

Grant Opportunities and Updates



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OSP is excited to announce that two of our team members were honored at the 2026 Fairmont State Staff Awards. Christy Burner, Director of Sponsored Programs, was named Staff Supervisor of the Year and Amantha Cole, Associate Director of Sponsored Programs, was named Staff Member of the Year. Our office is appreciative of the value Christy and Amantha add to OSP and Fairmont State University as a whole.

GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Faculty and Staff

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES



Science, Technology & Research

West Virginia Science, Technology, & Research (STaR), a division of WVHEPC, provides strategic leadership for the development of competitive research opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. The office directs the National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) in West Virginia, coordinates scientific research grants to academic institutions from federal and state agencies, and conducts outreach activities to broaden the public's understanding of science and technology.

Opportunity Grants & Sponsorships Program

This program supports STEM education, initiatives demonstrating the value of STEM in West Virginia, and those in STEM careers. Projects typically funded include, but are not limited to: camps or workshops for WV residents, increasing STEM participation initiatives, out of state travel to scientific conferences or for research purposes, and sponsorship of state-wide scientific or technical events.

Proposals Due: Rolling
Funding Range: Up to \$5,000

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

SURE (Summer/Semester Research Experiences) Grant

These grants help colleges and universities provide Summer/Semester Research Experiences to undergraduates in STEM fields. Block grants to four-year institutions are awarded for the purpose of providing small research stipends to undergraduate students.

Proposals Due: October 16, 2026
Funding Range: Up to \$75,000

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

NEW NOTICES

Community

Norfolk Southern Foundation: Thriving Communities Grant

Posted: June 18, 2026

The Thriving Communities Grant Program is designed to promote sustainability initiatives, workforce development programs, and community resiliency efforts. Focus areas of the program include safety, sustainability, workforce development, and thriving communities. Projects of interest include those such as disaster relief, preservation and conservation of natural resources, and job skill development.

Proposals Due: August 3, 2026

Funding Range: \$1,000 to \$50,000

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

Employment and Training Administration: Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities

Posted: June 18, 2026

Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities Round 7 (WORC 7) will invest in large-scale regional industry and sector partnerships that will design and implement industry-driven training programs that close skills gaps and increase the talent pipeline in critical sectors and support increased worker mobility by engaging individuals disconnected from the workforce and offering career pathways into high-wage occupations for rural populations in WORC regions. WORC 7 grant projects are intended to support economic development models that are broad in scale and scope to ensure maximum impact across the WORC regions.

Proposals Due: July 23, 2026

Funding Range: \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000

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

Environment

Roy A. Hunt Foundation: Environment Initiative

Posted: June 18, 2026

This program seeks to promote strategic activities that create incentives for environmentally responsible decisions in the private sector. Projects should focus on at least one of the following priorities:

- Climate and Energy - To reduce the consequences of climate change in the United States, primarily through: (1) Increasing the affordability and use of cleaner and renewable energy sources, and (2) Reducing demand for carbon-intensive energy sources and carbon-intensive goods and services
- Toxics and Waste – To reduce damage to the environment and human health caused by the manufacture, use, and disposal of consumer and industrial products. Typical strategies include green chemistry, sustainable design, sustainable manufacturing, and product stewardship.

- Clean Water – To protect and restore the quality of freshwater, coastal, and nearby oceanic areas of the United States.

Proposals Due: July 10, 2026

Funding Range: \$25,000 to \$75,000

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

Humanities

WV Humanities Council: Mini-Grants

Posted: June 18, 2026

The goal of this program is to increase public access to high-quality humanities programming. Disciplines include foreign language, history, literature, ethics, and other fields within the humanities. Projects must be open to the general public. Eligible projects include an exhibit, roundtable, presentation/lecture, interpretive panels, walking tour, archaeology, archival project, plan for large exhibit, etc. This program will not fund professional development or technical assistance.

Proposals Due: August 1, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$2,000

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

Department of Labor: American History and Civics National Activities

Posted: June 18, 2026

The program seeks to promote new and existing evidence-based strategies to encourage innovative American history, civics and government, and geography instruction, learning strategies, and professional development activities and programs for teachers, principals, or other school leaders, particularly such instruction, strategies, activities, and programs that benefit students from low-income backgrounds and other underserved populations. This program encourages applications to include strong partnerships and active collaboration between eligible entities, local educational agencies, and State educational agencies in their design and proposed implementation. Project activities should reflect the best available research and practice in teaching and learning.

Proposals Due: July 13, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

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Research

U.S. National Science Foundation: EPSCoR Collaborations for Optimizing Research Ecosystems

Posted: June 18, 2026

The Established Program to Stimulate Competitive research (EPSCoR) fosters partnerships among academic institutions, government entities, industry, and non-profits. These collaborations aim to drive long-term improvements in research infrastructure, enhance R&D capacity, and boost the research competitiveness of eligible EPSCoR jurisdictions, including states, territories, and commonwealths. A jurisdiction's research ecosystem is the interconnected network of organizations, researchers, trainees, community stakeholders, and resources that contribute to the process of research and innovation that advances fundamental knowledge, generates use-inspired products, and ultimately cultivates beneficial impacts for a jurisdiction.

Proposals Due: July 21, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

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

REMINDER NOTICES

Humanities

National Endowment for the Humanities: Collections Stewardship

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program funds projects to preserve and make available physical and digital collections important for research, teaching, and...*[Read more](#)*

Proposals Due: December 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$500,000

STEM

National Science Foundation: Developmental Sciences

Posted: May 7, 2026

The Developmental Sciences program supports basic research that increases our understanding of perceptual, cognitive, linguistic...*[Read more](#)*

Proposals Due: July 30, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

National Science Foundation: Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Posted: April 23, 2026

The Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program invests in the Nation's colleges and universities... [Read more](#)

Proposals Due: November 20, 2026

Funding Range: \$125,000 to \$5,000,000

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OSP at Fairmont State University is a source of information, support, and guidance on all external funding opportunities for faculty and staff.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Any grant application, proposal, or request for external funding must be reviewed and approved **prior to submission** through an internal process managed by the Office of Sponsored Programs. Please *visit our website* for more information and to access the required forms which facilitate the internal review and approval process.



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