

1st Congressional District Grants Handbook



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Grant Eligibility Requirements

Government Organizations

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal governments (other than federally recognized)

Education Organizations

- Independent school districts
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

Public Housing Organizations

- Public housing authorities
- Indian housing authorities

Nonprofit Organizations

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

For-Profit Organizations

- Organizations other than small businesses

Small Businesses

Small business grants may be awarded to companies meeting the [size standards established by the U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) for most industries in the economy.

Individuals

Individual people may submit applications for a funding opportunity on their own behalf (i.e., not on behalf of a company, organization, institution, or government). If you are [registered with only an individual applicant profile](#), you are only allowed to apply to funding opportunities that are open to individuals.

Most of the funding opportunities on Grants.gov are for organizations, not individuals. If you are looking for personal financial assistance or other types of funding, check out the [Grant Programs section](#) to learn about how to find other forms of funding from the government.

Before You Get Started

1. Obtain a DUNS (Data University Numbers System) number. This 9-digit figure will help identify your business or organization and will be used for all grant applications. Visit the DUNS website at: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do> or call 1-866-705-5711 to register or search for a DUNS number.
2. Register with the federal SAM (System Award Management) website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>
3. Create a profile on the Grants.Gov website. The portal will save this profile to be used for each subsequent application. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>

Grant Making Agencies

U.S. Agency for International Development

<https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/opportunities-funding>

- A. Faith-based and Community Initiatives
- B. American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Grant Programs
- C. The Denton Program allows private U.S. citizens and organization to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need
- D. Development Innovation Ventures
- E. Food for Peace
- F. Grant Challenges for Development
- G. Limited Excess Property Program
- H. Ocean Freight Reimbursement

Corporation for National and Community Service

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity>

- A. Ameri-Corps
- B. Senior Corps
- C. Social Innovation Fund
- D. SIF targets public-private funds to expand effective solutions in the areas of: economic opportunity, healthy futures, youth development and school support

U.S. Department of Agriculture (Rural Development)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/ks>

- A. Farm Services Agency
- B. Housing Assistance
- C. Rural Development Loan Assistance
- D. Beginning Farmers and Ranchers
- E. Crop and Livestock Insurance
- F. Federal State Marketing Improvement Program
- G. Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
- H. The Farmers Market Program
- I. Organic Cost Share Program

U.S. Department of Commerce

<https://www.eda.gov/>

- A. Economic Development Administration provides funding for long-term, sustainable economic development strategy through job creation and private investment
- B. Market Development Cooperator Program
- C. National Telecommunications & Information Administration Programs
 - a. Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
 - b. State Broadband Initiative

U.S. Department of Education

<https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=pn>

- A. Institute of Education Sciences
- B. Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs
- C. Pell Grants for Students

U.S. Department of Energy

<https://www.energy.gov/energy-economy/funding-financing>

- A. Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office
- B. Weatherization Assistance Program
- C. State Energy Program
- D. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
- E. Tribal Energy Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.hhs.gov/grants/index.html>

- A. Administration for Children & Families offers partnerships with front-line service providers; Identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries; Improve access to services through planning, reform and integration; Address the needs, strengths and abilities of vulnerable populations
- B. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality supports research to improve and quality, effectiveness, accessibility and cost effectiveness of health care
- C. Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- D. Food and Drug Administration administers grant and cooperative agreement programs related to food and feed safety and human health issues
- E. National Institute of Health

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

<https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/find-and-apply-grants>

- A. Federal Emergency Management Agency Grants
 - a. Preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to and recovering from all domestic disasters, which natural or man-made *Grants are administered through the Kansas Department of Emergency Management
- B. Transit Security Grant Program
- C. Science and Technology Directorate

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo

- A. Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant Program
 - a. Supports locally-driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing

U.S. Department of Transportation

<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/about>

- A. BUILD Grants for multi-jurisdictional and regional infrastructure needs that support regional economic growth and prosperity

U.S. Department of the Interior

https://www.doi.gov/pam/programs/financial_assistance

- A. Bureau of Land Management
- B. Bureau of Reclamation
- C. National Park Service
- D. Office of Surface Mining
- E. US Geological Survey
- F. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Department of Justice

<https://www.justice.gov/grants>

- A. The [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\)](#) is responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.
- B. The [Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\)](#) provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies.
- C. The mission of the [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#) is to provide federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

U.S. Department of Labor

- A. [Employment and Training Administration](#) The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits.
- B. [Susan Harwood Training Grant Program](#) provides training and education for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the OSH Act. Target audiences include underserved, low-literacy, and workers in high-hazard industries.

