



Foundation Grants Directory

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This document is designed to assist Centralina’s member governments with advanced preparation in applying for grants offered through charitable foundations and other private funders. The list is continuously updated as new funding information becomes available. For questions, contact kweston@centralina.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

See below for a list of all currently open grant opportunities with links to access additional information. We encourage you to pay attention to application deadlines and look for upcoming support opportunities on our member portal for training on writing and applying.

Funding Category	Funder	Grant Title	Eligible Uses	Key Dates	Website
Community Development	T-Mobile	Hometown Grants	Build and revitalize community spaces in municipalities with populations less than 50,000; examples of past projects include town squares, historic buildings, outdoor parks, athletic fields, and libraries	Applications are open on a quarterly basis with the following deadlines: 3/31/24; 6/30/24; 9/30/24; 12/31/24.	https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants
Economic Development	Golden LEAF Foundation	SITE Program - Identification	Support to identify potential industrial sites in communities that do not currently have quality industrial sites to market	Applications due 3/14/24 at 12:00 pm	https://www.goldenleaf.org/SITE/identification/
Economic Development	Golden LEAF Foundation	SITE Program - Due Diligence	Hiring third-party professionals to complete due diligence activities such as environmental assessments, archaeological analyses and mapping	Applications due 3/14/24 at 12:00 pm	https://www.goldenleaf.org/SITE/due-diligence/
Economic Development	Golden LEAF Foundation	SITE Program - Development	Public infrastructure and publicly owned sites, clearing and rough grading, to benefit sites that have completed the due diligence necessary to demonstrate that the site is suitable for development	Applications due 3/14/24 at 12:00 pm	https://www.goldenleaf.org/SITE/development/

Economic Development	Duke Energy Foundation	Local Impact Grant	<p>Programs aligned with vibrant economies (workforce development training; community revitalization and local economic development; economic recovery; energy and education for K-12 students and teachers); climate resiliency (conservation; clean water; environmental resiliency; natural disaster preparedness and response); justice, equity & inclusion (natural environments and greenspace; transitions to cleaner energy; initiatives supporting upward mobility)</p> <p><i>Note: Does not fund projects.</i></p>	Open year-round	https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energyfoundation/north-carolina
Public Health	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health	<p>Projects designed to develop actionable evidence about how to help medical, social, and public health systems work together to address structural barriers to health and health equity, including racism and the social conditions that impact health</p>	No further updates.	https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2022/systems-for-action--systems-and-services-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html

Future Forecast

See below for upcoming grant opportunities that have yet to release their application deadlines. These are recurring grants and the deadlines shown are based on previous years' funding cycles and may be subject to change. We are providing this forecast of available pr funding opportunities to help you prepare for upcoming grant applications in advance. This list will be updated as the deadlines become available.

Funding Category	Funder	Grant Title	Eligible Uses	Deadline	Website
Community Development	AARP	Community Challenge Grant	Improve open spaces, parks, and access to other amenities; deliver transportation and mobility options to increase connectivity, walkability and bikeability; increase affordable housing availability and accessibility; support diversity, equity and inclusion while improving the build and social environment; support for leveraging ARPA and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding; increase civic engagement; other community improvements including health services, community development, and COVID-19 pandemic recovery	Applications due 3/6/24, 5 p.m. (ET)	https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/communitychallenge/

Economic Development	Golden LEAF Foundation	Open Grants	Develop and implement a new workforce training program to meet demand from local employers; Implement a career pathway at a high school for a high demand field; Extend water, sewer, or road infrastructure to a site to enable industrial development that will create full-time jobs; Support the development of new crops, expand markets for agriculture products, or provide training for farmers	Upcoming funding cycle not yet announced; 2023 dates – Application due 10/26/23	https://www.goldenleaf.org/opengrants/
Parks and Recreation	America Walks	Community Change Grant	Pedestrian infrastructure projects that improve walkability and connectivity; examples of past projects include sidewalk improvements, wayfinding signage and walking trails	Upcoming funding cycle not yet announced; Applications typically open in the fall	https://americawalks.org/community-change-grants/
Parks and Recreation	American Trails	The Trail Fund	Maintenance, research and stewardship training for nonmotorized and motorized trails/projects	Application window will reopen in Nov. or Dec. '24.	https://www.americantrails.org/apply-for-the-trailfund?blm_aid=56566
Transportation	National Center for Mobility Management	Community Mobility Design Challenge Grant	Create mobility solutions to address transportation barriers impacting underserved populations	Upcoming funding cycle not yet announced; 2023 dates – Application due 8/4/23	https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/designchallenge-2022/