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COMMERCIAL

Play Structures

# Playground Grant Resource Guide

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# NATIONAL GRANTS



# The Aetna Foundation

## Obesity Prevention Grant Program

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/index.html>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$50,000-\$150,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/index.html>

**NATIONAL GRANTS:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/index.html>

**REGIONAL GRANTS:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/regional-grants/index.html>

(read more about Aetna Regional Grants in Regional Grants section)

The Aetna Foundation's mission is to promote wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities they serve.

To improve the quality and delivery of health services to everyone, and to drive improved health status for the American public, the health care system must be repaired. The Aetna Foundation seeks national and regional partners with the vision to make these goals a reality.

### **Types of Projects Aetna Seek to Support:**

- Community-based nutrition education and exercise programs for children and families
- Efforts to increase the availability or affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables
- Programs that help families to select and prepare healthy foods on a limited budget
- Community gardening and urban farming activities
- Innovative approaches to making physical activity accessible, affordable and fun (e.g., digital solutions)

The Aetna Foundation's national grants support research, programs and policy analysis that have implications to improve people's health, wellness and access to high-quality health care across the United States.

## Allen Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.allenfoundation.org>

Established in 1975 by agricultural chemist William Webster Allen and based in Midland, Michigan, the Allen Foundation makes grants to projects that benefit human nutrition in the areas of education, training, and research.

The Allen Foundation gives preference to proposals that train children and young adults to improve their health and development so that they can form good nutritional habits at an early age. Proposals will need to contain a nutritional focus, such as building a playground as part of a health and nutrition program to teach healthy lifestyles to children.

Preference may be given to proposals that include matching funds from the institution or other partners including in-kind contributions.

# Allstate Foundation Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.allstatefoundation.org/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.allstatefoundation.org/grant-focus-areas>

Since 1952, Allstate Foundation has invested more than \$275 million in funding in communities across the country to address key social issues.

## Grantmaking priorities fall into three categories:

**1. Safe and Vital Communities.** The Allstate Foundation is dedicated to fostering safe and vital communities where people live, work and raise families.

Funding priorities are:

- Teen Safe Driving: helping to save young lives and instill a lifetime of safe driving attitudes and behaviors.
- Catastrophe response: rebuilding lives after a natural disaster strikes.
- Neighborhood revitalization: nurturing safe, strong, and healthy communities.

**2. Economic Empowerment and Tolerance.** The Foundation is committed to empowering Americans with the economic resources and knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their financial future.

Funding priorities are:

Domestic Violence: helping survivors live free and stay free from violence by building their financial security.

Financial and economic literacy: building a more secure financial future for Americans.

**3. Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity.** The Allstate Foundation believes that in order for a community to be strong, it has to recognize and value all of its members. That's why they are committed to programs that bring tolerance, inclusion, and value to people of all backgrounds regardless of ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, age or physical challenges.

### Funding priorities are:

Teaching tolerance to youth: fostering a generation free of bias and intolerance.

Alleviating discrimination: encouraging communities to be free of prejudice.

# American Express

**WEBSITE:** <http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**AMOUNT:** Award amounts vary

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/howto.aspx>

One of the three divisions of American Express grant program includes community service, which could be a good fit for playground installations.

# American Express (Continue)

## Local Priorities:

When working with local organizations to support giving themes, priority is given to projects in the locations listed below.

## Inside the United States:

South Florida  
Greater Phoenix  
New York City  
Salt Lake City  
Washington, D.C.

## Around the World:

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Greater China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Spain, United Kingdom

## The Annie E. Casey Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aecf.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** average grant amount - \$112,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.aecf.org/about/grant-making/>

Founded in 1948, the primary mission of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. In pursuit of this goal, the Foundation makes grants that help states, cities, and neighborhoods fashion more innovative, cost-effective responses to these needs. They do not fund many unsolicited requests.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is limited to initiatives in the United States that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative policy, service delivery and community supports for disadvantaged children and families. The Foundation's approach to grant making focuses on commitments that enable them to invest in long-term strategies and partnerships that strengthen families and communities. The Foundation invites grantees to participate in these projects.

In 2013, the Annie E. Casey Foundation provided grants to nonprofit organizations in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Foundation budget: \$165 million

Foundation endowment: \$2.7 billion

Number of grants awarded: 775

Number of organizations receiving grants: 532

Total grant funds awarded: \$87 million

# AT&T Aspire Funding

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.att.com/>

**DEADLINE:** Accepting publications from February until October 31

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$5,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://about.att.com/content/csr/home/people.html> and <http://about.att.com/content/csr/home/people/aspire/local-community-investments/at-t-aspire-survey.html>

**CONTACT EMAIL:** [giving@buildabear.com](mailto:giving@buildabear.com)

AT&T Aspire is committed to supporting organizations implementing verifiable, evidenced-based interventions focused on improving high school retention rates and preparing students – especially those most at-risk – for college or career.

AT&T Aspire supports both nationally and locally-based programs. AT&T seeks to fund programs utilizing socially innovative approaches that impact students in more effective and efficient ways, such as using technology to create unique learning experiences.

AT&T supports community-based programs and organizations that address educational, cultural, and social issues affecting the quality of life in the communities in which we work and live. AT&T's commitment to community is aligned with the same spirit that drives their dedication to helping customers determine which of their products and services best meet their needs. AT&T tries to support communities in ways that help them enhance their unique characteristics, stimulate innovation, and provide local solutions to meet critical needs.

## **Programs should have clearly articulated program outcomes focused on improving student success such as:**

- Increasing high school graduation rates;
- Increasing on-time promotion to the next grade or on-track to graduate rates;
- Increasing credit accumulation and completion of core courses;
- Improving attendance rates; and,
- Reducing behavioral and disciplinary problems.

# Bank of America Charitable Foundation

**WEBSITE:** [http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/find-grants-sponsorships.html?cm\\_mmc=EBZ-CorpRep\\_-\\_vanity\\_-\\_EE01LT0021\\_Vanity\\_foundation\\_-\\_Enterprise&cm\\_mmc=EBZ-EnterpriseBrand\\_-\\_TU-Facebook\\_-\\_agcd\\_-\\_#fbid=tyuO854kvDM](http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/find-grants-sponsorships.html?cm_mmc=EBZ-CorpRep_-_vanity_-_EE01LT0021_Vanity_foundation_-_Enterprise&cm_mmc=EBZ-EnterpriseBrand_-_TU-Facebook_-_agcd_-_#fbid=tyuO854kvDM)

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <https://www.bankofamerica.com/philanthropic/grantmaking.go>

**BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FUNDING PRIORITIES** <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html#fbid=tyuO854kvDM>

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/eligibility-criteria.html#fbid=tyuO854kvDM>

**APPLY FOR A GRANT** [http://www.cybergrants.com/cybergrants/plsql/ao\\_gs\\_user.form?x\\_gm\\_id=1499&x\\_section\\_id=4509&x\\_quiz\\_survey\\_id=2142](http://www.cybergrants.com/cybergrants/plsql/ao_gs_user.form?x_gm_id=1499&x_section_id=4509&x_quiz_survey_id=2142)

# Bank of America Charitable Foundation (Continue)

In response to pressing challenges facing individuals and families across the country, Bank of America is lending, investing and giving to help create economically vibrant communities that are better places in which to live and do business. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation provides philanthropic support to address needs vital to the health of our communities through a focus on preserving neighborhoods, educating the workforce for 21st century jobs and addressing basic human services, such as hunger. In order to create greater impact, we leverage a powerful combination of local and national funding and volunteerism, both addressing the needs of the community and supporting the passion of our employees. These activities help create a ripple effect of positive change and economic stability in communities across the country.

