

Current/Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

Ecology

Water Resources Program Funding Opportunity: Applications accepted from October 17th, 2016 – December 15th, 2016.

- **Watershed Planning Implementation and Flow Achievement Grants**

Funding under this program requires flow achievement, through:

- Increased flows below the project site.
- Improving instream and riparian zone conditions, such as enhancing fish passage or habitat.
- Reorganizing or concentrating existing points of diversion.
- Establishing water banks, water exchanges or pursuing trust water opportunities.
- Improving public water supply or irrigation district infrastructure that leads to water savings.
- Purchasing and installing meters, stream gages or groundwater monitoring equipments when water savings and or efficiencies can be expected short or long term.

For more information go to <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/funding/fo-wspisfag.html>

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EPA

EJ Small Grants Program Accepting Applications (grant)

EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants program provides financial assistance to community-based organizations, and local and tribal governments working on projects to address environmental and public health concerns. EPA awards grants that support activities designed to empower and educate affected communities and to identify ways to address environmental and public health concerns at the local level.

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program#tab-2>

Approximately 40 one-year projects will be awarded at up to \$30,000 each nationwide. Applications are due January 31, 2017.

Soak Up the Rain (Public Outreach Campaign)

As we develop our cities and towns, we replace forests and meadows with buildings and pavement. And now when it rains, stormwater runs off roofs and driveways into the street, picking up pollutants as it makes its way through storm drains and ditches - untreated - to our streams, rivers, lakes and the ocean.

Soak Up the Rain is a stormwater public outreach campaign to raise awareness about the problem of polluted stormwater runoff and to encourage citizens, municipalities and others to take action to help reduce runoff and its costly impacts. Learn what you can do to soak up the rain.

For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/what-you-can-do-soak-rain>

Apply for Urban Waters Restoration Grants by January 31

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation recently announced a request for proposals (RFP) through the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant program (<http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx>), funded in part by EPA. This public-private partnership seeks to develop community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife.

Priority will be given to projects that advance water quality goals in environmental justice communities such as neighborhoods with minority or low-income populations. Applications are due January 31, 2017. Register for a webinar on November 15 at 2:00 pm EST to learn more about the grant program. Register for webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2823290050811965699>

Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

Local Foods, Local Places 2016-2017 Application, EPA

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places-2016-2017-application>

Applications due by November 6, 2016.

Local Foods, Local Places helps communities create more livable neighborhoods by promoting local foods. The program is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Delta Regional Authority.

The Local Foods, Local Places program will provide selected communities planning assistance that centers around a two-day community workshop. At the workshop, a team of experts will help community members develop an implementable action plan that promotes local food and neighborhood revitalization. Eligible applicants include local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit institutions and organizations proposing to work in a neighborhood, town, or city of any size anywhere in the United States. We expect that many of the communities we select will be economically challenged and in the early phases of their efforts to promote local foods and community revitalization.

Healthy Places for Healthy People, EPA

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/healthy-places-healthy-people>

Applications due by November 6, 2016.

Healthy Places for Healthy People helps communities create walkable, healthy, economically vibrant places by engaging with their health care facility partners such as community health centers (including Federally Qualified Health Centers), nonprofit hospitals, and other health care facilities. The pilot phase of this program is sponsored by EPA and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Healthy Places for Healthy People will provide selected communities with expert planning assistance that centers around a two-day community workshop. A team of experts will help community members develop an implementable action plan that will focus on health as an economic driver and catalyst for downtown and neighborhood revitalization. Eligible applicants include local government

representatives, health care facilities, local health departments, neighborhood associations, main street districts, nonprofit organizations, tribes and others proposing to work in a neighborhood, town, or city located anywhere in the United States. Applications that include representatives from both the community (local government or non-governmental organization) and a health care facility will receive special consideration.

Cool & Connected Fall 2016 Application, EPA

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/cool-connected-fall-2016-application>

Applications due by November 6, 2016.

Communities interested in using broadband service to revitalize main streets and promote economic development are encouraged to apply for Cool & Connected, a planning program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. Through Cool & Connected, a team of experts will help community members develop strategies and an action plan for using broadband service to promote smart, sustainable community development. Eligibility:

- Any community representative is welcome to submit an application to participate in Cool & Connected.
- Special consideration will be given to small towns and rural communities that face economic challenges.
- Special consideration will be given to communities in places where USDA has provided loans or grants in support of broadband services.
- Your community should have existing or anticipated broadband service that can be leveraged for community development.

Preservation Technology and Training Grants, National Park Service

Details at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=288174>

Applications due November 3, 2016.

Funding Opportunity Number: P16AS00579

2017 Preservation Technology and Training Grants are intended to create better tools, better materials, and better approaches to conserving buildings, landscapes, sites, and collections. The competitive grants program will provide funding to federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations. Grants will support the following activities:

- Innovative research that develops new technologies or adapts existing technologies to preserve cultural resources (typically \$25,000 to \$40,000)
- Specialized workshops or symposia that identify and address national preservation needs (typically \$15,000 to \$25,000)
- How-to videos, mobile applications, podcasts, best practices publications, or webinars that disseminate practical preservation methods or provide better tools for preservation practice (typically \$5,000 to \$15,000)

The maximum grant award is \$40,000. The actual grant award amount is dependent on the scope of the proposed activity.

Environmental Education Grants, Captain Planet Foundation

Details at <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Funding range: \$500 to \$2,500

Applications due by January 31, 2017

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to give the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world in which they live. The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Grants are made for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation and MUST have all four of the following to be considered for funding:

Be project-based;

- Projects must be performed by youth;
- Projects must have real environmental outcomes;
- Be based in the United States.

Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to:

- Provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth;
- Serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools;
- Inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

Also of interest, EPA Long-Term Stormwater Planning Effort

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced a new voluntary stormwater planning initiative to help communities plan long-term strategies for managing stormwater pollution. EPA has released a step-by-step guide to help communities develop long-term stormwater plans, a web-based toolkit for the planning process, and technical assistance for five communities to develop plans as national models. This effort promotes the use of flexible solutions that spur economic growth, stimulate infrastructure investments, and help compliance with environmental requirements.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-new-guide-long-term-stormwater-planning-names-five-pilot-communities>

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