

Grants list with June & July Deadline:

Below are grant notifications compiled for the departments we selected to monitor. You will notice the hyperlinks embedded in the document. Click on them to find out additional information about each grant request.

Grants from the USDA

1. Rural Cooperative Development Grant - Provides grant funds to establish or operate a Center to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of cooperative business. For more information visit: [click here](#) **Preliminary deadline June 22; Grant deadline July 22.**
2. [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#) (SCBG) provide grants via State Departments of Agriculture to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Program objectives included marketing and promotion, education, research, food production, food safety, and pest and plant health. Applications can be submitted to State Departments of Agriculture. Deadline: **Application deadlines vary by state**; find your state contact [here](#).

Grants from the Department of Justice

3. [Project Safe Neighborhoods](#) designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence. Deadline for applying for this grant is **July 21, 2011**.
4. [The Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative \(NRI\)](#) is a White House-led federal partnership that supports transformation of distressed neighborhoods into neighborhoods of opportunity. The Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BNCP) Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator (TTA Coordinator) Program is a core component of the NRI strategy. BNCP focuses on the nation's neediest neighborhoods, those that struggle with such issues as crime, poor health, struggling schools, inadequate housing, and access to employment BNCP seeks to assist neighborhoods in developing the capacity to undertake comprehensive planning and development activities and to partner with neighborhoods in the long-term process of rebuilding and revitalization. Application deadline is **July 25, 2011**.

Grants from HUD

5. [Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities](#) This NOFA is part of a cross-agency collaboration between HUD, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), known as the Partnership for Sustainable Communities. HUD confers regularly with these partners. The Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Program (Program), through this NOFA, will identify intermediary organizations that can provide capacity building support for communities engaged in planning efforts that support community involvement and integrate housing, land use, land cleanup and preparation for reuse, economic and workforce development,

transportation, and infrastructure investments. Each grantee will be expected to deliver capacity building support to communities across the United States. The first purpose of the Program is to assemble a collection of capacity building service providers to work directly with the FY2010 and FY 2011 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning and Community Challenge grant recipients, HUD Preferred Sustainability Status Communities, and EPA Sustainable Community Technical Assistance recipients and Brownfield Area Wide Planning grant recipients (collectively Sustainable Communities Grantees), and enable them to fulfill their anticipated outcomes. HUD and other Partnership agencies will work regularly with all selected intermediary service providers to maintain a coordinated and leveraged delivery approach that ensures the maximum benefit to local governments, regions, and planning entities and partners engaged in the prescribed activities. The second purpose of the Program is to build a national coalition and leadership network of the Sustainable Communities Grantees. The purpose of the network is to facilitate the exchange of successful strategies, lessons learned, emerging tools and public engagement strategies, and approaches for avoiding or minimizing pitfalls. HUD will work with the selected intermediaries to develop a robust evaluation component for the network. **Deadline July 8, 2011.**

Grants from FEMA

6. [FEMA-Assistance to Firefighters Grants](#) - Deadlines are:

- AFG: Late June to late July 2011
- SAFER: Late October to late November 2011
- Fire Prevention and Safety: Late December 2011 to late January 2012

Grants from the National Science Foundation

7. [Water Sustainability and Climate \(WSC\)](#) The goal of the Water Sustainability and Climate (WSC) solicitation is to understand and predict the interactions between the water system and climate change, land use (including agriculture and forest production systems), the built environment, and ecosystem function and services through place-based research and integrative models. Studies of a water system in its entirety using models and/or observations at specific sites, singly or in combination that allow for spatial and temporal extrapolation, as well as integration across the different processes in that system are encouraged, especially to the extent that they advance the development of theoretical frameworks and predictive understanding. Water systems may include relatively pristine systems, built or engineered water environments or anthropogenically modified ecosystems and may range from a built environment site or a single watershed to the basin scale. Proposals may involve field observations and data collection (specifically Category 2 and possibly Category 1) and the installation of advanced sensor arrays, in situ instrumentation and equipment at facilities and sites already supported by NSF (e.g., Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) sites, Critical Zone Observatories (CZOs), WATERS Network Test Beds, Cyberinfrastructure for Environmental Observatories: Prototypes (CEOPs) or sites supported by other federal, regional, private or state agencies (e.g., USEPA, USDA (including NIFA, the Forest Service and ARS), USGS, NOAA). **deadline October 19, 2011**

Grants from the American Association of Museums

8. The Museum Assessment Program (MAP) is supported through a cooperative agreement between the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the American Association of Museums. It is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future. A MAP assessment requires members of the museum staff and governing authority to complete a self-study. After completion of the self-study, a site visit is conducted by one or more museum professionals, who tour the museum and meet with staff, governing officials, and volunteers. The surveyors work with the museum and MAP staff to produce a report evaluating the museum's operations, making recommendations, and suggesting resources.

There are three types of MAP assessments:

- Organizational/Institutional Assessment: Reviews all areas of operations.
- Collections Stewardship/Collections Management Assessment: Focuses on collections policies, planning access, documentation, and collections care within the context of the museum's total operations.
- Community Engagement/Public Dimension Assessment: Assesses the museum's understanding of and relationship with its communities as well as its communities' perceptions of and experiences with the museum. Eligibility Eligible organizations should select one of the assessment types and prepare an application for either the December 1 or **July 1 deadline**. Application materials and additional information are located at www.aam-us.org/map.

Other Grants:

9. Save America's Treasures (NPS) - Public Law 112-10, providing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011, does not include funds for Save America's Treasures grants. **Therefore, NPS will not accept applications or award grants in FY 2011.** The budget for FY 2012 is currently under review by Congress. We will post the status of FY 2012 funding when there is a change in the status of the FY 2012 appropriations bill.