ANIMAL-RELATED

Operation Grants to Petfinder.com members
To be eligible for an Operation Grant, shelters and rescues must maintain an active free account with Petfinder.com; must provide proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt and public charity status; must provide financial and other information to demonstrate sound management practices; must demonstrate proof of organizational stability and program best practices; must demonstrate a collaboration/partnership within the community that promotes, educates, and/or increases awareness of issues that contribute to dog homelessness; must track performance in areas such as intakes, adoptions, returns, transfers, euthanasia, community involvement, etc.; and must be willing to participate in monthly surveys, press outreach, etc. For this year only, prior receipt of a Pedigree Foundation Operation Grant will be a factor in determining recipients. One-time grants of up to $1,000 will be awarded to fund basic operational expenses (e.g., facility/structure, medical, transportation, spay/neuter, etc.) that contribute to making dogs more adoptable. This year, monies will only be given based on the stated criteria and in order of applications received until all funds are released for the year.
Deadline: Open, until funds expended
Maximum Grant: $1,000
Grant Link: http://www.petfinderfoundation.com/pedigree-foundation-operational-grants

ARTS AND CULTURE

Bridging Cultures Bookshelf Muslim Journeys
The National Endowment for the Humanities Bridging Cultures initiative is designed to engage the power of the humanities to promote understanding of and mutual respect for people with diverse histories, cultures, and perspectives within the United States and abroad. As part of the initiative, NEH is collaborating with the American Library Association to present "Muslim Journeys," the first in a planned series of Bridging Cultures Bookshelves. Through the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf program, NEH will provide resources to enhance libraries' collections and their capacity to engage audiences in reflection on and conversation about a variety of themes. The "Muslim Journeys" bookshelf includes twenty-five books chosen with a view to familiarizing the American public with Islam and the cultural heritage of Islamic civilizations around the world. In addition to the books, the bookshelf includes a DVD containing a series of short videos on art and architecture, two films, and a one-year subscription to Oxford Islamic Studies Online.
Deadline: September 25, 2012
Grant Link: http://www.neh.gov/grants/bridging-cultures/bridging-cultures-bookshelf-muslim-journeys

California Documentary Project Grant
New guidelines are available for the California Documentary Project, a competitive grants program of Cal Humanities that supports documentary film, radio, and new media productions designed to enhance an understanding of California and its cultures, peoples, and histories. Projects must use the humanities to provide context, depth, and perspective and be suitable for California and national audiences through broadcast and/or distribution. CDP grants support projects at the research and development, production, and public engagement stages. CDP Research and Development grants are designed to strengthen the humanities content and
approach of documentary media productions in their earliest stages. Projects must actively involve at least three humanities advisors to help frame and contextualize subject matter throughout the research and development phase. Grant awards range up to $10,000. Production grants are designed to strengthen the humanities content and approach of documentary media productions and help propel projects toward completion. Projects must be in the production stage, have a work in progress, and actively involve at least two humanities advisors in the production process. Grant awards range up to $50,000 for film and radio and up to $20,000 for new media. Public Engagement grants extend the reach and impact of Cal Humanities-supported media projects by supporting dissemination and public engagement activities. Funding is intended to deepen understanding and awareness of subjects and issues of relevance to California, and foster critical reflection and thoughtful analysis.

**Deadline:** October 1, 2012  
**Maximum Grant:** $100,000  
**Grant Link:** [http://www.calhum.org/grants/california-documentary-project-grant](http://www.calhum.org/grants/california-documentary-project-grant)

**Jewish Helping Hand’s Tikkun Olam Grant Program**

Jewish Helping Hands has launched its Tikkun Olam grant program to advance the goal of inspiring and supporting tzedakah, justice, and righteousness around the world. The program supports initiatives and projects that work toward achieving social justice at the local, national, or international level. The fund will support projects that focus on reaching needy and vulnerable populations in the United States and abroad, particularly those that have been overlooked or marginalized. Through cooperation with local communities, JHH hopes to support programs and projects that are sustainable and scalable through financial and hands-on support. The goal is to promote projects with the potential to make a tangible and lasting difference in the lives of the populations served. JHH values programs and projects that aim to bring about positive change for groups of all backgrounds and religious affiliations, and welcomes grant applications from organizations and individuals regardless of these factors.

