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FUNDING AND
RESOURCE GUIDE



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ASSISTANCE TYPE KEY



GRANT



LOAN



TAX CREDIT



TRAINING



SUPPORT



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

INTRODUCTION

Dear industry partner,

Despite the setbacks of the pandemic, the resilience of our industry never ceases to amaze me. Post-covid gains have already surpassed our expectations due to an unbelievable level of support and excitement around tourism statewide. We have outpaced the national growth rate. Visitor arrivals to West Virginia are at an all-time high and vacation rentals are booming.

Along with increases in destination travel, private investment from Tourism Development Act Tax Credits in the last three years has surged to reflect more than \$280 million in new investment and has received more applications in 2019-2021 than its first full 10 years of existence. Interest is at an all-time high with current draft applications representing another \$80 million in tourism investment.

We know that the more resources we get into the hands of our industry members, the more those resources will be effectively used to continue to grow our industry. And, it's with this in mind, that we've put together this guide for funding opportunities designed to provide a "walking tour" of programs available. From grants, to loans, tax credits, technical assistance and training, you'll find programs to fit your community within the areas of community and tourism project development, outdoor recreation, land and water, arts, education, humanities, and historic preservation.

Please consider this guide a living document. We fully expect it to grow, so if you're aware of a program that you feel would be a good fit, please email the contact listed in the guide and we'll be sure to add it. Also, if you have any questions about the programs, please feel free to contact us directly for details.

I couldn't be more proud of our industry and the accomplishments we have already made, and stand amazed at where we are, not only compared to our results, but to others across the nation, particularly after such a devastating wake.

Make no mistake, West Virginia is positioned perfectly to provide visitors with what they are looking for, right now as never before, and we're sure this guide will be a helpful addition to the resources available to heal and grow our industry.



Yours in Almost Heaven,

Chelsea A. Ruby

Chelsea A. Ruby
Secretary of the Department of Tourism

COMMUNITY AND TOURISM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



CLAUDE WORTHINGTON BENEDUM FOUNDATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Nonprofit • Private Donations Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Benedum Foundation’s agenda seeks to promote regional planning and cooperation, recognizing that with respect to any endeavor, “region” should mean whatever area is most appropriate to optimize the available opportunity, without reference to historic, geographic, or political boundaries.

ELIGIBILITY

The foundation serves communities in the region that are rural and enjoy abundant natural assets that provide economic opportunities that complement centers of technology-based growth. The foundation supports efforts to advance agriculture, outdoor recreation, artisanship, and cultural tourism.

Specific areas of interest include:

- › Promotions of entrepreneurship
- › Projects that promote technology-based economic development
- › Programs to promote the growth and accessibility of new capital for businesses in distressed communities and areas of high unemployment

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://benedum.org/how-to-apply/application-guidelines>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA (NCHA) GRANT

FUNDING TYPE | Federal

DESCRIPTION

NCHA grants are designed to support community efforts to preserve, interpret and promote the coal mining heritage of southern West Virginia. Projects must be implemented within the following counties: Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Wyoming, and the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek watersheds in Kanawha. The National Coal Heritage Area management plan identifies interpretive themes for the area, which include business of coal mining; working in coal; the company town; mining technology; and crisis and renewal. Projects are funded at a dollar-for-dollar match. Mini-grants are not to exceed \$5,000. Major grants are for projects requesting over \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- > Legally established nonprofit organizations and institutions
- > Public and governmental organizations including county and municipal governments State agencies
- > Economic development authorities Educational institutions

Each project must address at least one of the interpretive themes identified in the National Coal Heritage Area management plan. The most recent interpretive themes include interpretation and heritage programming, historic preservation and resource stewardship, archives, and historical records collection, greenways, public parks and non-motorized trails, educational activities, and events. Previous projects have included the preservation of archival materials, preservation of historic structures, creation of museum exhibits, and creation and production of brochures and marketing materials.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | National Coal Heritage Area Authority - Oak Hill, WV

CYCLES | Completed applications are due within four separate grant periods for mini-grants and one period for major grants - based on prior year grant schedule:

1st Grant Period: Applications for major and mini-grants must be submitted by March 4

2nd Grant Period: Applications for mini-grants must be submitted by June 3

3rd Grand Period: Applications for mini-grants must be submitted by September 2

4th Grant Period: Applications for mini-grants must be submitted by December 2

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <http://coalheritage.org>

Ask for our guidebook to downtown beautification

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

PARTNER COMMUNITY CAPITAL (PCAP)

FUNDING TYPE | Loan • Technical Assistance

DESCRIPTION

Partner Community Capital (PCAP) helps small businesses get the capital and other resources they need but can't access. PCAP delivers flexible, affordable loans to borrowers in underserved communities, and connects clients to strategic advisory services so they can make the best use of PCAP's capital.

PCAP also provides more than just loans. PCAP recognizes that small enterprises often need more than just capital to succeed. They help to connect their customers with business advisory services. Some of these services include loan structuring, woman's business center advising, training or workshops, special programs and targeted technical assistance, and referrals and coordination.

ELIGIBILITY

Small businesses, agricultural enterprises, and non-profits in underserved areas are eligible. PCAP also serves borrowers who cannot meet the credit standards of traditional financial institutions because of risks, real or perceived: they are too young, undercapitalized, or in an unfamiliar industry, geography, or demographic group.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | Partners Community Capital

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://partnercap.org>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

This commission represents a partnership between the federal government and the governors of thirteen (13) states that make up the ARC region. The president appoints a co-chair to represent the federal government and there is a selected governor who represents the thirteen states. The chair and the states must agree to any kind of budget and a grant is set into motion.

ELIGIBILITY

Local governments, state governments, or non-profit organizations

Eligible projects include:

- > Creating or retaining jobs or businesses
- > Workforce development
- > Providing a foundation for economic development (infrastructure, site development, broadband)
- > Planning grants
- > Capitalizing loan funds
- > Business development training

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Applications are received on an annual basis, normally in the fall of each year - based on prior year's grant schedule. Dates can vary each year depending on when the federal allocations are received.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvcad.org/infrastructure/appalachian-regional-commission>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

CDBG is a grant given to states to disburse to local governments (towns, cities, and counties) and is distributed through a need-based formula. The primary objective of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 is to develop sustainable satisfactory communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities (principally for persons of low to moderate income).

ELIGIBILITY

Local governments that do not receive CDBG direct funding from the U.S.

› Department of Housing and Urban Development

Eligible projects include:

- › Public infrastructure projects: waterline extensions, replacement of water storage tanks, and wastewater treatment plants, with a cap of \$1.5 million
- › Community development projects: downtown revitalization, storm drainage improvements, broadband development, and demolition, with a cap of \$500,000
- › Planning projects: broadband planning and infrastructure design grants, with a cap of \$100,000 and 10% local match

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Applications are received on an annual basis, normally in May with awards announced in December - based on prior year's grant schedule. Dates can vary each year depending on when the federal allocations are received.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvcad.org/sustainability/community-service-block-grant>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

CSBG is a federal anti-poverty program administered by the Community Advancement and Development Office. The purpose in West Virginia is to aid a network of 16 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and other statewide organizations in the reduction of poverty, revitalization of low-income communities, and to provide economic opportunities for low-income families.

