

Grant Opportunities and Updates



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FINAL REMINDER:
Falcon Mini-Grant Applications are
due next Tuesday, March 31!

Faculty and Staff: Don't forget that FY27 Falcon Mini-Grant applications are due Tuesday, March 31, 2026. This is an internal grant program available to make your projects that advance the mission of Fairmont State University possible.

Click the buttons below for more information:

The RFP includes information on eligible and ineligible funding requests, how to organize your proposal, and what projects are most likely to be funded.

The application form must be completed alongside your proposal and asks for further information about your project.

FEATURED OPPORTUNITY



Focus Forward: Minds and Machines Grant Opportunity

The West Virginia Public Education Collaborative and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation will award at least two grants to individuals who attend the **Focus Forward 2026** conference on April 1, 2026. In addition, up to five selected projects will be eligible to receive **up to \$10,000 in Amazon Web Services (AWS) Promotional Credits**.

The Focus Forward 2026 conference will take a hard look at how **emerging technology** will continue to redefine the economy, work, education, policy, and even how we develop as humans.

Proposed projects for **grant funding up to \$10,000** should demonstrate a collaborative effort in the fields of education, economic development, and public policy focused on leveraging artificial intelligence and emerging technology to prepare West Virginia for the future. Individuals may be considered for both the grant and AWS credits, or AWS credits only.

The Focus Forward: Minds and Machines conference will feature panelists such as Michele Blatt, West Virginia State Superintendent; Sal Khan, Founder and CEO of Khan Academy; and Heather Abbott, CIO of the State of West Virginia. To be eligible to apply for grant funding or AWS credits, attendance to this one-day conference is required. The event will take place on **April 1, 2026**.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the opportunity and register for the event.

GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Faculty and Staff

NEW NOTICES

Community Development

Newman's Own Foundation: Food Justice for Kids Prize

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program supports organizations working to improve children's access to healthy, culturally relevant food. Funding focuses on two areas: Indigenous Food Justice initiatives that restore Indigenous food systems and support access to traditional foods, and programs that strengthen nutrition education and healthy school meals. Grants support projects that expand children's opportunities to grow, prepare, and access nutritious foods while advancing equitable food systems.

Proposals Due: April 28, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$100,000 (over two years)

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

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP): The Purpose Prize

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program honors leaders whose work is improving the lives of people 50-plus and beyond. Programs that address issues that matter most to older adults, such as economic security, caregiving support, community connection, and health access, are invited to apply.

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$75,000

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

Peoples Bank Foundation: Foundation Grant

Posted: March 26, 2026

This Peoples Bank Foundation serves the communities in Peoples Bank's footprint of: Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland, and more. The five areas of giving are the following:

- **Community Investment and Economic Development** - projects that strengthen the infrastructure of our communities and families including local parks, trails, playgrounds, community centers, and historic landmarks
- **Youth Education** - projects that support and emphasize educational opportunities for our youth including school supplies, scholarship funds, and educational materials as well recreational, cultural, and financial literacy programs
- **Health and Human Services** - projects that include local food banks and nonprofit organizations who provide individuals and families with food, clothing, health care support and other life-changing resources as well as those that participate in medical research, anti-poverty initiatives, and domestic violence prevention
- **Arts and Culture** - projects that support numerous arts and cultural initiatives like art centers, museums, concerts and children's music, art, and theater programs
- **Environment** - projects that share Peoples' vision of environmental sustainability for an even brighter tomorrow

Proposals Due: June 30, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

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

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 public engagement in the humanities. Awards support the work of libraries, archives, and museums; colleges and universities working on collections access; and organizations that include preservation services or educate and train students and professionals in collections stewardship.

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026 and December 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$500,000

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

National Endowment for the Humanities: Media Projects

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program supports the development, production, and distribution of radio programs, podcasts, documentary films, and documentary film series that engage general audiences with humanities ideas in creative and

appealing ways. Projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship and demonstrate an approach that is thoughtful, balanced, and analytical. Media Projects offers two levels of funding: Development and Production.

