



OCDCA Opportunities

OCDCA's AmeriCorps VISTA Sub-Site RFP Now Open

The Ohio CDC Association welcomes current, good standing members to apply to become a sub-site to the OCDCA VISTA Project to begin summer 2021. Fully completed proposals must be submitted [by 12:00 pm on January 8, 2021.](#)

CARES Act Funding for Ohio

Rental/Mortgage/Sewer/Water Support - Home Relief Grants (\$50 million)

The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) will direct funding to local community action agencies to distribute to eligible tenants and homeowners through an application process. Assistance can be applied to outstanding rent, mortgage, water, and/or sewer bills back to Apr. 1 and until the program ends on Dec. 30, 2020. Eligibility is limited to residents at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Community Action Agencies will start accepting applications for assistance on Nov. 2. Ohioans seeking assistance [should contact their local Community Action Agency.](#)

For more information (eligibility, process, etc.) on the program from ODSA, [click here](#) and for a fact sheet, [click here.](#)

Small Business Support (\$125 million)

The grants will provide \$10,000 to small businesses in Ohio with no more than 25 employees. The program will be administered by ODSA.

Eligible businesses that are approved to receive grants can use the money for a variety of expenses, including mortgage or rent payments; utility payments; salaries, wages, or compensation for employees and contractors; business supplies or equipment; and other costs.

For more information on the program from ODSA, [click here](#) and for a fact sheet, [click here](#).

Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund (\$38.7 million)

The fund will provide \$2,500 grants to eligible liquor permit holders in Ohio. The application for the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund will be available at businesshelp.ohio.gov starting November 2. Businesses applying for funding will be required to establish a registration ID with the state of Ohio. Permit holders may apply for the liquor assistance funding as well as the Small Business Relief Grant.

For more information on the program from ODSA, [click here](#) and for a fact sheet, [click here](#).

Affordable Housing

HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program

The purpose of the HOPE VI Main Street Program is to provide grants to small communities to assist in the renovation of an historic or traditional central business district, or "Main Street" area, by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. [Deadline is January 19.](#)

Housing Assistance Council Homeownership Loan Program

The Housing Assistance Council, a CDFI providing vital capital to rural housing developers, is currently offering 0% interest financing for self-help and 'sweat equity' style housing development for acquisition and/or infrastructure improvements. Homebuyers must contribute at least 50 hours of sweat equity. [Learn more here.](#)

Financial Empowerment

Stand Down Grants

The Veterans Employment and Training Service has announced the formation of Stand Down Grants. Stand Down (SD) events assist homeless veterans by providing a wide variety of employment, social, and health services. Stand Down funding is a non-competitive grant awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until available annual funding is exhausted. Grants may be awarded to multiple organizations that conduct SD events in the same general area so long as there is no commingling of federal funds. [Deadline is December 31.](#)

Rural Relief Small Business Grants

As part of our continuing commitment to elevate our impact in rural America, LISC is inviting small business owners in rural locations across the country to apply for the LISC-Lowe's Rural Relief Small Business Grants program. [The next application period will open on Tuesday, December 29th and closes on January 5th.](#)

Sky Ranch Foundation

Preference will be given to organizations that: serve troubled youth between the ages of 11-18, with a priority for programs that focus on youth between the ages of 11-15; focus on preventing youth involvement in the criminal justice system, or provide long-term rehabilitation in a residential or alternative setting; and provide comprehensive support services to youth that may include education, job training, enrichment activities, counseling and case management. [Deadline is January 31.](#)

Herb Block Pathways out of Poverty Grant

This program will focus on helping needy young people and adults gain a quality education. For projects serving youth, The Herb Block Foundation seeks proposals which focus on improving student achievement and healthy development of young people. Projects may include in-school and community-based educational programs, after-school activities, and mentoring programs. Programs designed to increase high school graduation rates are encouraged to apply. For projects serving adults, The Herb Block Foundation seeks proposals to provide literacy education and GED preparation, and to offer vocational training and job placement. [LOI deadline is February 4.](#)

Presbyterian Mission Agency Grants

Projects considered must: be presented, owned, and controlled by the group of economically poor people who will benefit directly from it; and address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. This will utilize some combination of the SDOP core strategies to promote justice, build solidarity, advance human dignity and advocate for economic equity. [Read more here.](#)

Immigrant Families Grant

The COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund is providing financial support to immigrant families who have been left out of the federal government's relief efforts. Immigrants may be eligible to receive a \$500 grant to help cover whatever is most pressing in their lives. [Learn more.](#)

