

Grant Opportunities and Updates



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GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Faculty and Staff

Upcoming Grant Writing Workshop

**Mark Your Calendar for
OSP's Upcoming Lunch &**

Learn!



On November 4, 2025 join OSP for their presentation *Apply Yourself and Get a Grant: Grant Writing Basics Workshop*. Attendees can expect to learn common grant writing strategies and to practice their grant writing skills through guided practice.

Stay tuned for the time and location of this Lunch & Learn. In the meantime, check out Fairmont State's Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation (CTLI) Calendar of Events [here](#).

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY

Truist West Virginia Foundation



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The Truist West Virginia Foundation provides funding to non-profits for projects, one-time expenses, and initiatives such as new program launches, curriculum development for program expansion, equipment for program delivery, and capital needs. Focus areas of the Truist West Virginia Foundation include the following:

- Economic Development
- Financial Literacy
- Education
- Social Services and Healthcare
- Arts

Recent projects Fairmont State University has received funding from the Truist West Virginia Foundation for include a series of financial literacy initiatives and support for the Title III Student Professional Corps.

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, the deadline to apply is December 31, 2025. Typical funding amounts range from \$7,000 to \$15,000.

To learn more about this featured opportunity or to express interest, contact OSP [here](#).

NEW NOTICES

Community Development

A.J. Muste Foundation for Peace + Justice: Organizing Grants

Posted: September 25, 2025

The A.J. Muste Foundation supports grassroots movements committed to advancing human rights, building equality, and dismantling systems of oppression. Grants are available to U.S.-based activist projects fighting for systemic change, especially those challenging militarism, economic injustice, and mass incarceration. The Foundation prioritizes smaller groups with bold, creative strategies, and limited access to mainstream funding.

Proposals Due: October 20, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$10,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: September 25, 2025

This program supports community-based nonprofits across the U.S. where modest grants can have a meaningful impact. Funding priorities include museums, arts and cultural programs, schools, hospitals, youth and senior services, disability programs, environmental and wildlife protection, and other local initiatives. Grants may be used for projects, activities, or general operating support.

Proposals Due: November 10, 2025

Funding Range: \$1,000 to \$20,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Sundt Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: September 25, 2025

This program funds nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life in communities where the company operates, which includes West Virginia. Sundt Foundation giving priorities include youth development, hunger and nutrition, basic needs and social services, as well as support for military members and veterans. Through these focus areas, the

Foundation aims to strengthen individuals, families, and communities facing pressing challenges.

Proposals Due: December 15, 2025

Funding Range: \$2,500 to \$25,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Education

U.S. Department of Education: Innovation and Early Learning Programs: Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Program Mid-Phase Grants

Posted: September 25, 2025

The EIR program provides funding to create, develop, implement, replicate, or take to scale entrepreneurial, evidence-based, field-initiated innovations to improve student achievement and attainment for high-need students; and to rigorously evaluate such innovations. Mid-Phase Grants provide funding for the implementation and rigorous evaluation of a program that has been successfully implemented under an Early Phase Grant or similar effort, such as developing and testing an innovative education practice at a local level, for the purpose of measuring the program's impact and cost-effectiveness.

Proposals Due: October 14, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$10M

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Health & Nursing

U.S. Department of Agriculture: Farm to School Grant Program

Posted: September 25, 2025

This program aims to improve access in eligible sites through comprehensive farm to Child Nutrition Program (CNP) programming that includes local sourcing and agricultural education efforts. Examples of project activities that could be supported by this program include but are not limited to:

- Integrating agricultural education with career and technical preparation programs to encourage the next generation of agricultural producers;
- Adopting agricultural education curricula that encourages the sharing of indigenous traditional knowledge between generations, such as native plant varieties and planting practices;
- Solving distribution bottlenecks that limit the feasibility of sourcing

- more locally or regionally produced items by working closely with intermediaries (e.g., distributors, food hubs); and
- Developing and implementing integrated curriculum to reinforce food and nutrition-based learning throughout the school environment or on local farm(s).

Proposals Due: December 5, 2025

Funding Range: \$100,000 to \$500,000

Click [here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Research

West Virginia & Regional History Center (WVRHC): Research Grants

Posted: September 25, 2025

The WVRHC at West Virginia University Libraries invites applications for grants to fund research using WVRHC collections which largely focus on the preservation and study of the history and culture of West Virginia and the Appalachian region. Research grants are offered to help defray expenses of individuals who must travel to use the WVRHC's resources in the course of their research.