Last year, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation contributed over \$200 million to address critical issues facing neighborhoods and communities.

## Best Buy National Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.bby.com/community-relations/apply-for-funding/national-grants/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <https://www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant/>

The Best Buy Foundation strengthens communities through national and local grant programs. The Best Buy's priority is to give teens access to opportunities through technology that helps them excel in school and develop 21st century skills which will result in richer lives and a better future. Please read the guidelines to ensure your organization meets eligibility requirements or refer to the instructions to assist you with the process.

## Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/>

**HOW GRANT WORKS:** <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work>

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:** <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/General-Information/Grant-Opportunities>

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awards the majority of its grants to U.S. 501 (c)(3) organizations and other tax-exempt organizations identified by their staff. They do not award grants to individuals.

In deciding how to invest their resources most responsibly, they look for projects that help reduce inequities in neglected areas, produce measurable results, catalyze increased momentum, scale, and sustainability of change, collaborate with government, philanthropic, private-sector, and not-for-profit partners, favor preventative approaches, leverage support from other sources, advance their current strategies, accelerating the work they are already supporting.

# Build-A-Bear Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

**DEADLINE:** Accepting publications from February until October 31

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$5,000

**PROGRAM CONTACT:** [giving@buildabear.com](mailto:giving@buildabear.com)

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** [http://www.buildabear.com/html/en\\_US/aboutus/community/2014Champ-GrantGuidelines.pdf](http://www.buildabear.com/html/en_US/aboutus/community/2014Champ-GrantGuidelines.pdf)

Build-A-Bear provides grants through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation to 501(c)(3) public charities or registered Canadian charities that support beary special causes, such as children's health and wellness, animals, and literacy and education.

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation is committed to improving communities and impacting lives through unique philanthropic programs. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation makes grants to qualified non-profit organizations in support of children's health and wellness, animals, the environment, literacy and education.

## Campbell Soup Foundation Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/about-campbell/corporate-responsibility/campbell-soup-foundation>

**GRAND GUIDELINES:** <http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/about-campbell/corporate-responsibility/grant-guidelines.aspx>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**AMOUNT:** Award amount vary

**PROGRAM CONTACT:** Grant Administrator (856) 342-6423 or (800) 257-8443 Fax: (856) 541-8185

E-mail: [community\\_relations@campbellsoup.com](mailto:community_relations@campbellsoup.com)

Since 1953, the Campbell Soup Foundation has provided financial support to local champions that inspire positive change in communities throughout the United States where Campbell Soup Company employees live and work.

Each year, the Foundation donates approximately \$1 million to a variety of organizations that focus on community wellbeing, youth empowerment and economic sustainability programming which support the development of a healthy community.

The Campbell Soup Foundation focuses its giving **on four key areas:**

- hunger relief-supporting food bank organizations in the communities of operation;
- wellness-addressing the health of consumers in the communities where they live;
- education-leveraging the Campbell brand portfolio to support educational programs;
- community revitalization-enhancing the quality of life in the communities that Campbell operates in.

# Campbell Soup Foundation Grants

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**The Foundation only considers applications that meet the following criteria:**

- the proposal must fit one of the key focus areas;
- the organization must display strong and effective leadership;
- the proposed plan must be clear and compelling, with measurable and sustainable commitments expressed in terms of real results; the proposed activity must be sufficiently visible to leverage additional support from other funding sources.

## The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.healthinschools.org/News-Room/Grant-Alerts.aspx>

**DEADLINE:** vary

**GRANT AMOUNT:** amount vary

The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools (CHHCS) is a nonpartisan resource center at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. CHHCS builds on a 20year commitment to achieve better health outcomes for children and adolescents through schoolconnected health programs and services. The Center pursues this commitment by linking educators and health professionals to the information essential to building effective school health programs; testing new school-connected strategies to achieve better health outcomes for children, and promoting awareness of successful new directions in school-based programming.

## Champions for Healthy Kids Initiative

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.generalmills.com/Responsibility/community\\_engagement/general\\_mills\\_foundation\\_2010.aspx](http://www.generalmills.com/Responsibility/community_engagement/general_mills_foundation_2010.aspx)

**AMOUNT:** \$20,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** [http://www.generalmills.com/Responsibility/Community\\_Engagement/Grants/Champions\\_for\\_healthy\\_kids.aspx](http://www.generalmills.com/Responsibility/Community_Engagement/Grants/Champions_for_healthy_kids.aspx)

The General Mills Foundation has partnered with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness to implement the General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids initiative. The purpose of Healthy Kids is to improve the nutritional habits and physical activity patterns of youngsters aged 2 through 18.

Eligible to apply are youth organizations (YMCA's, Boys & Girls clubs, etc.) park districts, health departments, government agencies, Native American tribes, municipal organizations, and other non-profits.

# Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.mott.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$15,000-\$250,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.mott.org/grantsandguidelines/ForGrantseekers/approcedures>

A private philanthropy based in Flint, Michigan. Through four programs, they make grants in the United States and selected regions internationally. Through its four programs, and their more specific program areas, the Foundation seeks to fulfill its mission of supporting efforts that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. Inherent in all grant making is the desire to enhance the capacity of individuals, families or institutions at the local level and beyond.

## Christopher Reeve Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.christopherreeve.org/>

**DEADLINE:** 1st cycle: January 1 - February 15; 2nd cycle July 1-August 15

**AMOUNT:** up to \$25,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** [http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4426015/k.7454/Application\\_Process\\_and\\_Requirements.htm](http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4426015/k.7454/Application_Process_and_Requirements.htm)

Christopher Reeve Foundation offers Quality of Life Grants that support non-profits addressing the needs of persons living with paralysis, their families and caregivers.

Funding is awarded in thirteen categories: accessibility, advocacy, arts, assistive technology, children, counseling, education, employment, health promotion, independent living, practical service, sports and recreation, and therapeutic riding. Applications are welcome from nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status, municipal and state governments, school districts, recognized tribal entities and other institutions such as community or veterans hospitals. Grants are awarded to organizations that address the needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases or birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

The Reeve Foundation gives special consideration to organizations that serve returning wounded military and their families, and to those that provide targeted services to diverse cultural communities. Since 1999, the Reeve Foundation has provided 2,380 grants totaling more than \$17.6 million to organizations that help improve the quality of life for individuals living with paralysis and mobility impairments, and their families.

# The Coca-Cola Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/the-coca-cola-foundation>

**Grant Guidelines:** <http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/community-requests-guidelines-application>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**AMOUNT:** There is no dollar limitation.