**Deadline:** October 1, 2012  
**Maximum Grant:** $5,000  
**Grant Link:** [http://jewishhelpinghands.org/grants/](http://jewishhelpinghands.org/grants/)

**Art Works, FY 2013**

The Arts Endowment’s support of a project may start on May 1, 2013, or any time thereafter. A grant period is not expected to exceed one year. Increasingly, the NEA has aimed to explore the factors and conditions affecting arts participation and art-making, and also illuminate the impact of the arts on American lives and communities. Arts workers and arts industries depend on timely information and analyses to monitor patterns of employment, fiscal health, and public demand for their goods and services. The greater public, on the other hand, needs to know whether and how the arts should factor into such questions as where to live, how to spend one’s discretionary time, and what kind of education to provide for one’s children. The NEA’s strategic plan identifies research as a mission-critical goal -- specifically, “to promote public knowledge and understanding about the contribution of the arts.” Through high-quality research, the NEA will expand opportunities for rigorous research that investigates the value of the U.S. arts ecosystem and the impact of the arts on other domains of American life. The NEA’s Office of Research & Analysis (ORA) has identified priorities in support of this overarching research goal, including: 1. Identifying and cultivating new and existing data sources in the arts. 2. Investigating the value of the U.S. arts ecosystem and the impact of the arts on other domains of American life. 3. Elevating the public profile of arts-related research. To help achieve these goals, the ORA has implemented a grants program for research in and about the arts.

**Deadline:** November 6, 2012  
**Grant Link:** [http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Research/index.html](http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Research/index.html)
COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Impact Grants Program from Home Depot
Grants are now available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. who are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Grants are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase or tools or materials. Only grants submitted through the online application process will be considered for funding. All unsolicited donation requests received via mail, phone or e-mail will be referred to this online grant program. Grants are for community improvement projects that include activities such as construction or refurbishment of affordable or transitional housing, building, rebuilding, painting, refurbishing, increasing energy efficiency or sustainability, landscaping, planting of native trees, community facility improvements and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S. Projects must be completed within six months following notification that the grant has been awarded. Grants are solely given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools and materials. Grants are not awarded for recurring funding. We invite grantees to re-apply in subsequent years based on program results, although there are no guarantees of receiving grants in subsequent years. Organizations who have received a Building Healthy Communities grant must wait 12 months before applying for additional grants through this program. Each approved applicant must complete a Final Report before additional funding requests will be considered.

**Deadline:** August 13, 2012  
**Maximum Grant:** $5,000  
**Grant Link:** [https://corporate.homedepot.com/CorporateResponsibility/HDFoundation/Pages/ComImpactGrant.aspx](https://corporate.homedepot.com/CorporateResponsibility/HDFoundation/Pages/ComImpactGrant.aspx)

Open Meadows Foundation
Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls. Open Meadows Foundation funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age or ability. It offers grants up to $2000 to projects that:
- Are designed and implemented by women and girls;
- Reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and organization;
- Promote building community power;
- Promote racial, social, economic and environmental justice;
- Have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding.

Organizational budget should not exceed $150,000.

**Deadline:** August 15, 2012  
**Maximum Grant:** $2,000  
**Grant Link:** [http://www.openmeadows.org/](http://www.openmeadows.org/)

