

# FUNDING ALERT



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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

**THE OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANT SERVICES**  
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***The Office Of Partnerships And Grant Services Needs Your Help.*** Help us get 1000 likes on our Facebook page. If you like us you will get time sensitive information on funding opportunities, job announcements, upcoming events and more that might not be in the Funding Alert. **Like Us Now.**



**Grant Information Resource Center (GIRC).** The Grant Information Resource Center (GIRC) registration form is now live on OPGS' website. The GIRC provides technical assistance and information about resources that improve community services in the District of Columbia for its "customers" - District government, nonprofit, and faith-based representatives. The primary focus is to assist customers who either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to strengthen their organizations. The GIRC is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m., by appointment only. For additional information call 202-727-8900.



***Funding Alert:*** If you would like to post a **free event/resource announcement** in the Funding Alert, contact Pat Henry at [pat.henry@dc.gov](mailto:pat.henry@dc.gov). All back issues of the funding alert can be found at [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov).

***District Grants Clearinghouse:*** District agency grant opportunities are listed in the Funding Alert. These opportunities can be found on the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website at [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov). All information that should be posted to the Clearinghouse should be sent to [dcgrants@dc.gov](mailto:dcgrants@dc.gov).

***State Single Point of Contact (SPOC):*** The Office of Partnerships and Grant Services is the DC SPOC. The application is available online on OPGS's website at [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov) select State Single Point of Contact. If you need additional information call Pat Henry at (202) 727-0946.

***Contracting Opportunities with the District of Columbia Government:*** If you are interested in business/contracting opportunities with the District of Columbia Government visit the Office of Contracts and Procurement website at [www.ocp.dc.gov](http://www.ocp.dc.gov) and follow these instructions: click on "Solicitation"; click on "List All Opportunities" and finally click on "Electronic Solicitations". For additional information contact [Ajaya.Damireddy@dc.gov](mailto:Ajaya.Damireddy@dc.gov)

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## Government of the District of Columbia Opportunities

### Electronic Grants Clearinghouse

**The Office of Partnerships and Grant Services** is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at:

<http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse> .

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development	FY 2016 Creative and Open Space Modernization	Rolling Application through June 1, 2016
Office of Planning	District-Wide Synar Compliance Program	February 10, 2016
University of the District of Columbia	2016 UDC Community College Relocation Feasibility Study Grant	February 17, 2016
Department of Energy and Environment	RiverSmart Innovation Grants	February 29, 2016

### Federal Opportunities

**Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program Overseas Components (DOS).** *Department of State* announces funds to support programs that will manage the FY2016 organizational components of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. The YES program advances the U.S. foreign policy goals of engaging youth populations and building civil society by providing physical exchanges and building lasting ties between high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations and the people of the United States.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher education

Deadline: 3/28/2016

Funds: \$16,250,000

Contact: Grants.gov Customer Support at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

Grant ID: GD6365

**Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program (DOJ).** *Department of Justice* announces funds to create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.

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Eligibility: City or township governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations and DC government agencies  
Deadline: 3/10/2016  
Funds: \$6,000,000 is available for fifteen awards  
Contact: Amy Loder at [Amy.Loder@usdoj.gov](mailto:Amy.Loder@usdoj.gov)  
Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>  
State Single Point of Contact: This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgs.dc.gov/spoc.asp> for further information.  
Grant ID: GD6366

## **Foundation Opportunities**

**Adult, Family and Youth Literacy Grants and Summer Reading Programs.** *Dollar General Literacy Foundation* announces funds to support programs that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance; that combine parent and youth literacy instruction; and the expansion of summer reading programs for students who are below grade level readers or readers with learning disabilities.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and DC government agencies  
Deadline: 2/25/2016  
Funds: Awards are available up to \$15,000  
Contact: Dollar General Literacy Foundation  
Website: [http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant\\_programs.aspx](http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx)  
Grant ID: GD6355

**Arts and Humanities, Community Services, Education, Health and Environment.** *The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation* announces funds to support programs in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia nonprofits arts and humanities, education, health, environment, and community services projects.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations  
Deadline: 3/1/2016  
Contact: The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation at or [info@cafritzfoundation.org](mailto:info@cafritzfoundation.org)  
Website: <http://www.cafritzfoundation.org/apply>  
Grant ID: GD6356

**Community Service Grants.** *Massage Therapy Foundation* announces funds to provide massage therapy to people who currently have little or no access to such services.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations  
Deadline: 4/1/2016  
Funds: Awards are available up to \$5,000  
Contact: Massage Therapy Foundation at [info@massagetherapyfoundation.org](mailto:info@massagetherapyfoundation.org)

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Website: <http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/community-service-grants/>