The Coca-Cola Foundation aims to make a greater impact on the communities Coca-Cola serves around the world by being responsive to the citizenship priorities of the communities in which they live and work.

## **The Coca-Cola Foundation funds organizations in these areas:**

- Water stewardship
- healthy active living (providing access to exercise, physical activity and nutritional education programs)
- community recycling
- education

Since its inception in 1984, The Coca-Cola Foundation has given back more than \$650 million to enhance the sustainability of local communities worldwide.

Over the past three decades, The Foundation has grown from a local foundation into a global philanthropic organization awarding \$98 million in 2013 to impact approximately 134 million people in 122 countries.

# The Community Grant Program Wal-Mart Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

**DEADLINE:** December 31

**AMOUNT:** \$250-\$2,500

**The Community Matching Grant Program** is the largest program funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation. This program involves fundraising efforts by a 501(c) organization at their local Wal-Mart or SAM's Club with the participation and support of the associates and partners at that location. After approval for fundraising, Wal-Mart will match up to \$2,000 of the funds raised at the Wal-Mart or SAM's Club location.

Organizations qualifying for the Matching Grant Program are 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations or organizations that are exempt for needing 501 (c)(3) status, such as public schools, churches, and government agencies.

Walmart believes in operating globally and giving back locally – creating impact in the neighbor-

# The Community Grant Program Wal-Mart Foundation (Continue)

hoods where we live and work.

At the national level, **Sam's Club Community Grant Program** funds nonprofit organizations committed to supporting small business owners. Small Business Support examples include providing advanced training that empowers small businesses to grow their operations, particularly women- and minority-owned businesses.

At the local level, Sam's Club facilities are encouraged to support nonprofits or other causes important to their community, provided they fall within one of the Wal-Mart Foundation's focus areas (Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Women's Economic Empowerment or Career Opportunity).

## CVS Caremark Community Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://info.cvscaremark.com/healthier-communities>

**DEADLINE:** October 31

**AMOUNT:** up to \$5,000

**GRANT PROGRAMS:** <http://info.cvscaremark.com/healthier-communities/cvs-caremark-grant-opportunities>

**COMMUNITY GRANTS:** <http://info.cvscaremark.com/healthier-communities/cvs-caremark-community-grants>

The CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations targeting children under the age of 21 with disabilities, projects focusing on healthcare to the uninsured and underserved, and to public schools.

## David and Lucile Packard Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.packard.org/>

**AMOUNT:** Award amount varies

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.packard.org/what-we-fund/children-families-and-communities/>

David and Lucile Packard Foundation supports an exciting array of nonprofit partners as they work to achieve the full potential of America's children, lift human experience through the arts, and strengthen the nonprofit sector.

### **This foundation works on the issues:**

- improving the lives of children
- enabling the creative pursuit of science
- advancing reproductive health
- conserving and restoring the earth's natural systems

# The Edward E. Ford Foundation Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.eeford.org>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** average amount of \$50,000.

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.eeford.org/applying/policies/index.aspx>

The Edward E. Ford Foundation Grants fund Facility Building & Renovation, Library, Technology, Substance Abuse. Grants for independent secondary education only. Independent secondary schools must hold membership in the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) to be eligible for consideration.

Schools seeking to bring a proposal to the Foundation should contact the office directly by phone.

## **The Foundation funds the following projects:**

- buildings and physical facilities
- curriculum
- library programs
- technology
- alcohol and drug education.

# Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.kauffman.org/>

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.kauffman.org/grants>

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation works toward the vision of self-sufficient people in healthy communities. Their mission is to research and identify unfulfilled needs of society and to develop, implement and/or fund breakthrough solutions that have a lasting impact and offer people a choice and hope for the future.

## **The Kauffman Foundation's work is focused on two areas:**

- youth development
- entrepreneurship

# Ford Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.fordfound.org/grants>

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.fordfoundation.org/grants/organizations-seeking-grants>

The Ford Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life and opportunities for positive change in urban and rural communities. Their goal is to develop community-based institutions that mobilize and leverage philanthropic capital, investment capital, knowledge and skills, and natural resources in a responsible and fair manner.

# Ford Foundation

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### Grant making focuses on

- reducing poverty and injustice
- promoting democratic values;
- advancing human knowledge, creativity and achievement

## The Georgia-Pacific Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.gp.com/GPCOM/Company/Community/Foundation>

**DEADLINE:** October 31

The purpose of the Georgia–Pacific Foundation is to help create and fund those programs and initiatives that add value to, and measurably improve, the quality of life within the communities where Georgia–Pacific employees live and work.

### The Foundation supports quality programs in

- Education
- Literacy
- Environment
- Women and Minorities Entrepreneurship
- Arts & Culture
- Youth Enrichment
- Community Enhancement

## Harry Chapin Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.harrychapinfoundation.org/index.php>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$200-\$10,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** [http://www.harrychapinfoundation.org/focus\\_focusandguidelines.php](http://www.harrychapinfoundation.org/focus_focusandguidelines.php)

### The Harry Chapin Foundation provides funding in these areas:

- Community Education Programs
- Arts-In-Education Programs
- Agricultural and Environmental Programs

# Harry Chapin Foundation

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The Harry Chapin Memorial Fund was created in 1981 with help from Harry's former manager Ken Kragen and Kenny Rogers who donated \$150,000 from a benefit concert. Harry's widow Sandy Chapin has led the organization from the beginning. While the name was changed to the Harry Chapin Foundation, its mission has stayed the same - to help make a positive difference in communities around the country.

Please feel free to contact the Foundation office if you have any questions at all about the process.

Harry Chapin Foundation

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Huntington, New York 11743

Phone (631) 423-7558

Fax (631) 423-7596

Email [harrychapinfound@aol.com](mailto:harrychapinfound@aol.com)

## Hasbro Children's Fund

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.hasbro.com/corporate/en\\_US/community-relations/childrens-fund.cfm](http://www.hasbro.com/corporate/en_US/community-relations/childrens-fund.cfm)

**DEADLINE:** June 1

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$1,000-\$10,000

**GRANT ADMINISTRATOR E-MAIL:** [HCFinfo@hasbro.com](mailto:HCFinfo@hasbro.com)

Hasbro has a long and proud tradition of empowering childhood worldwide through a variety of philanthropic programs.

The Hasbro Children's Fund is responsible for the majority of our company's grant making. Grants made by the Hasbro Children's Fund focus on three core principles:

- programs which provide hope to children who need it most
- play for children who otherwise would not be able to experience that joy
- the empowerment of youth through service

### Local Community Grants

In the locations where Hasbro has operating facilities (RI; Springfield, MA; Renton, WA; Los Angeles, CA) they annually provide local community grants which support programs that deliver; stability for children in crisis; pediatric physical and mental health services; hunger security; educational programs; quality out of school time programming and programs that empower youth through service.

