals impacted by the opioid epidemic who come into contact with justice system. There are 6 funding categories.

- Funding: Up to \$850,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 25, 2017

DOL: Reentry Projects

This U.S. Department of Labor program provides the opportunity for organizations to build customized projects from evidence-based and informed interventions or from promising practices. These projects will serve either young adults 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system or adults ages 25 or older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days. All projects must be located in high-poverty, high-crime communities.

- Funding: Maximum of \$4,500,000 over a period of three years
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 27, 2017

IMLS: Museums Empowered: Professional Development and Capacity Building Opportunities for Museums

This Institute of Museum and Library Services program is a special initiative to provide professional development and capacity building opportunities for eligible museums.

- Funding: Maximum of \$250,000 over a period of up to three years
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 1, 2017

DOJ: Changing Minds: Professional Development and Public Education to Address Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma

To extend and continue the important work done to date in educating the public and in professional development on children exposed to violence, OJJDP invites applications to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to state, local, and tribal professionals who work with at-risk children and justice-involved youth in three discrete categories of funding, as described following: Category 1: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for educators and educational administrators in public school and correctional and alternative education settings based on the Changing Minds K-12 training institute; Category 2: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for law enforcement based on the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence curriculum and toolkit; and Category 3: Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign expansion and enhancement phase 2.

- Funding: From \$1,000,000 to \$1,750,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 2, 2017

NEH: Humanities Access Grants

These National Endowment for the Humanities grants help support capacity building for humanities programs that benefit one or more of the following groups: youth, communities of color, and economically disadvantaged populations.

- Funding: \$50,000 or \$100,000 over a period of two years
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 3, 2017

NEA: Challenge America

NEA's Challenge America program supports projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 4, 2017 (SF-424 due April 13, 2017)

NEA: Art Works: Creativity Connects

This program supports collaborative, mutually beneficial partnerships between the arts and non-arts sectors, specifically: Agriculture, Business and Economic Development, Science, Technology, Healthcare, Community Education, Environment, Military, and Transportation.

- Funding: From \$20,000 to \$100,000 per year for a period of four years.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 4, 2017

NIH: Reducing Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Children

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion prevention and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings.

- Funding: Not specified.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 7, 2017

HHS: Drug Free Communities Mentoring Program

The goal of this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services program is to assist newly forming coalitions in becoming eligible to apply for Drug-Free Communities funding on their own.

- Funding: Maximum of \$75,000 per year for up to two years
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 8, 2017

DOL: YouthBuild

The U.S. Department of Labor will award grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. YouthBuild is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are high school dropouts, adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, and other at-risk youth populations.

- Funding: \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 over a period of 40 months
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 9, 2017

CNCS: AmeriCorps State and National Grants – Targeted Priority

This competition seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in Healthy Futures: reducing or preventing prescription drug or opioid abuse; and Safer Communities: strengthening law enforcement and community relations.

- Funding: \$13,830 maximum cost per member service year
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 10, 2017

ED: Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Program: Grants for Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities

This U.S. Department of Education program provides grants to eligible entities to demonstrate innovative methods of helping charter schools to address the cost of acquiring, constructing, and renovating facilities by enhancing the availability of loans and bond financing.

- Funding: \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 11, 2017

SAMHSA: Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma

The purpose of this program is to assist high-risk youth and families and promote resilience and equity in communities that have recently faced civil unrest through implementation of evidence-based, violence prevention, and community youth engagement programs, as well as linkages to trauma-informed behavioral health services. The goal of the ReCAST Program is for local community entities to work together in ways that lead to improved behavioral health, empowered community residents, reductions in trauma, and sustained community change. For the purposes of this FOA, civil unrest is defined as demonstrations of mass protest and mobilization, community harm, and disruption through violence often connected with law enforcement issues.

- Funding: Up to \$1,000,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 17, 2017

DOC: Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant Opportunity

EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive merit basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the US. EDA funds provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects and are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Promise Zones are considered “Special Needs” areas, and applicants should submit a letter of support from the lead Promise Zone organization.

- Funding: From \$100,000 to \$3,000,000.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

USDA: National School Lunch After School Snack Program

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service offers funding for schools and residential child care institutions to provide after school snacks to low-income children who participate in the National School Lunch program.

- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

USDA: FSA Microloans

USDA's Farm Service Agency provides financial assistance for small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm ownership or operations. Non-traditional farm operations can include truck farms, farms, direct marketing farmers, Community Supported Agriculture, restaurants and grocery stores, or those using hydroponic, aquaponic, organic, and/or vertical growing methods.

