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What Federal Agencies Award Grants?

The convenient e-Government initiative of Grants.gov provides access to information about federal grant-making agencies. If you would like to learn more about grant programs specific to these agencies, please click on the agency name below:

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

The Agency for International Development is an independent federal government agency that provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries to ensure a better future for us all. (https://www.usaid.gov)

AmeriCorps (AC)

AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation's most pressing challenges. Learn more at https://americorps.gov.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Established in 1862, the Department of Agriculture serves all Americans through anti-hunger efforts, through stewardship of nearly 200 million acres of national forest and rangelands, and through product safety and conservation efforts. The USDA opens markets for American farmers and ranchers and provides food for needy people around the world. (https://www.usda.gov)

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

The Department of Commerce fosters and promotes the nation's economic development and technological advancement through vigilance in international trade policy, domestic business policy and growth, and promoting economic progress at all levels. (https://www.commerce.gov)

U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

The Department of Defense provides the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of the United States through five major areas: peacekeeping and war-fighting efforts, Homeland Security, evacuation and humanitarian causes. (http://www.dod.gov)

U.S. Department of Education (ED)

The Department of Education ensures equal access to education and promotes educational excellence through coordination, management, and accountability in federal education programs. The Department works to supplement and complement educational efforts on all levels, encouraging increased involvement by the public, parents and students. (https://www.ed.gov)

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

The Department of Energy's goal is to advance national, economic, and energy security in the U.S.; to promote scientific and technological innovation in support of that goal; and to ensure environmental cleanup of the national nuclear weapons complex. (http://www.energy.gov)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The Department of Health and Human Services is the federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially to those who are least able to help themselves. (https://www.hhs.gov)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

The Department of Homeland Security has three primary missions: Prevent terrorist attacks within the United States, reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism and minimize the damage from potential attacks and natural disasters. (https://www.dhs.gov)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. HUD fulfills this mission through high ethical standards, management, and accountability, and by forming partnerships with community organizations. (http://www.hud.gov)

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)

The Department of the Interior protects and provides access to the nation's natural and cultural heritage, including responsibilities to Indian tribes and island communities. Departmental goals include resource protection and usage, overseeing recreational opportunities, serving communities, and excellence in management. (https://www.doi.gov)

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

The Department of Justice enforces the law and defends the interest of the United States, ensuring public safety against threats foreign and domestic; providing federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; seeking just punishment for those guilty of unlawful pursuits; and ensuring fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans. (https://www.usdoj.gov)

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

The Department of Labor fosters and promotes the welfare of job seekers, wage earners and retirees by improving their working conditions, advancing their opportunities, protecting their retirement and health benefits, and generally protecting worker rights and monitoring national economic measures. (https://www.dol.gov)

U.S. Department of State (DOS)

The Department of State strives to create a more secure, democratic and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the international community. (https://www.state.gov)

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

The Department of Transportation's mission is to ensure fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation that meets vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future. (https://www.dot.gov)

U.S. Department of the Treasury (TREAS)

The Department of Treasury is a steward of United States economic and financial systems, promotes conditions for prosperity and stability in the U.S., and encourages prosperity and stability in the rest of the world. (https://www.treasury.gov)

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The Department of Veterans Affairs strives for excellence in patient care and veteran's benefits for its constituents through high-quality, prompt, and seamless service to United States veterans. (https://www.va.gov)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, the EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people. (https://www.epa.gov)

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute serves as a leader in providing services to enhance learning, sustain cultural heritage, and increase civic participation. (https://www.imls.gov)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration serves as the nation's forefront of such exploration and continues to pioneer in aeronautics, exploration systems, science, and space operations. (https://www.nasa.gov)

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

The National Archives and Records Administration enables people to inspect the record of what the federal government has done, enables officials and agencies to review their actions, and helps citizens hold them accountable. (https://www.archives.gov)

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. The Endowment is the largest national source of funds for the arts. (http://www.nea.gov)

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. (https://www.neh.gov)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency created to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and to secure the national defense. The NSF annually funds approximately 20 percent of basic, federally-supported college and university research. (https://www.nsf.gov)

Small Business Administration (SBA)

The Small Business Administration maintains and strengthens the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting the interests of small businesses, and by helping families and businesses recover from national disasters. (https://www.sba.gov)

Social Security Administration (SSA)

The Social Security Administration advances the economic security of the nation's people through compassionate and vigilant leadership in shaping and manag