# The Henry E. Niles Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.heniles.org/>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$2,000-\$100,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.heniles.org/application-process.html>

The mission of the Henry E. Niles Foundation is to help in the nurturing and uplifting of people in need. The Foundation strives to support humanitarian efforts, including faith-based endeavors, that:

- strengthen education including special education, literacy and others
  - fight economic hardships through self-help opportunities
  - enhance public health and sanitation on a global basis
- and support of entrepreneurialism, mentoring, and micro-credit initiatives.

## Primary Program Interests

- **Education** – Included in this interest area are primary, secondary and higher education for those motivated individuals who are unable to obtain the benefits of quality education without assistance.
- **Economic Self-Sufficiency** – This program area includes but is not limited to: job training, the encouragement
- **Health & Independence** – Special interests here include medical and public health assistance for the elderly, the poor, the disadvantaged and the disabled.

## Guiding Principles & Considerations

- The Foundation favors programs addressing long-term solutions to the causes of problems, as distinguished from programs that simply treat the symptoms.
- The Foundation puts added emphasis on programs and organizations that address the intersection of its various program interests.
- The Foundation encourages pilot initiatives that test new program models.
- The Foundation has a particular interest in organizations that promote collaborative efforts among groups and organizations.

Qualities sought by the Foundation in its grantee organizations are: effective and dynamic personnel; passionate leadership; a bias against bureaucracy; prudent management & governance practices; and commitment to results and overall assessment of program impact.

# John S and James L Knight Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.knightfoundation.org/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.knightfoundation.org/apply/>

The Knight Community Foundations Program serves to advance informed and engaged communities by working in transformational ways with community foundations and their leaders. Grant seekers within Knight communities are encouraged to contact their local community foundation and inquire about the Knight donor-advised fund.

# The Kresge Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.kresge.org/>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$150,000-\$600,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://kresge.org/grants-social-investments>

The Kresge Foundation is a U.S. philanthropic private foundation headquartered in Troy, Michigan. The foundation works to expand opportunities in America's cities through grantmaking and investing in arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services and community development efforts in Detroit.

In 2013, the foundation's Board of Trustees approved 316 awards totaling \$122 million; \$128 million was paid out to grantees over the course of the year. Kresge's Social Investment Practice made another \$17.7 million available to organizations whose efforts support foundation goals through program-related investments.

Kresge has practiced strategic philanthropy since completing a historic transition that began in 2007. Long known for its exclusive use of the challenge grant to help local communities raise funds for major construction and renovation projects, it now employs an array of funding methods to address and advance a set of narrowly defined programmatic objectives. It awards grants and makes program-related investments. Some grants are awarded for a single year; others are for multiple years. Some of its programs accept applications on an ongoing basis. Others proactively invite or solicit applications.

# Land O' Lakes Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/default.aspx>

**DEADLINE:** October 1

**GRANT AMOUNT:** up to \$400,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/communitygrants/guidelines/default.aspx>

Email to obtain a copy of application: [LandOLakesFoundation@landolakes.com](mailto:LandOLakesFoundation@landolakes.com)

The Land O'Lakes Foundation has approved additional funds in support of an expanded focus on hunger issues, and they're inviting cooperative members to use these funds for hunger relief projects underway in their local communities. The Land O'Lakes Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar, up to \$400,000, the cash donations of member cooperatives.

The Foundation helps rural communities prosper and prepare for tomorrow by donating resources that develop and strengthen organizations dedicated to Hunger, Education and Community.

# Liberty Mutual Insurance

## Play Positive Pledge Program

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.playpositive.com/pledge/>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <https://www.playpositive.com/pledge/about-pledge/>

The Liberty Mutual Insurance Play Positive program is committed to promoting good sportsmanship in youth sports so that kids have the fun and positive experience they deserve.

Since 2007, Liberty Mutual Insurance has donated more than half-a-million dollars to deserving youth sports teams, leagues and organizations. The Pledge, the latest program, seeks to continue that tradition of rewarding teams who demonstrate a commitment to sportsmanship and playing positive.

During each Pledge period, youth sports teams from around the country compete to rally their supporters to pledge to promote good sportsmanship. At the end of the period, the five Large Division teams and the five Small Division teams with the most Pledges will each earn \$2,500 to help support their team. In the past, teams have used the monies to fund player scholarships, purchase new uniforms or equipment, pay for team travel expenses, or create opportunities for underprivileged kids in the area who want to play.

## Lockheed Martin

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us.html>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy.html>

Lockheed Martin is committed to a program of philanthropy that supports the Corporation's strategic business goals and invests in the quality of life in the communities where their employees work and live.

Lockheed Martin's philanthropic activities are administered by the communications representatives at the Corporation's operating units around the country and through the Corporation's foundation at corporate headquarters.

# Lockheed Martin

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In general, philanthropic contributions to national initiatives and organizations are made from corporate headquarters and contributions to local programs are made by Lockheed Martin sites close to the program.

## Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://responsibility.lowes.com/community/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$100-\$100,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://responsibility.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Lowe's Toolbox for education grant details <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Founded in 1957, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has a long and proud history of improving the communities we serve. In 2013, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation contributed nearly \$25 million to schools and community organizations in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation funds nonprofit organizations and public agencies that support their charitable goals. The foundation's primary philanthropic focus centers on K-12 public education and community improvement. Within these areas, Lowe's Foundation is committed to supporting projects that have the greatest impact on the communities and align with their core business – home improvement.

## The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.markwahlberg-youthfoundation.com/>

**GRANT APPLICATION:** <http://www.markwahlberg-youthfoundation.com/grant-application/>

**CONTACT:** [info@markwahlberg-youthfoundation.com](mailto:info@markwahlberg-youthfoundation.com)

The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation was established for the purpose of raising and distributing funds to inner-city youth service and enrichment programs.

# The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation (Continue)

## MWYF Programs:

- Youth Summer Camp: Since 2004, MWYF has hosted “Camp Northbound,” a one-week, recreational, summer camp in Bridgestone, ME. The camp serves 150 youth each year from Boston’s inner city communities. The camp also engages alumni campers by hiring them as junior counselors for the week.
- Afterschool Programs: MWYF provides grants to Boys & Girls Clubs and other after school programs across the country. Annually, MWYF hosts a holiday party and gift giveaway for more than 250 underserved youth. Other partners include Reach Back L.A., an educational program in South Central L.A. that was recently awarded an MWYF grant toward a new youth center.
- School Support: MWYF is committed to giving inner city kids equal access to education and provides grants to support school computer labs and educational scholarships. One of its recent partners include the Dorchester Alternative Youth Academy, which serves teens who are discharged from traditional school settings and need help functioning successfully in school.
- Graduate to Go Campaign: MWYF has joined the Taco Bell Foundation for Teens to support Graduate to Go, a long-term initiative raising awareness and funds to combat America’s high school dropout crisis. This year, more than \$4 million will be distributed to nearly 350 organizations to fund real world experiences that inspire teens to stay in school. The partnership also includes the launch of Graduate to Go Studios, state-of-the-art music and film studios built in Boys & Girls Clubs across the country.