Grant ID: GD6360

**Diversity in Tech Entrepreneurship.** *Techstars Foundation* announces funds to support projects that will have scalable impact on diversity in technology entrepreneurship.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations other than small businesses and small businesses

Deadline: 2/19/2016

Contact: Techstars Foundation

Website: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qkBQTr89wqOjGMHL2HIF6d\\_UNc1soHUYievJFwS3clo/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qkBQTr89wqOjGMHL2HIF6d_UNc1soHUYievJFwS3clo/viewform)

Grant ID: GD6361

**EcoTech Grants.** *Captain Planet Foundation* announces funds to engage children in inquiry based projects in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) that use innovation, biomimicry/nature based design, or new technology to address environmental problems in their communities.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, nonprofit organizations and Local Educational Agencies

Deadline: 3/15/2016

Funds: Awards are available up to \$2,500

Contact: Captain Planet Foundation at (404) 522-4270

Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/ecotech-grants/>

Grant ID: GD6359

**Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns.** *Chesapeake Bay Trust* announces funds to support the design and implementation of practices that enhance green spaces in communities, including implementing urban green stormwater practices, increasing urban green spaces, and replacing impervious surfaces with more permeable materials.

Eligibility: State governments, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and DC government agencies

Deadline: 3/3/2016

Funds: Awards are available up to \$75,000

Contact: Sadie Drescher at (410) 974-2941 or [sdrescher@cbtrust.org](mailto:sdrescher@cbtrust.org)

Website: [http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.mjPKXPCJnH/b.7735695/k.5E92/Green\\_Streets\\_Green\\_Jobs\\_Green\\_Towns.htm](http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.mjPKXPCJnH/b.7735695/k.5E92/Green_Streets_Green_Jobs_Green_Towns.htm)

Grant ID: GD6357

**Puppet Theater Grants.** *Jim Henson Foundation* announces funds for the creation and development of innovative works of puppet theater. Letter of Intent is required and due March 14.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Deadline: 3/14/2016

Funds: Awards are available up to \$7,000

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Contact: Jim Henson Foundation at [info@hensonfoundation.org](mailto:info@hensonfoundation.org)  
Website: <http://www.hensonfoundation.org/index.php/grant-application/guidelines>  
Grant ID: GD6362

**Short-Term or Unexpected Needs Grants.** *Junior League of Washington* announces funds for Washington, DC nonprofit community organizations demonstrating an unexpected short-term financial need or smaller-denomination financial need related to its mission or operations.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations  
Deadline: 2/20/2016  
Funds: Awards are available up to \$1,000  
Contact: Junior League of Washington at [grantsandvolunteers@jlw.org](mailto:grantsandvolunteers@jlw.org)  
Website: [https://www.jlw.org/?nd=grants\\_scholars](https://www.jlw.org/?nd=grants_scholars)  
Grant ID: GD6363

**Signature Employment Grants.** *Kessler Foundation* announces funds for new pilot initiatives, demonstration projects or social ventures that lead to the generation of new ideas to solve the high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities. Preference is given for interventions that overcome specific employment barriers related to long-term dependence on public assistance or advance competitive employment in a cost-effective manner. A concept paper is required and is due on March 13.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations  
Deadline: 3/13/2016  
Funds: \$250,000 is available for awards and a match is required  
Contact: Kessler Foundation at [KFgrantprogram@KesslerFoundation.org](mailto:KFgrantprogram@KesslerFoundation.org)  
Website: <http://kesslerfoundation.org/grantprograms/signatureemploymentgrants.php>  
Grant ID: GD6354

**Social Justice Programs.** *Public Welfare Foundation* announces funds to support organizations that are working to end: over incarceration of adult offenders, and also aiming to reduce racial disparity; criminalization and over incarceration of youth; and seeking policy and system reforms to improve the lives of low-wage working people, with a focus on securing their basic legal rights to safe, healthy, and fair conditions at work. Letters of inquiry are required and may be submitted throughout the year.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations  
Deadline: No deadline  
Contact: Public Welfare Foundation  
Website: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/grants-process/program-guidelines/>  
Grant ID: GD6353

**Special Presenter Initiatives Grant.** *Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation* announces funds to present the performing arts for public performances. Projects must provide at least one public performance and one complementary activity.