- **Funding:** Maximum of \$50,000.
- **Deadline:** Ongoing

NON-FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Sparkplug Foundation: N/A

This foundation is offering grants to start-up nonprofit organizations or new projects of established nonprofits that are addressing the fields of music, education, and community organizing. In the Music category, the Foundation supports emerging professional musicians or music-development programs. In Education and Teaching, the Foundation funds projects that deal with "the whole student" and with learning as a community activity. Through Grassroots Organizing, the Foundation encourages activist strategies for addressing institutional injustices and for building a reasoned, just society. The current focus is on ground-level community organizing at the intersection of utilities/energy infrastructure, housing/community resources, and racial justice.

- **Funding:** Not specified.
- **Deadline:** Online questionnaires due April 10, 2017. Letters of Intent due April 17, 2017. Final applications due May 5, 2017.

Ben and Jerry's Foundation: N/A

This foundation supports organizations working to bring about progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. One year grants will be awarded to organizations working to further social and environmental justice and in support of sustainable and just food systems.

- Funding: Up to \$20,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 14, 2017

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes: N/A

Barron Prize celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive impact on people, their communities, and the environment. Each year, 15 winners each receive \$5,000 to support their service work or higher education.

- Funding: \$5,000.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 15, 2017

Woozy Moo: Fight for a Better World

Fight for a Better World grants support organizations that address issues of social inequality and injustice. Priority on organizations that are passionate and apply high-impact and cost-effective measures in their activities.

- Funding: Up to \$25,000.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 15, 2017

J.M. Kaplan Fund: JMK Innovation Prize

This program supports social entrepreneurs across the United States who are spearheading game-changing solutions to our society's most urgent challenges. Specifically, the program seeks to support innovation in the following fields: Heritage Conservation, with a focus on conserving America's greatest monuments and places; Social Justice, with a focus on supporting decarceration and human immigrant integration; and Environment, with a focus on reducing the pace and impacts of climate change.

- Funding: Up to three years of support at \$50,000 per year as well as a \$25,000 bank of funds available for technical assistance or targeted project expenses.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 28, 2017

The Lawrence Foundation: N/A

This foundation's funding focus is on the environment, human services, disaster relief, and other causes. The foundation provides program and operating grants with no geographic restrictions.

- Funding: From \$1,000 to \$15,000.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through April 30, 2017 and again through November 1, 2017.

Lalor Foundation: Anna Lalor Burdick Program

This funding supports programs for youth women, particularly those who are disadvantaged by poverty, discrimination, geographic isolation, lack of specific sex education, hostile public policy, or other factors leading to inadequate reproductive health. Areas of interest include programs that include a comprehensive approach to sexual and reproductive health education; novel ideas, including innovative methods of delivering information; and programs that incorporate advocacy or policy change.

- Funding: From \$15,000 to \$25,000.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 1, 2017

Dollar General Literacy Foundation: Youth Literacy

This funding supports schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that work to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

- Funding: Not specified.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 18, 2017

Funds for Technology Skills Programs Serving Teens in Company Communities: Best Buy Community Grants Program

This program provides support to community-based organizations that are located within 50 miles of a Best Buy facility. Grants promote programs that offer hands-on learning opportunities for underserved teens to engage in learning, experimenting, and interacting with the latest technologies to build 21st century skills. Eligible programs must deliver community-based youth programs for teens, ages 13-18, during out of school time, and serve a diverse population.

- Funding: Up to \$10,000 with an average amount of \$5,000
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through May 19, 2017

Santander Bank: N/A

This organization provides support for funding priorities including affordable housing, financial education, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization.

- Funding: Not specified.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through June 2, 2017 and again through September 8, 2017.

David Bohnett Foundation: N/A

This foundation provides support for funding priorities including LGBT community support, gun violence prevention, cyber centers, municipal leadership, and animal language.

- Funding: From \$500 to \$2,700,000.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through June 30, 2017.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Learning Impact Grants

Learning Impact Grants support school improvement projects, such as facility enhancement and landscaping/cleanup. Projects with parent involvement and other community partners are encouraged.

- Funding: From \$2,000 to \$5,000.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through August 7, 2017.

Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation: N/A

The Foundation provides grants to programs with national impact that address 1) raising the public's participation in economic education and creating a demand for greater economic literacy; 2) encouraging measurement of economic understanding; 3) developing the application of new strategies for teaching economics; and 4) helping disenfranchised youth or young adults with children learn to participate in the economic system.