Proposals Due: June 25, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$75,000 or \$700,000

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

International Opportunity

Department of State: FY 2026 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program invites proposal submissions from U.S. public and private academic and cultural institutions for the design and implementation of three (3) programs under the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars (SUSIs for Scholars). Three SUSIs for Scholars will take place over five weeks in summer 2027. Each SUSI will focus on a specific theme: 1) Critical Minerals, 2) Digital Transformation, and 3) Economics and Business. SUSIs for Scholars are post-graduate level seminars held at U.S. academic institutions for groups of approximately 18 foreign university faculty, researchers, and practitioners, who serve as “multipliers” for students and colleagues abroad. The program goal is to provide influential scholars and experts with content and resources that enhance teaching and research about the United States in other countries. SUSIs for Scholars also promote collaboration in research, teaching, and other activities between foreign and American scholars and practitioners.

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026

Funding Range: \$1.5M

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

Justice

Department of Justice: NIJ FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program seeks applications for grant funding to conduct research and evaluation projects examining a broad range of topics to reduce violence against women (VAW), including the crimes of domestic violence and family violence; intimate partner violence; rape, sex trafficking, sexual violence; stalking; and teen dating violence, along with the trauma that results from these crimes and the associated criminal justice system response, procedures, and policies. NIJ also seeks to invest in high-quality

evaluations focused on testing programs, practices, models, or interventions aimed at (1) enhancing engagement with the justice system for women and girls who have been victimized and (2) improving accountability within the criminal justice system from individuals who engage in or perpetrate violence against women and girls.

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$3.7M

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

STEM

United Engineering Foundation: UEF Grants Program

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program seeks to fund projects that advance the engineering arts and sciences for the welfare of humanity. It supports engineering and education by awarding grants to projects that are broad-based, interdisciplinary proposals that further the engineering profession as a whole.

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

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

REMINDER NOTICES

Arts

National Endowment for the Arts: Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)

Posted: March 12, 2026

This program is committed to supporting excellent art projects that enable Americans throughout the nation to experience the arts, foster...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: July 9, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$100,000

Community Development

Nora Roberts Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: January 22, 2026

This program funds projects with a focus on literacy, arts...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 15, 2026

Funding Range: \$3,000 to \$5,000

Health & Nursing

Milbank Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: February 5, 2026

Funding priorities include disability inclusion, veteran support, mental health, substance use prevention, aging in place, and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: Varies

International Collaboration

Department of State: FY 2026 English Access Scholarship Program

Posted: March 12, 2026

This program promotes economic self-reliance which strengthens American national security and economic prosperity through educational...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: \$12,477,500

National Institutes of Health: NIH Collaborative International Research Project

Posted: March 12, 2026

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks to advance its mission by maintaining strong and productive international research...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 7, 2029

Funding Range: Unspecified

National Security & Intelligence

Department of State: FY 2026 National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)

Posted: March 12, 2026

This program increased the number of youths who learn critical foreign languages in support of bolstering U.S. national security...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 31, 2026

Funding Range: \$5,000,000

STEM

National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES-2025)

Posted: January 22, 2026

The five Science Divisions accepting applications are Biological and Physical Sciences, Astrophysics, Planetary Science, and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 31, 2026

Funding Range: Varies

National Science Foundation: Pathways to Enable Secure Open-Source Ecosystems (PESOSE)

Posted: February 26, 2026

This program supports the translation of open-source science and engineering-focused research products into safe and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: September 1, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

National Science Foundation: EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program: EPSCoR Research Fellows (ERF)

Posted: February 26, 2026

This opportunity aims to increase the competitiveness of EPSCoR-eligible institutions by catalyzing and strengthening the research...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: September 1, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

National Science Foundation: Collaboratory to Advance Mathematics Education and Learning (CAMEL) for K-12

Posted: January 22, 2026

This program aims to advance mathematics learning and education through purposeful collaboration that draws on...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling
Funding Range: \$1M to \$1.5M

Workforce Development

Department of Agriculture: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Education and Workforce Development

Posted: January 22, 2026

This program focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: December 31, 2026
Funding Range: \$10,000 to \$650,000

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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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