CSBG funding supports projects that lessen poverty in communities; address the needs of low-income individuals including the homeless, migrants, and the elderly; provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, and emergency and health services.

ELIGIBILITY

Organizations that were officially designated as Community Action Agencies (CAAs) under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and were specifically designated by the 1981 CSBG Act as eligible entities to receive CSBG funds. All recipients of CSBG funds submit community action plans and budgets detailing the programs, services, and activities to be conducted using CSBG funding.

With the support of CSBG funding, states and CAAs work together to achieve the following goals for low-income individuals:

- > Increased self-sufficiency
- > Improved living conditions
- > Ownership of and pride in their communities
- > Strong family and support systems

Working together, agencies increase their capacity to achieve results. Partnerships among supporters and providers of services play a large role in the successful implementation of CSBG grants.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | CSBG grants are awarded on an annual basis and cover a period of two years. The normal grant cycle is October 1 - September 30 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Dates can vary each year depending on when the federal allocations are received.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <https://wvcad.org/sustainability/community-service-block-grant>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACT TAX CREDIT (TDA)

FUNDING TYPE | Tax Credit

DESCRIPTION

The TDA tax credit program encourages the expansion of tourism development projects. Businesses eligible for the program will receive a 25% tax credit from consumers' sales tax collected on the gross receipts generated from daily operations. The credit will be given over a 10-year period at the rate of one-tenth of the amount per taxable year. The credit can be up to 35% if the project is adjacent to or in a state or national park or is located on a former surface mine land.

ELIGIBILITY

Qualifier:

- › A minimum of \$1 million in investment
- › Must be open to the public a minimum of 100 days a year
- › At least 25% of the visitors must be from out of state
- › No more than 50% of a project can be for lodging
- › Create a significant and positive impact on the state
- › Provide additional employment opportunities in the state
- › There is a \$10,000 application fee

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://westvirginia.gov/tourism-development-act>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

GOVERNOR'S GUARANTEED WORKFORCE PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | Workforce Training

DESCRIPTION

This vital program provides new or expanding companies training funds and technical assistance to support effective employee training strategies. This program is not limited to new employees, but instead targets the business's entire workforce training, re-training, and upgrading skills across all levels. Awards cannot exceed \$2,000 per trainee.

ELIGIBILITY

Overall funding levels are based on average starting wages and benefits, location of your facility, number of employees, and number of employees being trained.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Contact the West Virginia Department of Economic Development for the program information.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://westvirginia.gov/incentives-and-programs/workforce-programs>

RESOURCE



MAIN STREET WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA ON TRAC

FUNDING TYPE | Training • Technical Assistance • Support

DESCRIPTION

Main Street West Virginia and West Virginia ON TRAC are downtown revitalization programs that follow the National Main Street Center’s community-based approach to preservation and development. A subsidiary of The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street is a successful community development model used in thousands of communities across the country.

ON TRAC is a West Virginia-created program for pre-Main Street communities to learn the basics of the Main Street Approach. A community must participate in ON TRAC for at least 2 years before being eligible for Main Street certification.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia Development Office staff provide training, technical assistance, and ongoing support to designated West Virginia communities in implementing transformation strategies using the Main Street four point Approach:

Economic vitality focuses on economic and financial tools to assist new and existing businesses, catalyze property development, and create supportive environments for entrepreneurs to drive local economies.

Design supports a community’s transformation by enhancing the physical and visual assets that set the commercial district apart.

Promotion positions the downtown or commercial district as the center of the community and hub of economic activity, while creating a positive image that showcases a community’s unique characteristics.

Organization involves creating a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort, including cultivating partnerships, community involvement, and resources for the district. Local Main Street organizations follow the Main Street National Accreditation Standards and are certified every year. There are 13 certified Main Street organizations in West Virginia.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Local Main Street organizations follow the Main Street national accreditation standards and are certified annually. A community must participate in West Virginia ON TRAC for at least 2 years before being eligible for Main Street certification. Applications for West Virginia ON TRAC and Main Street West Virginia is accepted every 3 – 4 years.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <https://wvcad.org/index.php?p=infrastructure/main-street-wv-and-ontrac>

RESOURCE



WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM (NIP)

FUNDING TYPE | Tax Credit Program

DESCRIPTION

The NIP is a tax credit program of \$3 million each year, which allows 501(c)3 designated charitable organizations to apply for tax credit vouchers. When awarded, the organization can distribute the vouchers to businesses and individuals who contribute a minimum of \$500 to organizations, receiving up to 50% in tax credit, allowing the donor or corporation to reduce their West Virginia tax liability no more than 50%.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be registered with the Secretary of State as a 501(c)3, have a letter from the IRS stating they are non-profit, serve citizens in the state of West Virginia, have a local board, submit various financial documentation and attend a mandatory workshop to apply by June 30 each year.

Projects generally eligible for program participation include but are not limited to the Following:

- > Health clinics
- > Educational programs
- > Domestic violence shelters
- > Meal delivery programs
- > Community foundations
- > Hospice care
- > Daycare centers
- > Services for the disabled
- > Homeless shelters
- > Housing programs Preservation/revitalization activities
- > Children's shelters
- > Senior citizen centers
- > Scholarship programs
- > Transportation programs
- > Counseling services

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Funding cycle is from July 1 to June 30.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvcad.org/sustainability/neighborhood-investment-program>

RESOURCE



WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WVEDA) DIRECT LENDING PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | Loan Program

DESCRIPTION

The Direct Loan Program is for applicants seeking a loan from the WVDEA in the minimum amount of \$50,000 and a maximum amount of \$10,000,000. The WVDEA has a two-tiered pricing system. For loans \$50,000 to \$1,000,000, the interest rate is fixed at closing using Wall Street Journal Prime times 75%. The interest rate for loans above \$1,000,000 is fixed at closing at the U.S. Treasury Note rate plus three quarters of one percent and the interest rate adjust every five years. All loans have a floor of 2.75% and no ceiling.

ELIGIBILITY

This loan program is for applicants seeking a minimum WVEDA participation of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$10,000,000 and cannot be used in conjunction with other WVEDA direct programs.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Economic Development Authority

CYCLES | Loan applicants are requested to submit pre-application information to allow WVEDA to determine project eligibility.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://eda.wv.gov/programs/Pages/Direct-Loans.aspx>

RESOURCE



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WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND (WVHDF)

FUNDING TYPE | Mortgage Loans

DESCRIPTION

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund was established by the state in 1968, to help increase the supply of residential housing and provide construction and permanent mortgage financing to public and private sponsors of such housing. WVHDF partners with numerous state-based banks, credit unions, and mortgage lenders.