- Funding: Average grant is \$22,000. Seed grants of \$20,000 are also available.
- **Deadline:** RFP period is open through August 15, 2017.

American Heart Association and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: **Voices for Healthy Kids – Strategic Campaign Funds**

This initiative aims to engage, organize, and mobilize people to help all children grow up at a healthy weight. Applications must be specific to an individual campaign focused on changing public policy in one state, local, or tribal geographic location and must align with one of the Voices for Health Kids policy priorities: community; schools; early care and education; and out-of-school time.

- Funding: Maximum of \$90,000 over a period of up to one year.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Voya Foundation: N/A

This program supports organizations that provide innovative and experiential K-8 STEM learning opportunities that promote an early interest in STEM career fields and improve teachers' capabilities in STEM; or that provide financial education curriculum to grade 9-12 students focused on navigating major financial milestones such as student debt, credit, home ownership, financial products and services/financial capability, and family needs.

- Funding: Minimum \$2,500.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Wish You Well Foundation: N/A

This program supports child and family literacy programs. Priority goes to development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs.

- Funding: Minimum \$10,000.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Public Welfare Foundation: N/A

The foundation focuses funding on justice and workers' rights issues. Criminal Justice funding focuses on reducing incarceration rates and jail populations and developing and promoting strategies to reduce the overrepresentation of racial and ethnic minorities in the criminal justice process.

- Funding: From \$70,000 to \$300,000.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Kresge Foundation: N/A

This foundation offers grants for diverse social investment in Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Health, and Human Services.

- Funding: Not specified.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Singing for Change: Social and Environmental Problem Solving Grants

Singing for Change, created by musician Jimmy Buffet in 1995, offers grants to progressive nonprofits working to address the root causes of social or environmental problems. Focus areas: 1) children and families, 2) the environment, and 3) disenfranchised groups. Singing for Change will pay special attention to projects that “help people overcome social or economic barriers to education or employment; promote the empowerment of individuals toward self-sufficiency, and provide opportunities for personal growth that benefit their greater community; and demonstrate human equality and encourage people to cross boundary lines to help others.”.

- Funding: From \$1,000 to \$10,000.
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Sunoco Foundation: N/A

This program workforce development, environmental stewardship and responsibility, and strengthening communities.

- Funding: From \$500 to \$10,000 (local) and from \$2,500 to \$500,000 (national).
- **Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

RESOURCES

Building a Powerful Grant Strategy for 2016-2017

This GrantHub webinar helps grant writers to design and develop a grant seeking matrix, develop project descriptions, identify the right granting organization, create a grants strategy, and establish a master calendar for grant seeking efforts. See attached.

Beyond Bars: Keeping Young People Safe at Home and Out of Youth Prisons

NHSA's National Collaboration for Youth (NCY) released *Beyond Bars: Keeping Young People Safe at Home and Out of Youth Prisons*, a report that can serve as a handbook for juvenile justice administrators, legislators, judges, the non-profit community and youth advocates for how to end the practice of youth incarceration, promote public safety and restore a sense of belonging for young people in their homes and neighborhoods. Collective experiences tell us that communities that are often characterized by intense needs also have extraordinary assets which can easily be overlooked. The report advocates for leveraging those assets to meet the needs of communities and to provide greater resources for neighborhood-based services and programs. See attached.

Scaling Up, Scaling Out: White Paper on Lessons From Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana and Nurse-Family Partnership

Ascend at the Aspen Institute recently featured a partnership in Indiana for the Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program in a report entitled "Scaling Up, Scaling Out, White Paper on Lessons From Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana and Nurse-Family Partnership." Implemented in Indiana exclusively by Goodwill, the Nurse-Family Partnership began in Marion County, Indiana in November 2011 and today serves more than 500 families there. The program also recently expanded to additional counties with the capacity to serve 1,000 families. The Nurse-Family Partnership is a maternal and early childhood education program that focuses "on healthy pregnancy, knowledgeable and responsible parents, and babies having a healthy start." In Indiana, Goodwill has Excel Centers, which provide adult education and drop-in child care. The Excel Centers aim to "provide adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma and post-secondary education while developing career paths that offer greater employment and career growth opportunities." The Goodwill and NFP partnership enabled the combining of the missions of these two programs to create a true two-generation approach. By providing coordinated services and focusing on outcomes for both children and parents, the organizations were able to increase the array of programs offered to families as well as reach more families. See attached.

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