## May and Stanley Smith Trust

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.adminitrustllc.com/>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.adminitrustllc.com/may-and-stanley-smith-charitable-trust/for-grantseekers/>

**CONTACT:** [grantsmanager@adminitrustllc.com](mailto:grantsmanager@adminitrustllc.com)

The Trust supports organizations that offer opportunities to children and youth; adults and families; elders; and people with disabilities that enrich the quality of life, promote self-sufficiency, and assist individuals in achieving their highest potential. Starting in January 2014, the Trust has updated its guidelines to match its newly developed Strategic Plan. The Trust’s grantmaking under its 2014-2018 Strategic Plan **supports the following grant Program Areas:**

- Foster Youth
- Elders
- Veterans
- People With Disabilities
- Discretionary Grantmaking

# The McCormick Communities Program

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/communities/landing>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/communities/grant-guidelines>

The McCormick Communities Program helps low-income children, families and adults improve their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.

The Communities Program helps to transform communities by giving underserved people access to programs which improve their lives. The Robert R. McCormick Foundation partners with media outlets, sports teams and philanthropic organizations to raise money for local needs and provides matching funds to increase the impact of charitable giving.

Through the partnership, grants are made to qualified nonprofit organization with programs that help transition low-income children, adults and families to self-sufficiency.

To achieve greater impact, the Foundation focuses on programs for children and youth in education, literacy, health & wellness and abuse prevention; hunger & housing; and adult workforce development and literacy. The McCormick Foundation is committed to measurable change and monitors the impact of all grants made.

Since 1990, thanks to people's generosity and the momentum provided by our partners, the Foundation has raised more than \$500 million, provided matching funds and awarded more than \$750 million in grants to thousands of agencies across the United States in our partner's communities.

## The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.msdf.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$500+

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.msdf.org/grants/apply/>

Inspired by their passion for children and by a shared desire to improve the lives of children living in urban poverty, Michael and Susan Dell established their Austin, Texas-based foundation in 1999.

To date, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation has committed more than \$1 billion to assist nonprofit organizations working in major urban communities in the United States, South Africa and India. We focus on opportunities with the greatest potential to directly and measurably transform the lifelong outcomes of impoverished urban children around the globe.

# The National Association of Education

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.nea.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Varies

**GRANT DETAILS:** <http://www.nea.org/grants/grantsawardsandmore.html>

The National Education Association (NEA), the nation's largest professional employee organization, is committed to advancing the cause of public education. NEA's 3 million members work at every level of education—from pre-school to university graduate programs. NEA has affiliate organizations in every state and in more than 14,000 communities across the United States.

The National Education Association offers multiple grants to public school educators throughout the nation, as well as information on other available grants.

## NFL Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.nflfoundation.org/>

**GRANT DETAILS:** <http://www.nflfoundation.org/#grants>

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:** <http://www.nflfoundation.org/community>

The National Football League Foundation (NFL Foundation) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of sports, youth football and the communities in which they live. The NFL Foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations aimed at making a big difference in communities nationwide.

The NFL Foundation represents the 32 NFL clubs and supports the health and safety of athletes, youth football, and the communities which support their game.

NFL Charities is a non-profit making charitable organization, established by the member clubs of the National Football League in 1973. It enables the clubs to collectively make grants to charitable and worthwhile causes at the national level.

### **Grant Programs:**

- NFL PLAY 60 After-School Kickoff Grant Program
- NFL Player Matching Youth Football Grant
- Youth Football Camp Grant
- NFL Club Matching Youth Football Grant Program
- NFL Team Program Grant
- NFL Player Foundation Grant
- Pro Bowl Community Grant
- NFL Foundation Grassroots Grant

# PEP Grant. Carol M. White Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.sparkpe.org/grants/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$100,000-\$750,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.sparkpe.org/grants/pep-grant-info/>

## **Carol M. White Physical Education Program**

Each year, the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) awards millions of dollars to schools and organizations to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs. Your school or organization could receive \$100,000 to \$750,000! SPARK has worked with over 150 PEP Grant winners to date.

# RGK Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/>

**DEADLINE:** March 6, 2015; June 12, 2015; September 16, 2015

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Varies

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

Foundation endeavors to be a catalyst for progressive change in humanitarian concerns. Guiding the Foundation is a deep reverence for democracy and a civil society together with the founders' values of foresight, imagination and discovery. By seeking innovative projects in the area of health, education, human services and community affairs, the Foundation strives to advance knowledge, improve society and help realize human potential.

RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of **Education, Community, and Health/Medicine.**

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: include children and family services, early childhood development, and parenting education
- community improvement: including those that enhance non-profit management and promote philanthropy and voluntarism
- abuse prevention
- youth development programs: typically include after-school educational enrichment programs that supplement and enhance formal education systems to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life.

# The Rite Aid Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.riteaid.com/about-us/rite-aid-foundation>

Through long-standing support of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other efforts, Rite Aid Foundation has raised and donated over \$80 million for kids.

To make the greatest impact possible, **The Rite Aid Foundation focuses on** three core areas for charitable giving within our communities:

- Children's health and well-being
- Special community health and wellness needs, including during times of emergency or natural disasters
- Rite Aid's own community of associates during times of special need

# Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.rwjf.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Varies

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/what-we-fund.html>

For more than 40 years, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has worked to improve the health and health care of all Americans. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted solely to the public's health, they have a unique capacity and responsibility to address the most pressing health and health care issues facing our society.

**This Foundation funds innovative projects that can have measurable impact and can create meaningful, transformative change, such as:**

- service demonstrations
- gathering and monitoring of health-related statistics
- public education
- training and fellowship programs
- policy analysis
- health services research
- technical assistance
- communications activities
- evaluations

# Safeco Insurance Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.safeco.com/about-safeco/community/fund/fund>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.safeco.com/about-safeco/community/giving-guidelines/giving-guidelines>

Established in 2006, the Safeco Insurance Fund supports nonprofit organizations primarily within the states of Washington and Oregon. Grants focus on education and broad-based health and human services.

## The Safeway Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.safewayfoundation.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$10,000-\$25,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.safewayfoundation.org/get-funded/what-we-fund.html>

The Safeway Foundation funds nonprofit organizations that strengthen the neighborhoods they serve. The Safeway Foundation considers applications in the following areas:

- Health and Human Services
- Hunger Relief, Education
- Helping People with Disabilities.

They actively seek out organizations that are working with the community and making an impact for their shoppers.

## Saucony Run for Good Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/>

**DEADLINE:** June 13 and December 13

**GRANT AMOUNT:** up to \$10,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/how-to-apply/>

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation is committed to improving the lives of children by helping to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. This foundation acts to inform the public about its cause and prevention and provide funding to optimize the impact and success of community organizations that promote running and healthy lifestyle programs for youth.

### Eligible Applicants

Programs whose participants are 18 years of age or less, have 501 (c) (3) status and can demonstrate their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running.

(please note: public schools are eligible)

# Target School Fundraising

**WEBSITE:** <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/target-foundation-grants>  
Grant Guidelines: <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/grants-faq#q2629>  
Contact Email: [Community.Relations@target.com](mailto:Community.Relations@target.com)

Since 1997, Target has donated over \$418 million to K–12 schools.

