

Grants Finder Resource

TDMHSAS - Division of Planning, Policy & Legislation

National Opportunities

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Astra Zeneca Healthcare Foundation	Supports patient organizations, associations for medical professionals, hospitals and clinics, civic and public organizations, foundations and academic institutions.	www.astrazeneca-us.com/responsibility	Please visit the website for contributions made to non-profit organizations.	AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation is a Delaware not-for-profit corporation and a 501(c)(3) entity organized for charitable purposes, including to promote public awareness of healthcare issues, to promote public education of medical knowledge and to support or contribute to charitable and qualified exempt organizations consistent with its charitable purpose. Please visit website for additional information.
The Commonwealth Fund	The Fund's Program Areas are: Advancing Health Equity; Advancing Medicare; Controlling Health Care Costs; Federal and State Health Policy; Health Care Coverage, Access, and Tracking; Health Care Delivery System Reform; International Health Policy and Practice Innovations; Medicaid; Behavioral Health; and Climate Change and Health Care.	https://www.commonwealthfund.org/	During fiscal year 2022–23, the average grant size was \$157,276, with an average duration of 12 months.	To apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Fund, please submit a letter of inquiry (LOI) using the online grants portal. You can also read about the Fund's current funding priorities. Applicants are typically advised of the results of their inquiries within six weeks, and often sooner. LOIs are accepted on a rolling basis, unless they are submitted in response to a request for proposals (RFP), in which case the submission deadline is shown on the funding announcement and the portal. If your LOI is identified as a potential fit, program staff will be in touch about next steps in our collaborative proposal development process. To view the Fund's current funding priorities, please visit their website.

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Grantwatch	Grantwatch.com provides information on what government and foundation grants are currently available through grants search and grant summaries. A paid subscription is required and a grant website is available for each state.	grantwatch.com/collection	Grants available for universities, hospitals, government agencies, schools, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, research institutions and some small businesses and individuals.	Many of the grants have an ongoing deadline. Visit the website for more information.

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The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc.	The Foundation serves nonprofit organizations that work to improve Memphis and the Mid-South. Focus areas include: Health and Human Services; Education & Lifelong Learning; Social Justice & Ethics; Cultural Enrichment & The Arts; and Community Enhancement & Capacity Building.	www.assisifoundation.org	Historical data is not provided on the website.	Upcoming Deadlines • 2nd Quarter 2026, February 6, 2026 • 3rd Quarter 2026, May 8, 2026 • 4th Quarter 2026, August 7, 2026 Funding is considered for organizations and programs specifically located in Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton Counties in Tennessee. Proposals must be submitted via online portal by 5:00pm (CST) on the application deadline. For assistance, please email grants@assisifoundation.org .
Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga	The Foundation will consider applications from organizations whose primary mission is focused on one or more of the following: • Addressing hunger • Supporting affordable housing and shelter • Supporting mental wellbeing • Creating access to affordable healthcare • Workforce development	www.cfgc.org	Over 5,000 Chattanooga students have attended college through scholarships.	Grants During the Fund for Chattanooga Fall 2025 Grant Cycle, the Community Foundation is offering unrestricted grants of up to \$30,000 to support our nonprofit partners who are working to help our neighbors navigate difficult circumstances and gain stability. Scholarships The 2026 Scholarship Season and application portal will be open Monday, January 5th through Friday, March 13th, 2026. Scholarships provided through the Foundation are for Chattanooga-area students only. Please visit the website for more information on eligibility requirements and deadlines.

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Community Foundation of Greater Memphis	Innovative nonprofit work to address the most pressing needs within the community.	http://www.cfgm.org	In 2024, the Community Foundation awarded \$144.3 million to nonprofits in grants; 6,512 grants awarded to 1,993 distinct nonprofits. In 2024, 28 different scholarship funds held at the Community Foundation made 140 scholarship awards to 137 students, totaling \$734,450.	Grants Please note that discretionary grants are awarded only in the following service areas: West Tennessee, eastern Arkansas, and northern Mississippi. For questions about the grant programs, please email Aerial Ozuzu, Director of Community Impact, at aouzuzu@cfgm.org or call her at (901) 722-0022. Scholarships The Community Foundation is proud to offer more than \$150,000 in 30 categories in scholarship funds to students from the Memphis area. Most scholarship opportunities we offer were created to honor a different person, profession, school, or educational goal. Most are for graduating high school seniors. For more information, contact Community Impact Associate Vanessa Williams at vwilliams@cfgm.org or call her at (901) 722-0032 with any questions. The 2025-2026 process is closed, and the 2026-2027 process will open in January 2026.