ELIGIBILITY

Homeownership

› Program for first-time buyers, offering great rates and closing cost assistance

Movin' Up

› Assistance for those looking to buy a larger home in West Virginia, closing cost assistance is available

Refinance Program

› Assistance for those looking to refinance an existing home in West Virginia

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Housing Development Fund

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.wvhdf.com>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

WEST VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER: SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATIVE RESEARCH (SBIR) AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION INVESTMENT FUND

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

To foster job creation and economic development in the state and to stimulate SBIR and STTR activity in West Virginia, the SBIR Entrepreneurship and Innovation Investment Fund provides grants to eligible small businesses to support the preparation of competitive proposals, and match funds received through SBIR/STTR Phase I and Phase II awards.

ELIGIBILITY

Small West Virginia-based companies or entrepreneurs that have targeted a specific solicitation from one of the participating federal agencies

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Small Business Development Center

CYCLES | Applications are accepted during the periods of January 1-31, May 1-31, and September 1-30 each year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvsbdc.com/entrepreneurship-and-innovation-investment-fund>

RESOURCE



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

USDA's RCDI grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities, and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities, and community, and economic development projects in rural areas. The minimum grant award is \$50,000 and the maximum grant award is \$250,000. Grant funds are limited and are awarded through a competitive process.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include public bodies, non-profit organizations, and qualified private (for-profit) organizations. Eligible areas include rural and rural areas; any area other than (i) a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants; and (ii) the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such city or town.

RCDI grants may be used for improving housing, community facilities, and community economic development projects in rural areas. RCDI grants may be used for but not limited to:

- > Training subgrantees to conduct:
 1. Home-ownership education
 2. Minority business entrepreneur education

- > Providing technical assistance to subgrantees on
 1. Strategic plan development
 2. Accessing alternative funding sources
 3. Board training
 4. Developing successful childcare facilities
 5. Creating training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides
 6. Effective fundraising techniques

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | U.S. Department of Agriculture

CYCLES | Applications are accepted on an annual basis; Contact the local office at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/wv> for project information.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants>

RESOURCE



U.S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • Interest Loan and/or Grant

A combination of the two above, as well as a loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

DESCRIPTION

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible borrowers include:

- › Public bodies
- › Community-based non-profit corporations
- › Federally-recognized Tribes

Eligible areas include:

- › Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data
- › Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- › Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- › Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- › Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- › Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- › Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- › Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- › Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | U.S. Department of Agriculture

CYCLES | Applications are accepted year-round.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <https://rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development

T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT

FUNDING TYPE | Organization Grant

DESCRIPTION

T-Mobile Hometown Grant has partnered with Main Street America and Smart Growth America, two consulting partners with a combined experience of over 60 years, working to build a stronger, more prosperous small town and rural communities. The Hometown Grant will be awarded to 100 small towns each year with project funding up to \$50,000 for each grant.

ELIGIBILITY

This grant is focused on helping community spaces in towns with less than 50,000 people. Grants must be submitted by a community leader or civic official.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | T-Mobile

CYCLES | Applications will be accepted on a quarterly schedule:

- › Spring: Applications open January-March
- › Summer: Applications open April-June
- › Fall: Applications open July-September
- › Winter: Applications open October-December

The application portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new period on the first day of the month. All applicants will be notified 50-60 days after each quarter of the submission.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development RECYCLING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Recycling Assistance Grant is available to any county, municipality, private, or public entity in West Virginia interested in planning and implementing recycling programs and educational programs or needs assistance in the recycling market efforts. The amount of funding varies. The maximum amount available for a public entity is \$150,000 with \$75,000 being the maximum amount for a private entity.

ELIGIBILITY

Funds are available to any county, municipality, private, or public entity in West Virginia interested in planning and implementing recycling programs and educational programs or needs assistance in recycling market efforts.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm on the first business day of July – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/grantprograms/Pages/default.aspx>

RESOURCE



APPALACHIAN FOREST NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (AFNHA)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

AFNHA Tourism Development Grant is available to enhance or create new tourist experiences, opportunities, and address challenges such as accessibility. Grant requests can be from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Recipients are expected to provide a local match equal to 50% of the amount received.

ELIGIBILITY

AFNHA Tourism Development Act is available to governmental or nonprofit organizations looking to create new tourist experiences and opportunities.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by March 1 – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://passagesofthepotomac.org/appalachian-forest-national-heritage-area-grants-available/>

RESOURCE



Community and Tourism Project Development ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT GRANT (EEG)

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The WDA is proud to announce its most recent grant program, the Economic Enhancement Grant Fund. The fund is appropriated for \$250,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds WDA for use on projects across the state. Funding is for a project for either a water system, a wastewater/sewer system, a stormwater system, or an economic development type project. All projects must be sponsored by governmental agencies for non-profit organizations.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, all projects must be sponsored. All sponsors must meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- › Must be either a governmental agency or non-profit organization
- › Must be eligible to receive a State grant
- › Must be registered on SAM.gov and have a UEI number
- › Must be able to enter into construction and or/acquisition contracts for the project by December 31, 2024
- › Must be able to provide prior fiscal year audit by March 29th annually
- › Must maximize all other funding sources
- › If the project exceeds \$10,000,000, then the project sponsor shall require Davis
- › Bacon Act wage rates and provide a workforce continuity plan
- › Shall follow Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements
- › All funding for the project must be spent by December 31, 2026
- › Must obtain a recommendation from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council
- › All non-infrastructure projects must have written recommendation from either the Secretary of Commerce, Economic Development, or Department of Tourism
- › The project may be the design of a water system, a wastewater/sewer system, or a stormwater system provided that the design must be complete and ready to bid by December 31, 2024

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Water Development Authority

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <http://www.wvwda.org/programs.html>



RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN WEST VIRGINIA

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant program improves the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand, or improve rural cooperatives, and other mutually-owned businesses through Cooperative Development Centers. The maximum grant amount is \$200,000 and must have a 25% matching fund.