Target supports programs and organizations based in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area that provide accessible and affordable arts and cultural experiences to the community through general operating grants. Target requires applicants to register online with the Minnesota Cultural Data Project (CDP) before applying for Foundation funding.

## Tony Hawk Foundation for Skate Park Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://tonyhawkfoundation.org/>  
**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant-application/>

The Tony Hawk Foundation seeks to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on supporting and empowering youth. Through special events, grants, and technical assistance, the Foundation supports recreational programs focusing on the creation of public skateboard parks in low-income communities, and other causes in the US and overseas. The Foundation favors programs that clearly demonstrate that funds received will produce tangible, ongoing, positive results.

### **The foundation primarily considers skatepark projects that:**

- are designed and built from concrete by qualified and experienced skatepark contractors.
- include local skaters throughout the planning, fundraising, and design process.
- are in low-income areas and/or areas with a high population of “at-risk” youth.
- can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment to the project, particularly in the form of fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups.
- have a creative mix of street obstacles (rails, ledges, stairs, etc.) and transition/vert terrain (quarter-pipes, bowls, halfpipes, etc.)
- don’t require skaters or their parents to sign waivers.
- encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others without restricting their access to the park or over-regulating their use of it.
- are open during daylight hours, 365 days a year.
- don’t charge an entrance fee.
- are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities.

# Walmart Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>

In 2013, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave \$1.3 billion in cash and in-kind contributions around the world, surpassing 2012's total by more than \$244 million. Global in-kind donations accounted for \$1 billion, while \$316.3 million was given in cash globally.

## **Pillars of giving supported by Walmart and the Walmart Foundation**

The Walmart Foundation meets the needs of the underserved by directing charitable giving toward core areas of focus:

- Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating
- Sustainability
- Women's Economic Empowerment and Career Opportunity.

# W.K. Kellogg Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.wkkf.org/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.wkkf.org/what-we-do/overview>

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) places the optimal development of children at the center.

Concentrating its resources on early childhood (prenatal to age 8), within the context of families and communities, this foundation offers the best opportunity to dramatically reduce the vulnerability caused by poverty and racial inequity over time.

There is strong evidence that optimal child development means providing children with the stimulus, tools and support necessary for their emotional, intellectual, physical and cultural growth. To achieve this, W.K. Kellogg Foundation organizes its work and investments toward attaining three strategic goals:

- Educated Kids: Increase the number of children who are reading-and-math proficient by third grade.
- Healthy Kids: Increase the number of children born at a healthy birth weight and who receive the care and healthy food they need for optimal development.
- Secure Families: Increase the number of children and families living at least 200 percent above the poverty level.
- Community & Civic Engagement
- Racial Equity

Kellogg Foundation takes a place-based approach to their work, concentrating as much as two-thirds of their grantmaking in a limited number of specific places where they believe they can have maximum impact.

# Women's Sports Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/home/programs/grants>

Founded in 1974 by tennis legend, Billie Jean King, the Women's Sports Foundation is dedicated to advancing the lives of girls and women through sports and physical activity.

Behind every Women's Sports Foundation grant lies one concrete objective: provide girls access to sport and physical activity despite background or financial ability. Grants are awarded to girl-serving organizations who strives to provide diverse, underserved populations of girls ages 8 to 18 with a way to get involved in sport and physical activity.



# **GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

# Community Development Block Grant Program

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs>

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1180 general units of local government and States.

HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula comprised of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

## Community Facility Loans Grants United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development

**WEBSITE:** [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

**GRANT AMOUNT:** up to 75% of project costs

**INFORMATION ON GRANTS:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ProgramsAndOpportunities.html>

**COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANTS** [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF\\_Grants.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF_Grants.html)

Community Facility Grants, administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, are given to rural communities with populations of 20,000 residents or fewer. Smaller communities with lower income levels will receive a higher percentage of the grants. Eligible applicants include local governmental bodies, nonprofit organizations and tribal governments. Eligible activities include new construction, improvements of existing facilities or the expansion of facilities, and eligible facilities include those that will be used for health care, the community and safety. Equipment may also be purchased using grant funds. Grant amounts will depend upon the median household income for the area and the total population where the facility will be located.

USDA Rural Development has a \$181.1 billion portfolio of loans and will administer \$38 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants through our programs in the current fiscal year.

**Fund Uses:** Grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. This can include the purchase of equipment required for a facility's operation. A grant may be made in combination with other CF financial assistance such as a direct or guaranteed loan, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources.

The Community Facilities Grant Program is typically used to fund projects under special initiatives, such as Native American community development efforts; child care centers linked with the Federal government's Welfare-to-Work initiative; Federally-designated Enterprise and Champion Communities, and the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative area.

# Department for Natural Resources

## Division of Technical & Administrative Support for Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.arc.gov/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.arc.gov/grants>

### **Grant program for Appalachian Communities.**

The Appalachian Regional Commission awards grants and contracts from funds appropriated to the Commission annually by Congress. Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

Contracts are awarded for research on topics that directly impact economic development in the Appalachian Region.

### **The Appalachian Regional Commission's programs address:**

- 1) Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation;
- 2) Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy;
- 3) Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive;
- 4) Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

### **Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred projects in the Appalachian Region in a wide range of program areas:**

- asset-based development;
- community infrastructure;
- education and training;
- energy;
- entrepreneurship and business development;
- export and trade development;
- health;
- leadership development and capacity building;
- telecommunications;
- tourism development; and
- transportation and highways.
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Special resources are targeted to the most economically distressed counties. The projects funded in these program areas create thousands of new jobs; improve local water and sewer systems; increase school readiness; expand access to health care; assist local communities with strategic planning; and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses.

# Fuel Up to Play 60

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** up to \$4,000

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to support the Child Nutrition Programs through training and technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity. Schools who activate FUTP 60 are eligible to apply for FUTP 60 Funds for improving school nutrition and physical activity.

## Land and Water Conservation Fund

**WEBSITE:** <http://lwcfcoalition.org/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/lwcf/grants.html>

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a Federal program that was established by Act of Congress in 1965 to provide funds and matching grants to federal, state and local governments for the acquisition of land and water, and easements on land and water, for the benefit of all Americans.

The main emphases of the fund are recreation and the protection of national natural treasures in the forms of parks and protected forest and wildlife areas. The LWCF has a broad-based coalition of support and oversight, including the National Parks Conservation Association, Environment America, The Wilderness Society, the Land Trust Alliance, and The Nature Conservancy.

The program is divided into two distinct funding pools: state grants and federal acquisition funds. The distribution formula takes into account population density and other factors.

### State Assistance Program

The LWCF state assistance program provides matching grants to help states and local communities protect parks and recreation resources. Running the gamut from wilderness to trails and neighborhood playgrounds, LWCF funding has benefited nearly every county in America, supporting over 41,000 projects. This 50:50 matching program is the primary federal investment tool to ensure that families have easy access to parks and open space, hiking and riding trails, and neighborhood recreation facilities.