Community Economic Development

USDA Community Connect Broadband Grant Program

USDA is offering Community Connect Broadband Grant Program funding for communities without broadband access to provide residential and business broadband service and connect facilities such as police and fire stations, healthcare, libraries, and schools. [Apply by December 23.](#)

Walmart Retail Opportunity Support Grants

We seek to make the entire retail industry a place of inclusive mobility, so that people can build a better life for themselves and their families. [Deadline is December 31.](#)

2021 Financial Empowerment Center Planning Grant

The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) is requesting applications for the 2021 Planning Cohort of up to 5 local governments looking to bring the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) model of free, professional, one-on-one financial counseling/coaching to their communities. Selected local government partners (cities or counties) will receive \$20,000 and significant technical assistance for 6-12 months to design and prepare for the launch of a FEC. The CFE Fund will invite planning cohort grantees to apply for any potential implementation matching grant funds upon successful conclusion of the Planning grant phase. [Deadline is January 15.](#)

PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. [Deadline is January 22.](#)

Appalachian Growth Capital Loan Program

The Ohio Development Services Agency and the Governor's Office of Appalachia will provide \$10 million in funding to help these businesses through the crisis. Businesses located in the 32-county region with less than \$40 million of revenue in the most recently completed tax year are eligible. Appalachian Growth Capital will offer loans to small businesses at 2 percent interest. The maximum loan amount is \$500,000, and businesses will have the ability to defer payment for up to six months. [Businesses can apply at appcap.org.](#)

IFF Lending

IFF is a mission-driven lender, real estate consultant, and developer that helps Midwest communities thrive by creating opportunities for low-income populations and people with disabilities. In Ohio, IFF offers affordable, flexible financing from \$10,000 to \$6 million and works closely with clients from every sector, including affordable housing, schools, health care, community development, and more. Since 2014, we have provided over \$40 million in loans for projects across Ohio. [More information here.](#)

FHLB of Cincinnati Community Investment Cash Advances

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati provides discounted advances through two programs to support housing and economic development. Under the Community Investment Program (CIP), discounted loans are available to finance the purchase, construction, and/or rehabilitation of housing and economic development projects. The Economic Development Program (EDP) provides discounted advances to promote economic development and/or job creation/retention. Available year-round. [More information about these and other programs is available here.](#)

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding

Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. [Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs](#) 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.

Due to the extraordinary level of interest in EDA's CARES Act Recovery Assistance there has been an unusually high volume of applications received. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their applicable EDA Regional Office representatives to discuss their needs and availability of funds. Prospective applicants can find current contact information for EDA Regional Office staff at <https://www.eda.gov/contact/>.

Rural Business Development Grants

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. [Deadline is ongoing.](#)

ODSA Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant

The Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant will provide funding to assess and clean up BUSTR Class C sites (underground storage tanks with documented petroleum releases). Local government entities who own the eligible property or who have an agreement with the landowner may apply. The applicant and property owner cannot have contributed to the prior release of petroleum or other hazardous substance on the site. [Applications are now accepted on an on-going basis.](#)

USDA RD Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

This program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses. [Deadline is ongoing.](#)

USDA RD Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. [Deadline is ongoing.](#)

Community Engagement

NEW - Creative Placemaking Public Resource Tool

This resource helps community development practitioners, artists and arts, and cultural organizations survey the landscape and decode the language of federal government funding opportunities that might support creative placemaking efforts. Use this guide to identify public resources and to determine if they are the right fit for your community. [View this comprehensive resource.](#)

Community Organizing Grants Program

The Community Organizing Grants program contains Peace Development Fund's (PDF) annual grantmaking docket and the De Colores Rapid Response Fund. Any organization that fits PDF's guidelines is eligible to apply for a grant. What We Fund: Organizing to Shift Power; Working to Build a Movement; Dismantling Oppression; and Creating New Structures. [Application opens December 1 and closes December 29.](#)

Social Justice Fund

Our Social Justice Fund makes grants of up to \$5,000 for grassroots activist projects in the US, giving priority to those with small budgets and little access to more mainstream funding sources. [Deadline is January 19.](#)

De Colores Rapid Response Fund

De Colores RRF is looking to impact positive, dynamic-shifting opportunities, rather than provide emergency response for humanitarian crises or technical assistance. It is designed to make funds available for quick, short-term delivery to hot spots of opportunity for organizing in marginalized urban and rural communities. [Deadline is ongoing.](#)

Duke Energy Foundation: Local Impact Grants

The Duke Energy Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life in communities served by the company in the Carolinas, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. The Foundation provides Local Impact Grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations whose programs focus on one of the Foundation's investment priorities: K-12 Education, Workforce, Nature, and State Strategic Impact. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Efforts to Address the Climate Crisis and Inequality Fund