Funding can be used for the following technical assistance:

- > Conducting feasibility studies
- > Developing business plans
- > Providing leadership and operational improving training
- > Facilitating strategic planning

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for this program. Public bodies, for-profit businesses, and individuals are not eligible.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | U.S. Department of Agriculture

CYCLES | Completed applications are accepted between April 6 and June 6 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program/wv>

RESOURCE



OUTDOOR RECREATION



OUTDOOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION FUND (OHCF)

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund (OHCF) operates two grant programs:

- Small Grant Program (\$5,000-\$25,000) – Eligible grant activities include:
Due diligence to acquire an interest in real property for conservation purposes, including baseline documentation, environmental hazards assessment, title examination, survey, and appraisal

Stewardship is defined as the necessary monitoring, maintenance, and enforcement of interests in real property for conservation purposes. This includes the stewardship and/or legal defense fund to monitor and protect the interest in real property over time
- Large Grant Program (Over \$25,000) – Eligible grant activities include:
Capital expenses and transactional costs associated with the purchase of interests in real property for conservation purposes and closing costs

The purpose of having two grant programs is to ensure that important funding needs of eligible applicants are met and OHCF grants leverage non-state dollars.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit corporations registered with the West Virginia Secretary of State that have as a primary part of their mission to acquire interests in real property for conservation purposes
- West Virginia Division of Forestry
- West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

The OHCF encourages partnerships to leverage resources for land and water conservation. An eligible applicant may work with organizations that are not eligible applicants to conserve interests in real property. All partners involved in a project must be named on the grant application. In addition, the organizations(s) that will hold the interest in real property or conduct the stewardship must be identified on the application.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Commerce

CYCLES | Applications for small and large grants are accepted until May 31 and selections will be made by July 6 – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE | <https://commerce.wv.gov/boards-commissions/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund>

RESOURCE



OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ORLP)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

The ORLP is a subset of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The program helps urban communities address outdoor recreation needs by supporting projects in cities and urban areas. The program can be used for creating new outdoor recreation spaces and upgrading existing parks.

ELIGIBILITY

An urban area that has more than 50,000 residents and is one of the United States Census Bureau's urbanized areas; only state lead agencies are eligible to submit applications.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by September 24 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Dates can vary each year depending on when the federal allocations are received.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wcfcoalition.org/orlp>

RESOURCE



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS): RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

FUNDING TYPE | Technical Assistance

DESCRIPTION

The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resources conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. NPS conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and government agencies. This partnership assists local communities in realizing their conservation and outdoor recreation vision and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills. NPS staff share their expertise to help turn a community idea into a reality.

ELIGIBILITY

Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | National Parks Service

CYCLES | Completed applications are due March 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

RESOURCE



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BICYCLING ASSOCIATION (IMBA) TRAIL ACCELERATOR GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Technical Assistance

DESCRIPTION

IMBA Trail Accelerator Grant offers support to help grow the quantity and quality of mountain bike trail communities. They help to accelerate the pace of trail building. They also help to provide a jump start to communities that have the intent and political support to develop trail systems but need assistance in getting these projects up and running. This grant offers trail builders professional trail planning and consultation services to launch their trail development efforts, which can leverage additional investment from local, regional, and national partners.

ELIGIBILITY

IMBA provides technical support to those that need help in accelerating the pace of their trail building.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | International Mountain Bicycling Association

CYCLES | Completed applications are accepted from June 1 to July 31 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.imba.com/trails-for-all/trail-accelerator-grants>

RESOURCE



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

FUNDING TYPE

Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

TAP is a reimbursable program for nontraditional transportation projects and includes funding for competitively selected projects including the design and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and users of other nonmotorized forms of transportation. Grants are 80% federal funds, and 20% local funds match.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- > Local governments
- > Regional transportation authorities
- > Transit agencies
- > Natural resource or public land agencies
- > School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- > Tribal governments
- > Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for or oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a State agency); state natural resources and public land agencies are eligible (23 USC 213(c)(4)(B))

To be eligible, a project must: (1) have a relationship to surface transportation and (2) must be one of the qualifying activities set by law.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

West Virginia Division of Highways

CYCLES

Applicant should complete and submit an Intent-To-Apply (ITA) form by 5:00p.m. on May 10. Following DOH approval of ITAs, applicants can begin work on their applications.

Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 7 – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/grant_administration/transportationalternativesprogram/Pages/default.aspx

RESOURCE



RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

The RTP is a subset of Transportation Alternatives grant funds to provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized trails. The RTP, through a competitive process, provides project funding for pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian facilities, in-line skating, cross-country skiing, and off-road motorized vehicles. Grants are 80% federal funds, and 20% local funds match.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include:

- > Non-profit organizations
- > Local governments
- > Regional transportation authorities
- > Transit agencies
- > Natural resource or public land agencies
- > School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- > Tribal governments
- > Other local or regional governmental entities with responsibility for or oversight of transportation of recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a state agency) that the state determines to be eligible

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Division of Highways

CYCLES | Applicant should complete and submit an Intent-To-Apply (ITA) form by 5:00p.m. on May 10. Following DOH approval of ITAs, applicants can begin work on their applications.

Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 7 – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/programplanning/grant_administration/recreationaltrails/Pages/default.aspx

RESOURCE



GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOOR ACT (GAOA)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Great American Outdoor Act delivers benefits to the American public through major investments in recreation infrastructure, public land access, and land and water conservation. GAOA helps to provide permanent full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

ELIGIBILITY

Funds are available for projects that will improve outdoor recreation and contribute to economic growth and job creation in rural America.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | U.S. Department of Agriculture

CYCLES | Completed applications are accepted throughout the year.