**REGIONAL GRANTS**  
**MULTIPLE STATES**

# The Aetna Foundation Obesity Prevention Grant Program

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/index.html>

**DEADLINE:** August 15, November 15

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$25,000-\$40,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/index.html>

**Regional Grants:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/regional-grants/index.html>

**National Grants:** <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/index.html> (read more about Aetna National Grants in National Grants section)

The Aetna Foundation's mission is to promote wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities they serve.

To improve the quality and delivery of health services to everyone, and to drive improved health status for the American public, the health care system must be repaired. The Aetna Foundation seeks national and regional partners with the vision to make these goals a reality.

The Aetna Foundation Regional Grants Program – GoLocal: Cultivating Healthy Communities – funds community wellness initiatives aligned with their Healthy Eating and Active Living focus area in the designated funding locations. Grants will support local initiatives that promote eating fresh fruits and vegetables and being physically active, which can help to prevent obesity and many chronic health conditions. Grants will target underserved, low-income and minority communities where healthy food can be difficult to buy, and where social and environmental factors may limit people's ability to be physically active.

## Bi-Lo Holding Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.bi-lo.com/community/SitePages/default.aspx>

**ELIGIBLE STATES:** Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

BI-LO supports communities and help them thrive.

### Outreach and support that includes:

1. Bi-Lo Holdings Foundation. The Foundation, a private foundation, awards grants to local non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. The Foundation's primary focus is on providing funding to organizations that address hunger.
2. Community events. We sponsor and participate in dozens of local events across the eight states we serve throughout the year.
3. Programs that let you give back. BI-LO makes a 1% donation to the local school of your choice.

# BJ's Charitable Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Varies

The majority of BJ's Charitable Foundation giving is focused on organizations that promote the safety, security and well-being of children and families, support education and health programs, provide community service opportunities, and aid in hunger and disaster relief.

The program must positively impact communities where BJ's Clubs are located. BJ's serves East Coast communities stretching from Maine to Florida, as well as west into Ohio. Today, BJ's operates more than 170 Clubs in 16 states located in the eastern U.S.

Since its inception in 2005, BJ's Charitable Foundation has given over \$19 million through grants, annual programs and special initiatives, to over 2,200 community organizations in the 15 states where BJ's Clubs are located. BJ's Charitable Foundation contributes the bulk of its funding to organizations that provide services (in the form of hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, healthcare and education) to people in need.

## CarMax Foundation

(for areas where CarMax operates)

**WEBSITE:** <http://foundation.carmax.com/>

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.carmax.com/enus/the-carmax-foundation/grants.html>

The CarMax Foundation seeks to improve the communities in which our Associates live and work. Through the Grants Program, we award grants and provide support to high-quality programs managed by nonprofit organizations. The CarMax Foundation accepts grant proposals for support of specific programs from 501(c)(3) public charities based in the United States.

## Charlotte Martin Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.charlottemartin.org/>

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.charlottemartin.org/how-to-apply/>

**ELIGIBLE STATES:** Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The Charlotte Martin Foundation is a private, independent foundation dedicated to enriching the lives of youth in the areas of athletics, culture, and education and also to preserving and protecting wildlife and habitat.

# Charlotte Martin Foundation (continue)

## Areas of focus :

- youth
- wildlife

## Core principles:

Relevance: We ask our community for information regarding significant opportunities in our region and in our focus areas to ensure that we are responding to needs and opportunities as experienced by the community.

Community Engagement: We seek to foster community engagement in protecting wildlife and habitat and developing youth skills, thereby building on community strengths and actions.

Focus on Place: Expand Opportunity: We give special consideration in our grantmaking to benefit and expand opportunity for underserved populations in our region.

## Darden Restaurants Foundation Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.dardenfoundation.com/cms/community-grant>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$5,000-\$100,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.darden.com/commitment/community/grants.asp>

The Darden Restaurants Foundation, supported by Darden Restaurants (operators of Red Lobster, The Olive Garden and other restaurants), makes grants in communities in which Darden has facilities.

## Areas of interest are:

- Education
- The Arts and Culture
- Social Services
- Nutrition
- Environment
- Natural Resources

**Community Priorities.** The Darden Foundation focuses resources on three areas:

- Recipe for Success®
- Preservation of Natural Resources
- Good Neighbor

Darden's Restaurant Community Grants program is a local grants initiative that helps support non-profit organizations in the hundreds of communities Darden and its restaurant brands serve. In partnership with the Darden Foundation, every restaurant in the Darden family – Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze, Seasons 52 and Yard House – awarded a \$1,000 grant to an exceptional nonprofit organization in its local community. In its third year, the program resulted in grants to 1,135 exceptional nonprofits across the United States and Canada. These community grants will fund local projects across three focus areas: Recipe for Success®, Preservation of Natural Resources and Hunger Relief.

# The Dekko Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://dekkofoundation.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$5,000-\$100,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://dekkofoundation.org/grantseeker-support/>

**ELIGIBLE REGIONS:** Alabama (Limestone County), Florida (Collier County, applications by invitation only) Indiana (DeKalb, LaGrange, Kosciusko, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley Counties), Iowa (Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Ringgold, and Union Counties), and Minnesota (Norman County).

The Dekko Foundation prepares young people for lives of economic freedom.

## **Grantmaking Focus:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Middle Childhood Development
- Adolescent Development
- Community Development

## Department for Natural Resources Division of Technical & Administrative Support for Grants

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.arc.gov/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.arc.gov/grants>

Grant program for Appalachian Communities.

The Appalachian Regional Commission awards grants and contracts from funds appropriated to the Commission annually by Congress. Program grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).

Contracts are awarded for research on topics that directly impact economic development in the Appalachian Region.

The Appalachian Regional Commission's programs address:

- 1) Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation;
- 2) Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy;
- 3) Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive;
- 4) Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

# Department for Natural Resources Division of Technical & Administrative Support for Grants (continue)

Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred projects in the Appalachian Region in a wide range of program areas:

- asset-based development;
- community infrastructure;
- education and training;
- energy;
- entrepreneurship and business development;
- export and trade development;
- health;
- leadership development and capacity building;
- telecommunications;
- tourism development; and
- transportation and highways.

Special resources are targeted to the most economically distressed counties. The projects funded in these program areas create thousands of new jobs; improve local water and sewer systems; increase school readiness; expand access to health care; assist local communities with strategic planning; and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses.

## Finish Line Youth Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/youthfoundation.jsp>

**DEADLINE:** Rolling

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$25,000

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/special-grants.jsp>

The Finish Line Youth Foundation strives to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities where employees and customers live, work and play. Finish Line Youth Foundation's grants would be awarded to qualifying organizations that have an emergency need that would somehow be keeping the organization from providing current services. Examples would be natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstances that require special funding to help build or develop facilities or equipment needs.

# First Children's Finance Loan Fund

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/>

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$1,000-\$125,000

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/programs-services-2/loan-fund/>

**CONTACT:** 1-866-562-6801

First Children's Finance provides loans and business-development assistance to high-quality child care businesses serving low- and moderate-income families. First Children's Finance helps children, families and communities thrive by increasing the availability, affordability and quality of early care and education.