The Nathan Cummings Foundation is rooted in the Jewish tradition and is committed to creating a more just, vibrant, sustainable, and democratic society. [LOIs are accepted year-round.](#)

Public Welfare Foundation Grants

Current focus areas include: Organizations developing innovative, transformative approaches to youth and adult criminal justice reform; Black-led movement building focused on dismantling the structures that have caused generations of harm to Black people, building power amongst local Black community members and advancing efforts to reinvest in communities; Organizations and projects focused on investing in community-based solutions that reduce the over-reliance on mass incarceration; and Reframing the narrative and fostering greater transparency and urgency around the U.S. criminal justice system through storytelling, journalism and other targeted efforts. [LOI deadline is on-going.](#)

Emergent Fund

There are two types of efforts we support, which distinguish an Emergent Fund grant from thousands of other worthy projects and organizations. Efforts that support emergent strategies that help communities respond to rapidly changing conditions. This includes resisting new or amplified threats and building power to move a proactive agenda. Efforts seeking long-term social justice and economic justice in a political and social climate that seeks to dismantle such efforts. [Deadline is ongoing.](#)

Food Access

ALDI Smart Kids

ALDI Smart Kids is a special program dedicated to supporting the health and wellness of the children in our communities. We do this by supporting local community organizations that encourage kids to be active in the areas of education, physical activity, nutrition, socializing and the arts. Our support ranges from monetary donations to ALDI gift cards. [Deadline is December 15.](#)

KidsGardening.org: Youth Garden Grants

KidsGardening.org, a national nonprofit dedicated to providing inspiration to parents and educators who are gardening with children. Any nonprofit organization, school, or youth program in the U.S. or U.S. territories planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of three and 18 is eligible to apply. [Learn more here and apply by December 18.](#)

Walmart Food Security Grants

We seek to eliminate food insecurity, find innovative and creative solutions to connect people around the world with healthier food options, all while promoting culturally relevant nutrition education. [Deadline is December 31.](#)

Farm to School Grants

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) establishes a Farm to School Program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. [Deadline is January 8, 2021.](#)

Sisters Health Foundation Basic Needs (Southeast Ohio Only)

The Basic Needs/Direct Service Grants Program is a competitive grants program in which applicants can seek grants of \$500 to \$5,000. Organizations that provide direct service in the form of material aid such as food, personal needs items, and emergency assistance to poor and vulnerable populations in our service area are encouraged to apply. [Deadline is January 20.](#)

Clif Bar Family Foundation

Prioritizes applicant organizations and projects that address the following: Protect Earth's beauty and bounty; Create a robust, healthy food system; Increase opportunities for outdoor activity; Reduce environmental health hazards; Build stronger communities. [Deadline is February 1.](#)

Looking Out Foundation

Grants to organizations are made to tax-exempt public charities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Program interests include, but are not limited to: disadvantaged youth, public health, women, the environment, the arts, the hungry and the homeless. [Deadline is February 1.](#)

Anthem Foundation: Support for Efforts to Enhance Health of Americans

The Foundation's grantmaking focus is on efforts that positively affect the conditions and social drivers addressed in its Healthy Generations program: healthy hearts, cancer prevention, healthy maternal practices, healthy diabetes prevention, healthy active lifestyles, and mental health. [Grant requests may be submitted throughout the year.](#)

Other Opportunities

Community Health Foundation Responsive Grants

The mission of Community Health Foundation (CHF) is to preserve reproductive services, to promote health and wellness, and to advocate for quality healthcare through grant making and education in Clark and Champaign Counties, Ohio. Grants to area non-profit organizations help fulfill this mission. Responsive grants are awarded annually for programs that support health and wellbeing in the region. [Deadline is January 29.](#)

Programs Support Senior Volunteerism

The AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program seek to engage older Americans in volunteer service that fosters intergenerational relationships and provides companionship to other older adults and adults with disabilities.

[Deadline is February 3.](#)

RWJF Pioneering Ideas

Throughout the year, we welcome Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposals that can help us anticipate the future and consider new and unconventional perspectives and approaches to building a Culture of Health. [Application period is ongoing.](#)

Elevation 1:1 Design & Web Services Match

For every dollar your nonprofit invests in Elevation's in-house services, we will match that dollar with one of our own. Born out of our mission to elevate nonprofits' impact, our 1 for 1 Matching Funds program helps us provide otherwise out-of-reach services to eligible nonprofit partners. [Learn more.](#)

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