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Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, community-based organizations and DC government agencies

Deadline: 4/1/2016

Funds: Awards are available up to \$5,000

Contact: Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

Website: <http://www.midatlanticarts.org/grants-programs/grants-for-organizations/#special-presenter-initiatives>

Grant ID: GD6364

**Sustainable Schools Grant Program.** *Chesapeake Bay Trust* announces funds to increase participation in sustainable school certification programs in jurisdictions of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Eligibility: City or township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, private institutions of higher education, community-based organizations, DC government agencies and Local Educational Agencies

Deadline: 3/3/2016

Funds: Awards are available up to \$15,000

Contact: Jamie Baxter at (410) 974-2941 or [jbaxter@cbtrust.org](mailto:jbaxter@cbtrust.org)

Website: [http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.9234793/k.3E73/Environmental\\_Literacy\\_Planning.htm](http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.9234793/k.3E73/Environmental_Literacy_Planning.htm)

Grant ID: GD6358

## **Additional Funding Resources and Announcements**

**Pro Bono Professional Services.** The Taproot Foundation offers pro bono professional marketing, human resources, information technology, and strategy management services to nonprofit organizations working within one of its program areas. With a minimum value of \$45,000, each service grant is delivered pro bono by a team of five to six business professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to assist nonprofit organizations. To be eligible, applicants must be classified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service or be a public school and work within one of the foundation's program areas: the arts, education, the environment, health, and social services. In addition, applicant organizations must have at least three full-time employees and an annual budget of at least \$350,000. For more information visit <https://www.taprootfoundation.org/get-probono/get-service-grant>.

**Navigating Government Contracting with DCPTAC.** The District of Columbia Procurement Technical Assistance Center (DC PTAC) is a program within the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). DC PTAC is hosting a Navigating Government Contracting workshop on Thursday, February 18 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm., at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Room E-4302). This workshop offers confidential, personalized, one on one business counseling and competitive insights for navigating the government contracting process successfully. Whether you already have experience working on government contracts, or are looking for help to win your first one, we are available to help. At the DC PTAC, businesses can get assistance with developing strategies to pursue state, local and federal government contracts. The workshop will help you navigate the procurement process more confidently and efficiently. It's tailored to meet your specific goals in areas such as: contract research; bid matching; marketing plans; subcontracting and teaming; proposal preparation; GSA schedules; certifications (HubZone, 8(a), VA CVE, WOSB); and post contract award counseling. For more information and to register visit <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=41940>

**The Regulatory Process of Starting a Business.** the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will partner with District government agencies to educate customers on how to start a new business in the District



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of Columbia on Monday, February 22, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Takoma Park Neighborhood Library – 416 Cedar Street NW. The following topics will be discussed: Business Licensing; Corporate registration; Certificates of Occupancy (C of O); Home Occupancy Permits (HOP); Grant Opportunities; Vending; Farmer markets; and Certified Business Enterprises (CBE). For more information and to register visit <http://dcbiz.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=41343>.

## **Previous Funding Resources and Announcements**

***Can I Wear This? Balancing Personal Appearance Policies and the Law.*** The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center is sponsoring a free webinar as part of its **Board Basics Series**, entitled: *Can I Wear This? Balancing Personal Appearance Policies and the Law*. For many nonprofits, adopting a personal appearance policy can be an effective way to ensure that employees present a professional image to clients, donors and nonprofit partners. However, before drafting a policy, you should be aware of legal restrictions on employers' regulation of workplace attire and personal grooming. For example: Can you require a male employee to be clean shaven if he wears a beard for religious reasons? May an employee who is active in the union movement and wears a pro-union hat to work every day be required to comply with a no-hat policy? While federal and state laws generally allow employers to regulate employee appearance, a written policy will not protect employers against claims that the policy infringes on other rights protected by law. Two new resources from the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center provide the answers to the questions above, and many others. The webinar will provide an important overview of the key D.C. and federal laws governing such policies and includes guidelines for drafting a policy. Corey Argust, an employment law expert from the law firm of Piliero Mazza, will be presenting. The webinar will be held February 11, 2016, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. To register, please go here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8048189092039707138>

**2016-17 Catalogue for Philanthropy Application.** Applications to the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington (CFP) is now open. Being part of the Catalogue network means you will be recognized as "one of the best" high-impact, community-based nonprofits in the region - something that means so much to supporters, both existing and new. The Catalogue's track record shows that when nonprofits engage in a committed partnership with CFP, they receive both financial and other returns. (The Catalogue has helped raise over \$30 million since 2003 for its network of over 300 charities.) Applications are due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 28th. Learn more at [cfp-dc.org/apply](http://cfp-dc.org/apply).

**In-Kind Donation of Sports Equipment.** Leveling the Playing Field announces opportunities to support nonprofit organizations offering organized sport, fitness and/or recreation programs to youth ages 5-18 years old from disadvantaged areas. *Leveling the Playing Field* collects used equipment through a variety of sources and donates them completely free of charge to youth programs and schools in need. This grant opportunity is to receive donations of sports equipment, playground equipment or fitness equipment. There is no deadline date for applications. If interested or for more information call (301) 844-5620 or email [info@levelingthetheplayingfield.org](mailto:info@levelingthetheplayingfield.org). You can visit their website at <http://www.levelingthetheplayingfield.org>

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