



Congresswoman Velázquez’s Grants Newsletter contains timely information on grants and most importantly showcases some key grant resources for constituents seeking financial assistance.

Grants 101

What is a grant? A grant is a type of financial assistance providing money, property or other direct assistance in lieu of money, to an eligible entity to carry out an approved project or activity in support of a public purpose and not the direct benefit of the government.

Understanding the grants lifecycle prepares applicants for how the grants management process works. The grants lifecycle has three unique phases: Pre-Award, Award and Post-Award. The Pre-Award phase is the most burdensome on applicants as you prepare your applicant or proposal and use a variety of systems to submit your application. If you are seeking federal financial assistance you need to be familiar with two systems Grants.gov and SAM.gov.

Grants.gov is a Federal Government website that is the one stop shop for all things grants. Sam.gov is the System for Award Management and its use is completely free. Use Sam.gov to register to do business with the United States government for free. Do not be fooled by companies trying to sell you services to help you register as SAM.gov is completely free. Utilize the [Federal Service Desk](#) for assistance with your SAM.gov registration.

Grants.gov provides a variety of resources for a newcomer to explore the very beginning information on grants at [Grants 101](#).

Upcoming Federal Grants Programs

To search for upcoming federal grant program opportunities visit [Search Grants](#) on Grants.gov. Users can filter the search based on various criteria including funding agency, eligibility and category.

CFDA	Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Federal Agency	Agency Contact	Application Due Date
45.163	20170301-FS	Summer Seminars and Institutes	National Endowment for the Humanities	sem-inst@neh.gov	Mar 01, 2017

NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes grants support professional development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university faculty. **Eligible Applicants include:** County governments; Special district governments; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; City or township governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education.

CFDA	Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Federal Agency	Agency Contact	Application Due Date
15.931	P17AS00032	Community Volunteer Ambassador Program	Department of Interior/National Park Service	janet_keck@nps.gov	Feb 28, 2017

The principal purpose of this agreement is to educate youth, promote community engagement, and to cultivate the next generation of conservation professionals. The project will provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on conservation projects in the National Parks. **Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

CFDA	Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Federal Agency	Agency Contact	Application Due Date
81.135	DE-FOA-0001738	SAVING ENERGY NATIONWIDE IN STRUCTURES WITH OCCUPANCY RECOGNITION (SENSOR)(SBIR/STTR)	Department of Energy	ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov	Mar 17, 2017

This program aims to dramatically reduce the amount of energy used for heating and cooling residential buildings (by 30%) via user-transparent sensor systems that accurately sense human presence (not merely motion). This program also aims to reduce energy usage in commercial buildings (also by 30%) by enabling ventilation control based on sensor systems that can accurately count the number of humans in a pre-determined zone. **Eligible Applicants:** Small Businesses.

Federal Funds in New York's 7th Congressional District

Since October 1, 2016, New York's 7th Congressional District award recipients have directly received \$14,411,776 that represents the district where the majority of the work is done.¹



Some specific grants include:

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient Name
Health and Human Services/Health Resources and Services Administration	Affordable Care Act (ACA) Grants for New and Expanded Services under the Health Center Program	Sunset Park Health Council, Inc.
Department of Education	Impact Aid	New York City Board of Education
Department of Interior/National Park Service	National Park Service Conservation, Protection, Outreach, and Education	Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Inc.

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