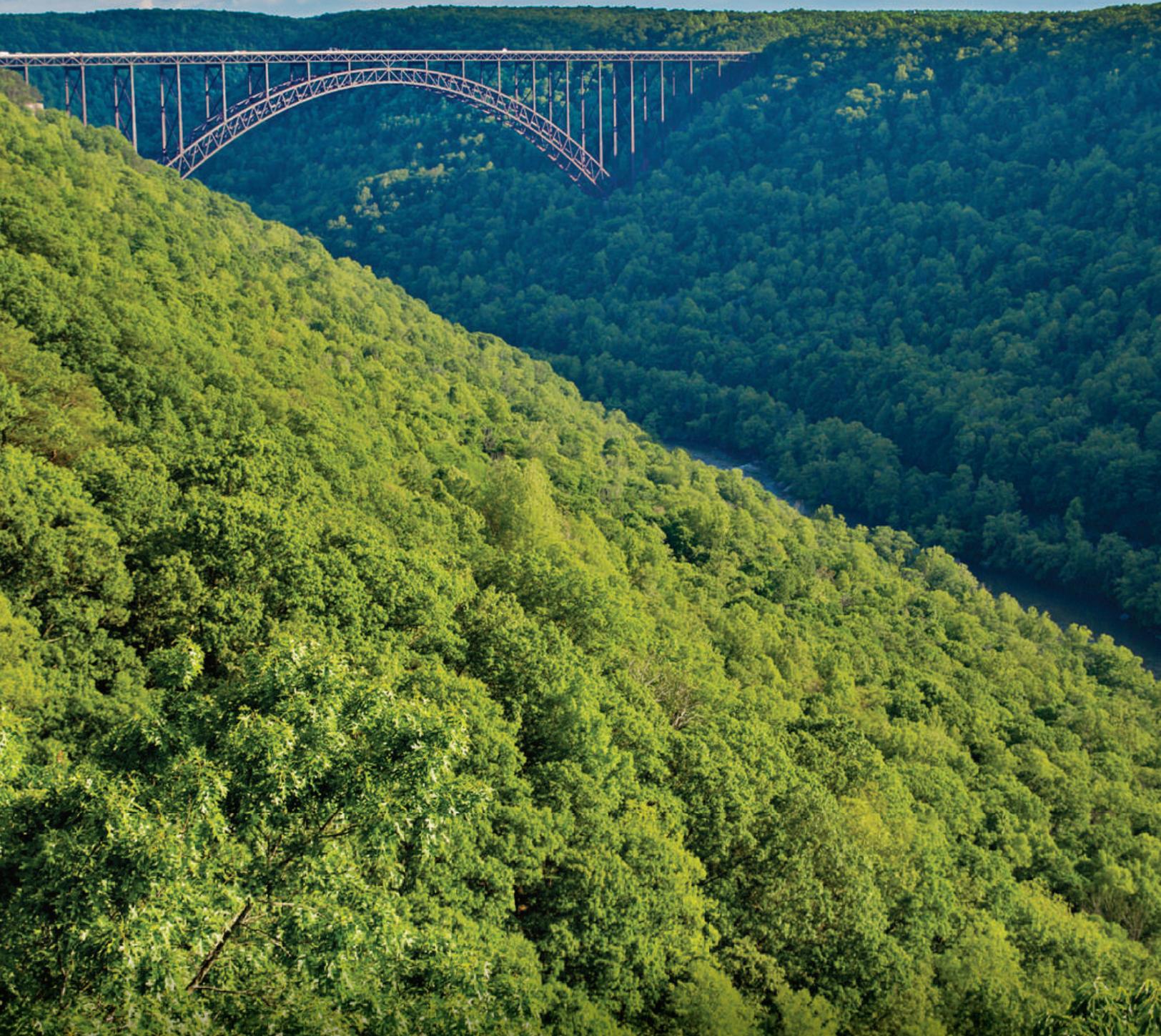
LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/gaoa>

RESOURCE



LAND AND WATER PRESERVATION



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

The LWCF provides supplemental federal funding for the acquisition and/or development of high-quality, public outdoor recreational areas throughout West Virginia. Proposed projects for LWCF funds should be consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Projects receiving funding priority include park renovations, expansions to promote active lifestyles, projects that innovate community cores, attract or retain visitors to an area, develop trailheads or preserve other natural areas to impact community health objectives, or those which develop brownfield's renewal efforts. Additional priority will be made for projects targeting one or more of the funding priorities that utilize a community coalition or consortium approach towards achieving the project goal. Project consortiums can include, but not be limited to, participation in the West Virginia Department of Economic Development's Main Street Program, Certified Development Community Program, or other programs of the Governor's Office of Healthy Lifestyles, West Virginia Department of Highways, or Northern or Southern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Centers. Grants are 50/50 reimbursable matching grants.

ELIGIBILITY

Funds are provided to units of local government, independent park boards, commissions, districts, and state governments

Eligible activities include but are not limited to the development of outdoor recreation resources related to the following:

- > Campgrounds
- > Winter sport facilities
- > Swimming facilities
- > Interpretive centers
- > Trails
- > Golf courses
- > Visitor information centers
- > Hunting areas
- > Sports and playfields
- > Lake impoundments
- > Fishing facilities
- > Picnic Areas
- > Amphitheaters
- > Boating facilities
- > Support facilities (walks, utilities, bathrooms, etc.)

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Economic Development

CYCLES | Contact the West Virginia Department of Economic Development for submission information

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://commerce.wv.gov/boards-commissions/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

RESOURCE



Land and Water Preservation

LITTER GRANT PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Litter Control Grant is a matching fund that assists with community cleanup and litter enforcement projects. The maximum amount of funding for a litter control grant is \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

The funds are available to municipalities and county government agencies with community cleanup and litter enforcement projects.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

CYCLES | Completed applications must be postmarked by no later than May 31 – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/grantprograms/Pages/default.aspx>

The REAP - Recycling Section staff of the Department of Environmental Protection is available for assistance at any time prior to the application deadline. The Recycling Section staff can be reached at (800) 322-5530 during regular business hours.

RESOURCE



WV MAKE IT SHINE STATEWIDE CLEANUP

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Make It Shine program provides resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling, and landfill fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in state streams or public lands.

ELIGIBILITY

The following types of projects qualify:

- > River/Stream Cleanups
- > Lake Cleanups
- > Illegal Dump Cleanups
- > Park Cleanups
- > Playground Cleanups
- > Public Cemetery Cleanups
- > Schoolground Cleanups
- > Miscellaneous Cleanups with Prior Approval

The following types of projects do not qualify:

- > Community Dump Days
- > Drop Off Sites
- > Household Garbage Collection
- > Cleanups of Private Property
- > Roadside Cleanups

Cleanups of Adopt-A-Highway Adopted Roadways

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

CYCLES | Completed Applications are due March 11 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

https://apps.dep.wv.gov/ppod/2022_West_Virginia_Make_It_Shine_Statewide_Cleanup_Application.pdf

The REAP - Recycling Section staff of the Department of Environmental Protection is available for assistance at any time prior to the application deadline. The Recycling Section staff can be reached at (800) 322-5530 during regular business hours.

RESOURCE



Land and Water Preservation

STREAM PARTNERS PROGRAM (SPP)

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

Four West Virginia agencies: the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, the West Virginia Conservation Agency, the West Virginia Division of Forestry, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, partners to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to citizens' groups who want to improve, restore, protect, study,

or

celebrate the state's rivers and streams. The Legislature appropriates an annual \$100,000 from general revenue funds to be distributed as \$5,000 seed grants.

ELIGIBILITY

A Stream Partner is a community-based organization comprised of local citizens, industry, environmental groups, sportsmen, government, landowners, and more. These stakeholders come together to improve the quality of life in and around their streams and throughout the watershed. Watershed groups are encouraged to multiply the benefit of this resource by finding partners within their communities who will contribute to the work.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection - Division of Water and Waste Management

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by September 15 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.wvca.us/stream/>

RESOURCE



THE OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS AND RECLAMATION (AML) PILOT PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

The WVDEP's Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation (AML) administers federal funding for economic development projects on abandoned mine lands through its AMLER Program. This program helps projects locate on or adjacent to mine sites that ceased operations prior to the signing of the Surface Mine Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).