AARP Foundation/InnoCentive : Drive to End Hunger – Sustainable Solutions and Elimination of Food Deserts
InnoCentive, Inc. has announced a collaboration with the AARP Foundation to help advance the foundation's goal of improving the lives of millions of older Americans who struggle to meet their basic needs for nutritious food, safe and affordable housing, adequate income, and personal connections. The pavilion currently features two initial challenges aligned with the goals of AARP and the AARP Foundation's Drive to End Hunger program to reduce older Americans' vulnerability to food insecurity. The Drive to End Hunger - Sustainable Solutions Challenge
seeks ideas for long-term, sustainable solutions that prevent food insecurity from happening in the first place or that reduce an older adult's vulnerability to food insecurity in a significant way. The Drive to End Hunger - the Elimination of Food Deserts Challenge seeks ideas for reducing or eliminating "food deserts." A food desert is defined as a "low-income census tract where a substantial number or share of residents has low access to a supermarket or large grocery store." Ideal solutions to both challenges will focus on long-term, sustainable programs designed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate food insecurity and the number of food deserts, respectively, without reliance on food provisions by third-party providers or benefits assistance such as food stamps. The solutions can be existing programs or new ideas that have not yet been implemented.

**Deadline: September 20, 2012**
**Maximum Grant: $10,000**
**Grant Link:** Sustainable Solutions - [https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933095](https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933095)
**Grant Link:** Elimination of Food Deserts: [https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933096](https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933096)

**Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program**
Under the Planning program EDA assists eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective regions. In general, EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to the designated planning organization (e.g., District Organization) serving EDA-designated Economic Development Districts to enable these organizations to develop and implement relevant CEDS. In addition, EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to Indian Tribes to help develop and implement CEDS and associated economic development activities. The Planning program also helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible Recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation’s most economically distressed regions. The Local Technical Assistance program strengthens the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility analyses and impact studies.

**Deadline: Open**
**Maximum Grant: $100,000**
**Grant Link:** [http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3NkJQcGTZnfhZBkDQq528TvyGLdqyNdCSLPTMKNyXMcSkGsbRpJk!579898676?oppId=189193&mode=VIEW](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3NkJQcGTZnfhZBkDQq528TvyGLdqyNdCSLPTMKNyXMcSkGsbRpJk!579898676?oppId=189193&mode=VIEW)

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Environmental Grants Program**
The Patagonia Outdoor clothing company Patagonia’s environmental grant program supports small, grassroots organizations that have provocative direct-action agendas and are working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. The program seeks to fund work that is action-oriented, builds public involvement and support, is strategic, focuses on root causes, accomplishes specific goals and objectives, and demonstrates a commitment to long-term change. The company does not fund organizations without 501(c)(3) status or an eligible fiscal sponsor. Grants will not be provided for general environmental education efforts; land acquisition, land trusts, or conservation easements; research (unless it is in direct support of a
developed plan for specific action to alleviate an environmental problem); environmental conferences; endowment funds; political campaigns; or green building projects.

**Deadline: August 31, 2012**
**Maximum Grant: $8,000**

**HEALTH**

**New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming Midcareer Consultant Program**

New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to RWJF, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. New Connections is a career development program designed to enhance the research capacity of scholars from underrepresented groups — ethnic or racial minority or low-income communities, first-generation college graduates (i.e., the first person in one’s family to receive a college degree), or others who historically have been underrepresented in research disciplines. The program invites midcareer consultants from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities to address program priorities for RWJF's teams and portfolios. These priorities include childhood obesity, healthcare coverage, human capital, public health, healthcare quality/equality, and vulnerable populations.

**Deadline: Open**
**Grant Link:** [http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21400](http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21400)

**SAFETY**

**Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response**

The U.S. Programs' Criminal Justice Fund works to reduce mass incarceration, eliminate harsh punishment, and secure a fair and equitable justice system by promoting public investments in effective, community-based strategies that increase public safety. The Criminal Justice Fund will consider proposals from advocacy groups, community groups, scholarly or research institutions, government agencies, associations of elected officials, and nonprofit business associations or initiatives. The Criminal Justice Fund places an emphasis on projects that prioritize the participation and leadership of people directly affected by criminal justice policies and practices.

**Deadline: September 21, 2012**
**Grant Link:** [http://www.soros.org/grants/us-criminal-justice-fund](http://www.soros.org/grants/us-criminal-justice-fund)


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