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East Tennessee Foundation	East Tennessee Foundation's (ETF) field-of-interest and affiliate funds support a competitive grant making process in broad charitable areas including arts and culture, community development, youth-at-risk or a particular East Tennessee county or region (affiliate funds) within the Foundation's 25-county service area.	https://easttennesseefoundation.org/login/	• \$18 million granted through 1,396 grants to nonprofits serving our communities in 2024. • \$1 million awarded from 74 unique scholarships to 112 students in 2024.	Grants The Foundation coordinates grant funding within a particular East Tennessee county or region within the Foundation's 25-county service area. All applications must be completed and submitted via the Foundation's online grant management system. An organization may only submit one application per grant cycle for each specific grant program, but an organization may apply for every grant program for which it is eligible (i.e., grants from more than one fund). Scholarships If after reviewing the scholarship descriptions you would like to apply for these scholarships, complete and submit the corresponding application. Please contact Rachel Schott, Director of Scholarships, at rschott@etf.org with any questions.
First Tennessee Foundation	Arts and culture, education and leadership, financial literacy, health and human services, and environment.	www.firsttennesseefoundation.com/	First Horizon Foundation is the private charitable foundation of First Horizon National Corporation. Founded in 1993 to serve the communities in which we operate, our Foundation has donated more than \$100 million across our footprint.	Please visit the website to learn more about the annual grants process and how to apply.
The Frist Foundation	The Frist Foundation partners with agencies serving Davidson County residents in the following focus areas: Arts & Culture, Civic, Food Insecurities, Health Disparities, Human Services, Immigrants & Refugees, Nonprofit Infrastructure, and Unhoused Neighbors.	www.fristfoundation.org	Please visit the website for General Grant Recipients by Year.	The Frist Foundation reviews grants on an ongoing basis. Preference will be given to agencies focused on underserved communities and organizations impacting a large numbers of Nashvillians.

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The Healing Trust	New strategic priorities are: • Resilient Families • Thriving Communities • Strengthening Democracy	http://healingtrust.org/	In 2024, \$4.8 million granted through 189 grants to nonprofits.	We prioritize nonprofits led by individuals working within communities most impacted by historical disparities, followed by rural applicants, and then all other applicants who don't fall into these two categories. Applicants outside these groups will be prioritized based on their organizational approach to advancing equity and eliminating health disparities. We will consider agencies using a fiscal agent on a case-by-case basis. National organizations must have a Tennessee-based board, separate financial statements (including a 990 or an audit), and must have programs that impact our geographic area. Counties served are Bedford, Davidson, Maury, Montgomery, and Rutherford.
The Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) Foundation	The HCA Healthcare Foundation's Middle Tennessee Fund, established in 1997, supports area nonprofits addressing community concerns related to basic needs, primary care, health and wellbeing, education and the arts. This fund prioritizes support for organizations with strong, authentic relationships with HCA Healthcare colleagues, most often reflected through board-level involvement and volunteerism. The Middle Tennessee Fund considers grant applications from 501c3 organizations located in Davidson, Williamson, Wilson, Rutherford, Cheatham, Dickson, Robertson and Sumner Counties.	https://hcacaring.org/	The HCA Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$1,665,000 to 69 nonprofit organizations in Q3 2025.	Upcoming Deadlines All 2025 grant application deadlines have passed. The Middle Tennessee Fund's 2026 application deadlines and corresponding board meetings will be posted in mid-December 2025. New applicants must fill out the Applicant Inquiry Form and receive a reply from the HCA Healthcare Foundation staff before proceeding with a grant application. "New applicants" includes agencies that have not previously received funding from the Foundation as well as agencies that have not been funded by the Foundation in the past 18 months.

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Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation (KWFF)	The areas of focus are enriching education, inspiring youth, promoting health, and improving the community.	http://www.kwff.org/	Historical data is not provided on the website.	Grants Please contact our Executive Director, Carrie Burke, by phone at 901-726-3147 or e-mail a brief letter of intent to cburke@kwff.org BEFORE applying. Scholarships This last-dollar scholarship program is in partnership with Memphis-based universities. KWFF hosts 2 events per year to honor scholars and provide networking opportunities. Partners • Christian Brothers University – Science Scholarship • Memphis Theological Seminary – Merit Scholarship • Rhodes College – Service Scholar Scholarship • The University of Memphis Foundation – Kemmons Wilson Hospitality Scholarship • Visible Music College – Merit Scholarship
The Kresge Foundation	The Kresge Foundation awards grants in the following areas: American Cities, Arts & Culture, Detroit, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services and Social Investment Practice.	www.kresge.org/programs/health	Annually, Kresge makes more than 400 grants to nonprofits. Their annual give has averaged around \$160 million in recent years.	The Foundation makes grants through seven Programs and a Social Investment Practice. Each Program has established specific objectives to advance strategic goals. These objectives are called Focus Areas. It is through Focus Areas that grant opportunities are made available to grantseekers. You can learn more about each focus area in the Our Work section under each program. Please visit their website for more information.
The Lyndhurst Foundation	Lyndhurst awards grants to nonprofit organizations in four priority program areas: Access and Equity; Arts and Culture; Conservation, Parks, and Recreation; and Urban Design and Development.	www.lyndhurstfoundation.org	In 2024, grants totaled \$6,974,153.	Please visit the website to contact the staff person most aligned with your potential project or program.