ELIGIBILITY

The grant funding, provided by the federal government, is being administered by AML and all funding must be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement (OSMRE). Any project will be considered, but the main focus is to get projects that have already been started, across the finish line.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by June 20 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://dep.wv.gov/dlr/aml/Pages/AML-Pilot-Program.aspx>

RESOURCE





ARTS

ARTS IN EDUCATION - SCHOOL-BASED AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Arts in Education - School-Based and Out-of-School-Based projects provide support for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools and nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by April 1- based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



ARTS IN EDUCATION - ARTS EXPOSURE PROJECTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Arts in Education – Arts Exposure grant program supports professional arts experiences for young people by funding first-hand performing, literary, and visual art touring experiences that serve PK-12 students. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools; nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations, both touring and presenting; as well as individual artists, and artist collectives in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by April 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



ARTS IN EDUCATION - MINI-GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

Arts in Education – Mini Grants provide support for schools, nonprofit community arts organizations, and other nonprofit sponsors that do not present a season of events for the presentation of West Virginia artists in arts education projects. Projects are funded up to 100 percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools and nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due within two separate grant periods based on prior year grant schedule; applications must be received at least 6 weeks prior to the project date:

1st Grant Period: Applications must be submitted between May 15 and November 15 for projects taking place between July 1 and December 31.

2nd Grant Period: Applications must be submitted between November 15 and May 15 for projects taking place between January 1 and June 30.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



ARTS PARTNERS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Arts Partners program provides general operating support for long-standing, stable arts organizations to further the general purpose or work of an organization rather than for a specific purpose or project. Projects are funded from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Qualifying organizations with annual operating budgets of at least \$100,000

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Applicant should complete and submit a letter of intent for new applicants by October 1; followed by pre-application by November 1; completed applications are due by April 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT SUPPORT

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Community Arts Project Support program provides funding for projects in all disciplines that offer arts programming to the public. Sub-categories include presenting artists, performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and folk/traditional arts. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools and nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by April 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Community Arts Project Support Organizational Development program provides support for long-range planning, staffing support, and community cultural assessments in West Virginia communities. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools and nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by April 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



COMMUNITY ARTS MINI-GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Community Arts Mini-Grants provide support for projects that present artists in performances, workshops, and other projects with a specific art focus. Projects are funded up to 100 percent of eligible costs not to exceed \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Any 501 (c)3 organization or county government agency wishing to provide art experiences in the community

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications should be submitted six weeks prior to the project date.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



CREATIVE AGING FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

Provides support for creative aging projects that employ a WV teaching artist for programming to teach a new skill in the arts to a consistent group of adults aged 55 and over and has a culminating public event at the conclusion of the project. Projects are funded up to \$5,000 of project costs.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations, local governments, and individual artists

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by October 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



CULTURAL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources program provides support for the acquisition, construction, and renovation of arts venues, accessibility improvements, and capital purchases of durable equipment. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs for requests of between \$2,500 and \$500,000.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools and nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Applicant should complete and submit a letter of intent by February 1. Completed applications are due by April 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



CULTURAL FACILITIES AND CAPITAL RESOURCES FAST TRACK

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Fast Track provide emergency support for the acquisition, construction, and renovation of arts venues, accessibility improvements, and capital purchases of durable equipment. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs for requests of between \$2,000 and \$10,000.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia schools and nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ARTISTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

Professional Development for Artists provides support for professional and emerging artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise. Projects are funded up to 75 percent of eligible costs for the first year, not to exceed \$2,500, and up to 50 percent of eligible costs for subsequent years, not to exceed \$2,500.

ELIGIBILITY

At least 18 years of age and a legal resident of West Virginia for at least one year

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by April 1 and October 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Organizations Providing Professional Development Opportunities for Artists program provides support for art organizations that meet the needs of underserved artists by offering programs that help them expand or improve their work. Projects are funded up to 50 percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by April 1 and October 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT THROUGH PUBLIC ART GRANT

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Youth Engagement through Public Art grant provides up to \$5,000 in support for public art projects that engage local youth in the planning and/or implementation of the project. Projects are funded for up to \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Schools, 501(c)(3) WV youth or arts organizations, and local governments

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due October 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



TRAINING AND TRAVEL

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Training and Travel program provides travel support to artists, arts administrators, and arts educators for conferences, workshops, seminars, and showcases outside of West Virginia. Projects are funded up to 75 percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$500.

ELIGIBILITY

Artists who are at least 18 years of age and a legal resident of West Virginia for at least one year and West Virginia nonprofit 501(c)3 arts organizations in good standing with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due at least 6 weeks before the event - based on prior year grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



FOLK ART: LIVING TRADITIONS – INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Folk Art: Living Traditions - Individual Artists provide support for individual artists to improve their skills or create folk art projects. Projects are funded for up to \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Any artist, artisan, or craftsperson who is at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of West Virginia, and is in good standing with the WV Commission on the Arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due October 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



FOLK ART: LIVING TRADITIONS – ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING FOLK ART OPPORTUNITIES

FUNDING TYPE | Federal • State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Folk Art: Living Traditions – Organizations Providing Folk Art Opportunities provides support for organizations providing workshops and training to West Virginians in folk arts. Projects are funded for up to \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

West Virginia 501 (c)(3) organizations, local governments, or schools

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES | Completed applications are due October 1 – based on prior year’s grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>

RESOURCE



EDUCATION



WEST VIRGINIA HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION TRAINING (WVHEAT)

FUNDING TYPE | Training Program

DESCRIPTION

WVHEAT supports workforce development for the West Virginia hospitality industry by assisting West Virginia's youth in obtaining a marketable skill or post-secondary education plan prior to graduation from high school. Additionally, WVHEAT has developed and offers professionally delivered training programs statewide to hospitality industry employers and organizations.

ELIGIBILITY

- > High school students who have a state-approved program in their county
- > Hospitality industry employers, organizations, and employees
- > Adults interested in culinary arts

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Department of Education

CYCLES | Education and training services are available throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvde.state.wv.us/wvheat>

RESOURCE



HUMANITIES & MARKETING



MAJOR GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Training Program

DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to support major humanities projects including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposiums, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Applicants should allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project. Projects are funded up to \$20,000 and require a 25% cash match for requests over \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations that offer humanities-centered public programming for West Virginia audiences.

Eligible projects have included:

Humanities programming at the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown, A permanent exhibit at the Weston State Hospital, Archeology digs in Wood and Greenbrier counties, The Ohio River Festival of Books, and Wayside exhibits at historic locations along the Kanawha Valley Rivers to Ridges Trail.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by February 1 and September 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<http://wvhumanities.org/grants>

RESOURCE



MINI-GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to support small humanities projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits, brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Applicants should allow six weeks between the deadline and the start of the project. Projects are funded for up to \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations that offer humanities-centered public programming for West Virginia audiences.

Eligible projects have included:

Workshops by West Virginia authors at Daniels Elementary School in Raleigh County, Permanent exhibits at the Entler Hotel Museum in Shepherdstown, and A Wayne County quilt trail.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by February 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<http://wvhumanities.org/grants>

RESOURCE



Humanities & Marketing FELLOWSHIPS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

Fellowships provide opportunities for individuals to pursue advanced study and research that will enhance their capacities as teachers, scholars, or interpreters of the humanities. Fellowships allow the individual to devote time to investigation, reflection, and writing. No cost share is required. Applicants should allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project. Fellowships are funded at \$3,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Fellowships are open to West Virginia teachers, college faculty, and independent scholars who want to complete independent research projects. Collaborative research proposals will also be considered.