U.S. Department of Transportation

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants>

The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. BUILD can provide capital funding directly to any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments, MPOs, or others in contrast to traditional Federal programs which provide funding to very specific groups of applicants (mostly State DOTs and transit agencies).

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.va.gov/finance/policy/vfffa.asp>

[Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot](#) program supports Veterans and their families who reside in rural and/or underserved areas of the country. Grantees are expected to use the funds to aid Veterans with the transition to civilian life.

Environmental Protection Agency

<https://www.epa.gov/grants>

The Environmental Education Grants Program seeks projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment.

- A. [Community Action for a Renewed Environment](#) is a competitive grant program that offers an innovative way for a community to organize and take action to reduce toxic pollution in its local environment. Through CARE, a community creates a partnership that implements solutions to reduce releases of toxic pollutants and minimize people's exposure to them.
- B. [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#) provides financial assistance to eligible organizations to build collaborative partnerships, to identify the local environmental and/or public health issues, and to envision solutions and empower the community through education, training, and outreach.

Institute of Museum and Library Services

<https://www.ims.gov/grants/apply-grant/available-grants>

- A. The Museums for America (MFA) program supports projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public.
- B. The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program assists in the professional development and recruitment of librarians and staff.

National Endowment for the Arts

<https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations>

- A. Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: Place-Based Projects and Knowledge Building Projects.
- B. Art Works grants support artistically excellent projects that celebrate our creativity and cultural heritage.

Small Business Administration

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/grants>

- A. [Small Business Innovation Research Program](#) encourages small business to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization.
- B. [Small Business Technology Transfer Program](#) expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena.

Social Security Administration

<https://www.ssa.gov/oag/grants/ssagrant.htm>

[Service Grants](#) provide funding to support beneficiaries in their efforts to return to work and to gain self-sufficiency.

Non-Grant Funding Opportunities

There are a large number of nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses that also provide grants or other types of funding assistance.

1. The Foundation Center maintains a comprehensive database on U.S. and global grant-makers and their funding opportunities. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance knowledge of philanthropy at every level.
2. The Funding Information Network facilitates access to grant resources and publications to under-resourced entities and populations.
3. State and regional directories can also be found with some research. Try using the Community Foundation Locator to find a grant-making foundation in your region. You may also use your preferred web search engine to find your state's grant or foundation directory. Local libraries may have access to subscription-based search engines or the Foundation Center Cooperating Collections, so visit your library to work with them for assistance.

Specific Grant Needs

Water/Wastewater Infrastructure

There are two main agencies operating in Kansas that have funding available to help communities pay for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades and repairs.

- A. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment administers the state revolving loan fund that uses EPA dollars to help communities upgrade and improve their water and wastewater infrastructure.
 - a. There are 2 planning grant programs, Regional Public Water Supply Planning Grants and Small Public Water Supply Systems Grants. Regional Public Water Supply Planning Grants can provide for 50% of the cost (up to \$12,500) for developing engineering studies that evaluate regional solutions to public water supply needs. Small Public Water Supply System Grants can provide for 50% of the cost (up to \$5,000) for developing engineering studies for public water supply systems serving a population of 1,000 or less that are out of compliance with drinking water regulations.
- B. The USDA Rural Development office also oversees loan and grant programs to help communities upgrade and replace water and waste disposal projects and related infrastructure.
 - a. Through Rural Utilities Service Water and Environmental Programs (WEP), rural communities obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems. WEP provides funding for the

construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities and is proud to be the only Federal program exclusively focused on rural water and waste infrastructure needs of rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. WEP also provides funding to organizations that provide technical assistance and training to rural communities in relation to their water and waste activities. WEP is administered through National Office staff in Washington, DC, and a network of field staff in each State.

****For small communities or those unfamiliar with infrastructure projects, please reach out to the folks at the Midwest Assistance Program. The staff offers free assistance and expertise to communities with water and wastewater needs and issues. <http://www.map-inc.org/>****

Roads/Sidewalk Infrastructure

- A. The primary source of federal road and bridge infrastructure funding comes from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. The agency offers BUILD Grants (formerly known as TIGER Grants) that are designed to provide funding for more complex, multi-jurisdictional projects. BUILD can provide capital funding directly to any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments, MPOs, or others in contrast to traditional Federal programs which provide funding to very specific groups of applicants (mostly State DOTs and transit agencies). This flexibility allows BUILD and our traditional partners at the State and local levels to work directly with a host of entities that own, operate, and maintain much of our transportation infrastructure, but otherwise cannot turn to the Federal government for support. These grants are awarded on an annual basis.
- B. The USDA Rural Development office has issued low-interest loans to communities with populations of less than 10,000 for road maintenance and repair projects.