Proposals Due: October 31, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$1,500

Click [here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

STEM

National Science Foundation: Integrated Data Systems & Services

Posted: September 25, 2025

The Integrated Data Systems and Services (IDSS) program supports operations-level national-scale cyberinfrastructure systems and services that broadly advance and facilitate open, data-intensive and artificial intelligence-driven science, and engineering research, innovation, and education. Projects that aim to primarily benefit a single science discipline, domain, project, or application are NOT supported. The IDSS program is currently accepting proposals for three categories of projects:

- Category I. Development, deployment, and operation of novel national-scale integrated data systems and services, which may include interfacing with or leveraging other existing capabilities, systems and services, as appropriate to the project;
- Category II. Transition of established and smaller scale, regional, pilot, or prototype data-focused systems and services to national-scale production/operational quality/level. This may also include

enhancement and expansion of existing national-scale data-focused operational systems and services; and

- Category III. Planning grants for future potential development/ deployment or transition/enhancement IDSS projects.

Proposals Due: December 4, 2025

Funding Range: \$500,000 to \$30M

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

National Science Foundation: Division of Physics: Investigator-Initiated Research

Posted: September 25, 2025

This program supports physics research and the preparation of future scientists in U.S. colleges and universities across a broad range of physics disciplines that span the scales of space and time from the largest to the smallest and the oldest to the youngest. The Division of Physics is comprised of disciplinary programs covering experimental and theoretical research in the following major subfields of physics: atomic, molecular, and optical physics; elementary particle physics; gravitational physics; integrative activities in physics; nuclear physics; particle astrophysics; physics at the information frontier; physics of living systems; plasma physics; and quantum information science. (NOTE: Proposal deadlines vary by subfield.)

Proposals Due: December 9, 2025

Funding Range: Unspecified

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

National Science Foundation: NSF STEM K-12

Posted: September 25, 2025

This program supports research and development to advance STEM teaching and learning in K-12 formal and informal settings, leveraging AI and emerging technologies to build knowledge, create tools, and strengthen the U.S. STEM education and workforce.

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: \$25,000 to \$750,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

REMINDER NOTICES

Community Development

Giant Steps Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: September 11, 2025

This program emphasizes collaboration and compromise in focus areas including Helping Humans, Helping Animals; Protecting...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: November 1, 2025

Funding Range: Unspecified

West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History: Survey and Planning Grants

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program is for conducting architectural/archaeological surveys, National Register nominations, predevelopment plans...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 31, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$300,000

Appalachian Regional Commission: Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program is a multi-state initiative that aims to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through collaborative...[Read more](#)

Pre-applications Due: December 5, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$10M

Health & Nursing

National Institutes of Health: NIA Expanding Research in AD/ADRD (ERA) Summer Research Education Program

Posted: September 11, 2025

The program invites applications to support the development and implementation of summer research education programs...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 26, 2027

Funding Range: Up to \$200,000

Humanities

The Teagle Foundation: Cornerstone: Learning for Living

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program aims to revitalize the role of the humanities...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: December 1, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$300,000

National Endowment for the Humanities: National Digital Newspaper Program

Posted: September 11, 2025

This program creates a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963 from...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$325,000

STEM

Simons Foundation: Simons Collaborations in Mathematics and the Physical Sciences (MPS)

Posted: August 28, 2025

The aim of the Simons Collaborations in MPS program is to stimulate progress on fundamental scientific questions of major...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 29, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$2M

National Science Foundation: TestBed: Toward a Network of Programmable Cloud Laboratories (PCL Test Bed)

Posted: September 11, 2025

This program aims to address gaps in the ability of laboratories to explore artificial intelligence (AI) and to realize the potential of...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: November 20, 2025

Funding Range: At least \$2M

National Science Foundation: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Directorate for STEM Education (IUSE: EDU)

Posted: September 11, 2025

This program supports projects designed to contribute to a future in which all undergraduate students are fully engaged with...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 21, 2026

Funding Range: Varies

Simons Foundation: Targeted Grants in Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program is intended to support high-risk theoretical mathematics, physics, and computer science projects of exceptional...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: Unspecified

Want to improve your grant writing?

Consider attending the Essentials of Grant Writing Microcredential Course through the WV Grant Resource Center. The course will run from October 20 through December 14, 2025.



This course requires a one-time \$250 registration fee and purchase of the course textbook/ebook *The Only Grant-Writing Book You'll Ever Need* by Ellen Karsh and Arlen Sue Fox. Course topics include the following:

- Analyzing funding opportunities
- Creating grant checklists
- Writing project narratives
- Developing budgets and budget narratives
- Filling out application forms
- Developing complete application packages for submission

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and a digital badge. Registration will open soon, so follow WV Grant Resource Center's [Facebook](#) for updates.

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