To be eligible for a fellowship, the applicant must:

- › Demonstrate evidence of interest and accomplishment in a field of the humanities
- › Reside or be employed in West Virginia
- › Not have received a West Virginia Humanities Council Fellowship grant within the preceding two years
- › Not be seeking support for work leading toward a degree or to fund routine preparations for teaching

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by February 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<http://wvhumanities.org/grants>

RESOURCE



MEDIA GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

This program supports the planning, scripting, and production of audio or video materials, websites, or a newspaper series on a humanities topic. Applicants should allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project. Projects are funded up to \$20,000 and require a 25% cash match for requests over \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations that offer humanities-centered public programming for West Virginia audiences

Eligible projects have included:

- > The award-winning interactive documentary, Hollow
- > The Burning Springs documentary about West Virginia's oil and gas industry
- > The Traveling 219 website

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by September 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

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PUBLICATION GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

Publication grants are designed to increase the quality and quantity of books published on West Virginia topics in the humanities and by West Virginia authors on any subject in the humanities. Applicants should allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project. Projects are funded up to \$20,000 and require a 25% cash match for requests over \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY

Publication grants are available only to recognized nonprofit presses and academic presses, and support only the production phase of a completed nonfiction manuscript.

These books may be text or photos or a combination of both. In the case of books of photography, the photographs must be documentary in character.

Eligible projects have included:

> New Deal: Photographs of West Virginia 1934 - 1943

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by September 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

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RESOURCE



FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

Teacher Institute grants are available to colleges, universities, and West Virginia Department of Education to develop summer seminars on humanities topics for secondary and elementary teachers. Applicants should allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project. Projects are funded up to \$25,000 and requires a 25% cash match for requests over \$1,500.

ELIGIBILITY

The seminar must offer at least three graduate-level staff development or professional development hours that are eligible to be used toward the renewal of a teaching certificate and to advance salary classification. The tuition or fees for degree-credit or continuing education hours offered must be waived or offered at a reduced rate from the standard fees. Seminars must register a minimum of 20 teacher participants.

Eligible projects have focused on:

- > Writing
- > An exploration of music and cultures from around the world
- > Other teacher institutes have taken teachers to Japan, India, and England

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Completed applications are due by September 1 - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

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RESOURCE



Humanities & Marketing

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

FUNDING TYPE | Federal Grant

DESCRIPTION

The West Virginia Humanities Council Travel Assistance Program was instituted to provide support for travel to professional meetings and similar conferences that address humanities topics. No cost share is required. Projects are funded for up to \$500.

ELIGIBILITY

For individuals associated with West Virginia museums, historical societies, institutions of higher and secondary education, and other nonprofit organizations.

Eligible projects have included travel to conferences and meetings of:

- > The Appalachian Studies Association
- > International Thespian Festival
- > The Shakespeare Association

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Humanities Council

CYCLES | Applications should be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the date of travel - based on prior year's grant schedule. Before beginning the application process, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Administrator Erin Riebe at 304.346.8500 or riebe@wvhumanities.org.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

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RESOURCE



WEST VIRGINIA FILM INDUSTRY INVESTMENT ACT

FUNDING TYPE | Tax Credit

DESCRIPTION

The Film Industry Investment Act is an elimination of film tax credit that occurred to promote economic development through motion pictures and other commercial film and audio projects. The tax credit will provide credits amounting to up to 31% of direct production expenditures in West Virginia. Companies could also be eligible for credits for post-production expenses incurred in West Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects are feature-length motion pictures, TV films and series, post-production, music videos, and commercial photography.

Qualified Spend: Expenses incurred in WV or with a WV vendor, including:

- › Talent and ATL/BTL crew subject to WV income tax
- › Pass-throughs (use of 3rd party WV production company permitted for acquiring most equipment)
- › Loan-out corporations
- › Airfare purchased through WV-based travel company
- › Insurance and bonding purchased through a WV-based agent
- › Rental of facility and equipment
- › Set construction/operations, wardrobe, accessories, and related services
- › Photography, sound synchronization, lighting, and related services
- › Transportation leasing/rentals
- › Fuel, food, and lodging
- › Editing and post-production-related services
- › Story and scenario
- › Other direct costs

Unqualified projects include:

- › Projects that contain obscene matter or sexually explicit content
- › Projects that display West Virginia in a derogatory manner

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Economic Development

CYCLES | Completed applications are accepted throughout the year after meeting the following criteria:

- › Applicant must register to do business with the WV Secretary of State and WV Tax Department
- › Complete the Eligibility Application and submit the required materials
- › Once approved, principal photography must commence within 120 days of approval
- › After the final WV expenditure is made and all expenses paid, the applicant must retain a CPA Expense Report before the tax credit voucher is issued

RESOURCE



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | Technical Assistance

DESCRIPTION

The West Virginia Department of Tourism's Cooperative Advertising Program allows partners to leverage state resources and brand identity to advertise individual destinations, attractions, and events.

Program Goals:

- › Increase awareness of West Virginia brand, products, and partners
- › Create a positive shift in travelers' attitudes and perceptions
- › Provide measurable advertising outcomes for every dollar spent
- › Leverage state resources and partner budgets to maximize overall economic impact

ELIGIBILITY

The following is a list of eligible participants:

- › Destination Marketing Organizations (Regions or areas containing three or more attractions)

Tourism-Related Businesses, Attractions, and Events which include:

- › Cultural/Historic Sites
 - › Fairs and Festivals
 - › Museums
- › Entertainment Establishments
 - › Casinos
 - › Sporting Organizations and Venues
 - › Craft Breweries
 - › Performing Arts Centers
 - › Vineyards/Wineries
 - › Distilleries
- › Scenic or Natural Areas
- › Theme or Amusement Parks
- › Zoos, Aquariums, or Wild Animal Parks
- › Destination Lodging
 - › Campgrounds
 - › Bed and Breakfasts
 - › Vacation Rentals
 - › Resorts
- › Destination Entity/Organization that Provides Recreational Activities
- › Destination Shopping
- › Government Partners

CYCLES | The program will operate on a calendar year. Year-long buys will be made in advance; however, seasonal offers and additional opportunities will be added throughout the year.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvtourism.com/information-and-press/tourism-partners/industry-resources/cooperative-advertising-program/>