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Tennessee Health Foundation (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee)	The current focus of the Foundation is projects which develop healthy living practices resulting in better health decisions, medical care, and enhanced quality of life for generations to come.	https://www.bcbst.com/about/in-the-community/healthy-places/funding-criteria	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee has provided \$100 million in grant awards through the Blue Cross Community Trust, Blue Cross Healthy Space, and Team Blue.	They support 501 (c) (3) and 501 (c) (4) nonprofit organizations, state colleges and universities, as well as government agencies. They focus their trust funding into four primary areas: • Charitable clinics • Disease prevention, early detection and treatment services • Youth health and development programs • Diversity and inclusion Please visit the website for eligibility requirements and deadlines.
Vanderbilt University	The Center for Nonprofit Management and Vanderbilt University have established a partnership that allows a nonprofit executive, or senior staff member to attend the two-year Executive MBA program at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management through a sponsorship worth approximately \$100,000.	https://www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships/	The approximately 250 recipients of these scholarships—one of our three signature scholarship programs—are guaranteed full-tuition awards plus summer stipends for study abroad, research or service projects.	Each year Vanderbilt awards merit-based scholarships to applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. These students represent the top 1 percent of all freshman applicants to Vanderbilt, and with the limited number of merit scholarships available, the selection process is very competitive. All merit-based scholarships offered at Vanderbilt are renewable through four years of undergraduate study as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory academic performance. Each of the four undergraduate schools awards a number of scholarships proportionate to the school's enrollment. Financial need is not a factor unless otherwise indicated. Please visit the website to learn more about Vanderbilt’s scholarships.

Federal, State, and Government Opportunities

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Government Grants	This website is a clearinghouse for listing government grants.	www.grants.gov	• PAR-25-278 - Advancing Learning Health Care Research in Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Settings (R34 Clinical Trial Optional), due January 7, 2026 • CDC-RFA-CE-26-0110 - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), due January 21, 2026 • RFA-DA-26-020 - Dynamic and Adaptable Infrastructure for Drug Development and Outreach to Aid the Research Community in Advancing Medication Repurposing and Repositioning Efforts for Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) (U54 - Clinical Trials Not Allowed), due January 28, 2026 • RFA-DA-25-048 - Seeking Products to Address Social Needs Impacting Substance Use Disorders (SUD) (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Optional), due March 13, 2026
Administration on Aging (AOA)	The Administration for Community Living (ACL) plays a key role in representing and advocating for individuals with disabilities and older adults throughout the federal government.	http://www.acl.gov/Funding_Opportunities/Announcements/Index.aspx	There are a number of grants posted for Disability and Rehabilitation Research grants. For information about state funding allocations through ACL's formula grant programs, please visit their website.
Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grants	SAMHSA has identified five priority areas to better meet the behavioral health needs of individuals, communities, and service providers. • Preventing substance use and overdose • Enhancing access to suicide prevention and mental health services • Promoting resilience and emotional health for children, youth, and families • Integrating behavioral and physical healthcare • Strengthening the behavioral health workforce.	http://www.samhsa.gov	No grants available at this time. All applicants must register with NIH's eRA Commons in order to submit an application. The registration process takes up to six weeks. If your organization is not registered and you do not have an active eRA Commons PI account by the deadline, the application will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made. Starting October 1, 2025, all awards issued by SAMHSA will be subject to the applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 300. These federal regulations establish uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit standards for federal awards, including those specific to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We recommend that all recipients familiarize themselves with these regulations and the current executive orders to ensure compliance moving forward. For more information, please visit ecfr.gov or contact your assigned Grants Management Specialist.

Helpful Information

Center for Nonprofit Management - Nashville

<https://www.cnm.org/>

Nashville, Tennessee Grant Writing Events

<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/tn--nashville/grant-writing/>

Memphis, TN Grant Writing Events | Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/tn--memphis/grant-writing/>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/asfr/ogapa/index.html>

Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/applying>

The Healing Trust - A Reviewer's POV: the top 10 mistakes that we see in grant applications

<https://www.healingtrust.org/2017/12/01/a-reviewers-pov-the-top-10-mistakes-that-we-see-in-grant-applications/>

Grant Writing Workshop | for Nonprofit Organizations | agwa.us

<http://www.agwa.us>

Grant Writing Basics

<https://bizfluent.com/grant-writing-basics-5880.html>

OpenGrants

[How to Write Grants: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners - OpenGrants](#)

NOTE: The link below connects to a page on the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services website where departmental funding opportunities will be posted as they are announced. Please check back often for updates.

<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/departments/funding-opportunities.html>