## **Programs & Services**

First Children's Finance provides loans in Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

# The Harley Davidson Foundation

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en\\_US/company/foundation.html](http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/company/foundation.html)

**GRANT AMOUNT:** Varies

The Harley Davidson Foundation builds strong, skilled and sustainable communities where they work. With employees and dealers, this foundation helps fulfill dreams through partnerships with charitable organizations.

The grants provide community support where they have corporate facilities and target areas of greatest need among underserved populations.

## **Targeted categories are:**

### **EDUCATION**

- Employment Enablers
- Core Curriculum
- Academic Enhancers
- Arts Education

### **HEALTH**

- Basic Needs (food/clothing)
- Health Support Services
- Public Health and
- Wellness Education

### **ENVIRONMENT**

- Economic Development
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Environmental Education
- Sustainability
- Conservation

# The Kroger Company Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.thekrogerco.com/community/kroger-foundation>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.thekrogerco.com/docs/default-document-library/here.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

The Kroger Co. Foundation award millions of dollars in grants every year to local organizations that have been recommended by retail operating divisions. In the past five years, The Kroger Co. Foundation provided more than \$37 million in grants to local organizations.

The Foundation exists for the betterment of the people and communities where The Kroger Co. has operations. Therefore, only organizations that serve the geographic areas where Company operates are eligible.

## Here is a quick summary of eligible grant requests:

- Local United Way campaigns
- Local educational organizations, primarily K-12 schools
- Local hunger relief organizations
- Local breast cancer and women's health initiatives
- Local organizations that support and promote the advancement of women and minorities
- Local grassroots community organizations
- Capital campaigns; start up grants; and funding for special projects

# Payless ShoeSource Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.paylesscorporate.com/community-investment/payless-foundation/>

**GRANTS GUIDELINES:** <http://www.paylesscorporate.com/community-investment/payless-foundation/foundation-grants-and-sponsorships/>

**ELIGIBLE REGIONS:** Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City metropolitan area

The Payless ShoeSource Foundation is committed to enriching the quality of life in their home community and will consider unsolicited grant and sponsorship requests twice each year (once in the Spring, once in the Fall) from charitable organizations located in Northeast Kansas (Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City metropolitan area) with a primary focus on Topeka, KS.

# The PNC Charitable Trust and Foundation Grants

**WEBSITE:** [http://www1.pnc.com/pncfoundation/charitable\\_trusts.html](http://www1.pnc.com/pncfoundation/charitable_trusts.html)

**ELIGIBLE REGIONS:** Pittsburgh, PA, Western PA, Philadelphia, PA, Pottstown, PA, Dauphin and Cumberland Counties, PA, Lancaster, PA, Oil City, PA, Titusville, PA, Clarion County, PA, Forest County, PA, Venango County, PA, Weirton, WV, Camden, NJ, Central NJ, Northern NJ, Plainfield, NJ, Lancaster, OH, Fairfield County, OH, Steubenville, OH, Youngstown, OH, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties,

# The PNC Charitable Trust and Foundation Grants (continue)

OH, Tiffin, OH, Zanesville, OH, Cleveland, OH, Cincinnati, OH, Peoria, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Hardin and Jefferson Counties, KY, Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD

The PNC Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee serves over one-hundred and fifty perpetual charitable trusts and private foundations for which PNC is trustee. The Committee distributes grants from these charitable trusts to worthy 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations at local and regional levels.

## Grantmaking Priorities:

- Organizations that are direct providers of services, with projects and programs that meet our donors' intent.
- Programs in communities where donors lived and/or engaged in their grantmaking activities.
- Applicant demonstrates a capacity to meet the stated objectives of the request; and those objectives are clearly articulated and measurable.
- The critical nature of the need being addressed by the proposed program.
- Organizations with strong leadership, diversified income streams, and long-term sustainability that have demonstrated efficiencies in delivering their services.

## The PeyBack Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.peytonmanning.com/>

**DEADLINE:** February 15, 2015

**ELIGIBLE STATES:** Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://www.peytonmanning.com/peyback-foundation/grants>

Denver Broncos Quarterback Peyton Manning established the PeyBack Foundation in 1999 to promote the future success of disadvantaged youth by assisting programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk. The PeyBack Foundation has provided more than \$10 million of impact to at risk youth through its grants and programs since its inception to Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana and Tennessee.

The PeyBack Foundation focuses primarily on economically disadvantaged youth. Emphasis is placed on programs that have a direct benefit to children through relationships and activities. Programs that are intended to enrich the lives of disadvantaged youth through activities conducted outside the typical school day (i.e., after-school and summer programming) are particularly favored by the Foundation.

### Field of interest is in youth development:

**Leadership and Life Skills** - interactive programs that develop leadership skills and enhance character.

# The PeyBack Foundation (continue)

**Mentoring** – programs that provide a caring adult who is working with disadvantaged youth.

**After School/Summer Programming** – The Foundation is especially interested in supporting programs that occur outside of a typical school day; i.e. after-school and summer programming.

**Healthy Living** – programs that engage youth in physical activity and provide nutritious snacks and/or meals for youth participants.

## WellPoint Foundation

**WEBSITE:** <http://wellpointcorporateresponsibility.com/cr/foundation/>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <http://wellpointcorporateresponsibility.com/cr/foundation/request-funding.html>

**ELIGIBLE STATES:** <http://wellpointcorporateresponsibility.com/cr/foundation/activity-by-state.html>

The WellPoint Foundation is the philanthropic arm of WellPoint Inc. Since its establishment the foundation has granted more than \$146 million in grants to organizations that support Healthy Generations program.

The WellPoint Foundation supports community partners who, through ongoing community health programs with proven health outcomes, share its commitment to transform health care with trusted and caring solutions.

WellPoint Foundation supports nonprofit fundraising and sponsor initiatives that reflect the objectives of signature Healthy Generations program. Rather than try to cover many broad health-related needs in the community, WellPoint funds targeted grants that align with the initiative.

## William G. McGowan Charitable Fund

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.williamgmcgowanfund.org/index.php>

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** [http://www.williamgmcgowanfund.org/for\\_applicants.php](http://www.williamgmcgowanfund.org/for_applicants.php)

**ELIGIBLE REGIONS:** Colorado (Greater Denver Metropolitan and Greater Eagle County), Illinois (Aurora and the Chicago neighborhoods of Austin and North Lawndale. All other Chicago neighborhoods are by invitation only), Kansas (Kansas City Metropolitan), Nevada (Reno Metropolitan), New York (Rochester Metropolitan; Buffalo Metropolitan by invitation only), Pennsylvania (Lackawanna County, Luzerne County).

The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund is a philanthropic family foundation established in 1992 to perpetuate William McGowan's tradition of compassionate philanthropy and ethical leadership. Today, the Fund preserves the legacy of William McGowan while embodying his tireless spirit and determined optimism.



## Play Structures

At Little Tikes Commercial, we believe in the developmental value of play. We understand that play is necessary for healthy child development, and that's why our play structures are specifically designed to encourage the physical, social, emotional, cognitive and sensory development of children of all abilities. Our commitment to delivering fun, innovative play structures that promote value of outdoor play has been a focus of our designs for over 35 years.

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