HISTORIC PRESERVATION



SAVING HISTORICAL PLACES GRANT

FUNDING TYPE | Nonprofit • Private Donations Grant

DESCRIPTION

The Saving Historical Places grant is available to provide funding to help nonprofit organizations and individuals save historical buildings in their communities. The purpose of this grant is to respond to emergency stabilization issues in historic buildings and jump-start historic preservation projects by providing funds for pre-development costs. For those wanting to save historical buildings in their communities, one of the first steps is understanding what it will take to rehabilitate the building and if the goal they have for the building is feasible. Minimum grant awards will be \$10,000, and there is no maximum limit. A match is not required. Grant funds can be used as a match for federal grants.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for this grant, properties must be listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Saving Historical Places Grant applications will be accepted for emergency stabilization, and planning and pre-development costs, including, but not limited to:

- › Emergency stabilization construction costs to save the building
- › Feasibility studies
- › Architectural and engineering fees for purposes such as architectural, engineering drawings, or historic structures reports
- › Legal fees for purposes such as title/deed research and transfer of ownership
- › Consultant fees for historic tax credit applications
- › Consultant fees to complete a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | Preservation Alliance of West Virginia

CYCLES | Completed applications are due March 18 - based on prior year's grant schedule.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.pawv.org/savingplacesgrant.html>

RESOURCE



STATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE

Appropriated by the WV Legislature, through Lottery Funds

DESCRIPTION

The State Development Grant Program is for the rehabilitation of properties that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a contributing property in a historic district or/and archaeological development of a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant may be a state or local government agency, not-for-profit organization, private citizen, for-profit firm or organization, education institution, or Certified Local Governments. In addition, the applicant or project sponsor must: own the property or have a long-term lease and have written permission from the owner to conduct the work; have a commitment with the owner to purchase the property and provide a deed by May 15, and must demonstrate the ability to successfully implement the project

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History

CYCLES

Applications must be postmarked by March 31 or April 1 if March 31 falls on Sunday and sent to the following address:

Department of Arts, Culture & History
The Culture Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd., E.
Charleston, WV 25305
304/558-0220 Ext. 720

Applicants must submit one (1) signed original and four (4) copies of the grant application and all attachments to the above address. Do not submit applications in binders or spiral-bound books.

Please describe your matching share (at least 50%) of the project. Is it cash, staff time, volunteer time, donated materials, etc. Applicant must include current documentation/proof (i.e. bank statement, etc.) of existing funds to pay total project cost upfront.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/>

RESOURCE



POMEROY FOUNDATION HISTORY GRANT

FUNDING TYPE | Nonprofit • Private Donations Grant

DESCRIPTION

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation presents grants to support causes that are aligned with its mission to support and celebrate community history.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be 501 (c)(3) organizations, nonprofit educational institutions, or local state and federal entities.

Likely to support:

- › Historical societies with limited resources
- › Professional development for small history organizations
- › Technology upgrades for small history organizations
- › History-related podcasts
- › Celebrations of significant national milestones in American history

Unlikely to support:

- › Performing or visual arts-related projects
- › Consultant fees
- › Documentaries
- › Restoration projects
- › Projects outside of the mission of the foundation

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | William G. Pomeroy Foundation for History and Life

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.wgpfoundation.org/apply-for-history-grant/>

RESOURCE



HOUSING



BUILD WV TAX CREDIT

FUNDING TYPE | Tax Credit

DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to assist growing communities across the state and attract new housing development by offering incentives for housing developers:

1. Sales Tax Exemption for Building Materials
2. 10-year Property Value Adjustment Refundable Tax Credit

ELIGIBILITY

Districts are established:

- > Through Secretaries of Economic Development, Commerce, and Tourism would designate certified districts where housing needs are not met
- > Developers would apply to the Department of Economic Development for residential housing projects to be certified
- > Projects with a minimum cost of \$3m or that include at least six residential units or houses within a certified district

CYCLES | Applications are accepted throughout the year for qualifying projects.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://westvirginia.gov>

RESOURCE



AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant • Technical Assistance

DESCRIPTION

The Legislature created the Affordable Housing Fund in 2001 to provide funding for both technical assistance and housing assistance to nonprofits and government entities and to encourage stronger partnerships, collaboration, and greater involvement of local communities in meeting housing needs in West Virginia. The funding is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible organizations which focus on providing and preserving affordable housing in West Virginia. Projects are funded for up to \$300,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Borrowers

- › Local governments and local government housing authorities
- › Nonprofit organizations recognized as exempt from federal income tax under section 50 (c)(3) and that assist low and moderate-income citizens of this state

Ineligible Borrowers

- › HUD's Excluded Parties list
- › Delinquencies of 30 days on two or more occasions during the previous 12 months, or delinquencies of 60 days on one or more occasion(s) during the previous 12 months on any WVHDF loan
- › Uncured default on any WVHDF loan
- › Foreclosure within the past 10 years on any WVHDF loan
- › Unresolved material audit findings, particularly related to funds management or compliance with federal program requirements, during the most recent three-year period Issues of non-compliance with the WVHDF that continue to be unresolved after the end of the correction period, and continue to be unresolved at the time any such proposed loan is under consideration, or a history of repeated compliance issues
- › Adverse public findings

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Housing Development Fund

CYCLES | Completed applications are accepted throughout the year. General applicants will be notified within 90 days of the receipt of a complete application.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.wvhdf.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AHF-Program.pdf>



THE HOME PROGRAM

FUNDING TYPE | State Grant

DESCRIPTION

The primary objective of the HOME program is to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing, primarily rental housing; to strengthen the abilities of state and local governments to provide housing; to ensure that federal housing services, financing, and other investments are provided to state and local governments in a coordinated, supportive fashion; to expand the capacity of nonprofit community-based housing development organizations, and to leverage private sector participation in financing affordable housing.

ELIGIBILITY

Developers and owners of affordable rental housing – including for-profit developers, nonprofit developers, public housing authorities, and Fund-designated for HOME funding subject to the program- specific limitations are noted below:

- While public housing authorities are eligible to apply, public housing units supported by Public Housing Capital or Operating funds authorized by the 1937 Act are not eligible for HOME funding. Non-public housing units owned and developed by a public housing authority are eligible.
- CHDOs are a specific type of community-based nonprofit organization defined by section 24 CFR 92.2 of the HOME Final Rule. The HOME program includes an annual set-aside of funds for projects owned, developed, or sponsored by CHDOs. Prior to committing funds, the Fund will review the status of any organization seeking funds from the CHDO set aside to ensure that it meets all HOME requirements, that it has sufficient staff capacity to carry out the project, and that the CHDO meets the requirements of “owner,” “developer,” or “sponsor” as required by 24 CFR 92.300(a).

ADMINISTERING AGENCY | West Virginia Housing Development Fund

CYCLES | Completed applications are accepted throughout the year. Contact Cathy Colby at 304-391-8600 for questions.

LINKS TO LEARN MORE

<https://www.wvhdf.com/contact-us?to=1785>

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

West Virginia Department of Tourism or the Participating Agency

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