



# Funding & Learning Opportunities



*for our region*

## Cultural

**Program:** Challenge America

**Benefits:** small organizations focused on artistic disciplines

**Intent:** to offer provide support for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to groups and communities with rich and dynamic artistic and cultural contributions through a standardized \$10,000 grant and robust structure of technical assistance to facilitate entry to the National Endowment for the Arts funding opportunities

**Due:** April 27, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=344793>

## Quality of Life Improvements for Veterans

**Program:** Employment Success for Veterans

**Benefits:** homeless veterans' reintegration, incarcerated veterans' transitioning, veterans with children

**Intent:** to obtain high-quality career outcomes for veterans experiencing homelessness through a robust referral system which establishes tools, resources, and partnerships to support homeless veterans for employment success

**Due:** (forecasted) March 9, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=344019>

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## Education

**Program:** Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship

**Benefits:** math/science teachers, elementary and secondary schools

**Intent:** to address the critical need for recruiting, preparing, and retaining highly effective elementary and secondary mathematics and science teachers and teacher leaders in high-need school districts

**Due:** August 29, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=332839>

**Program:** Equity, Health, Academic Achievement, and Well-Being of Students through School-Based Interventions

**Benefits:** school-age students  
**Intent:** to promote, protect, and improve the health and well-being of school-age children in underserved and disproportionately affected communities with expected outcomes that will: (1) increase the numbers of schools with an action plan based on the completion of CDC's School Health Index; (2) increase implementation of Comprehensive School Health Activity Programs; (3) increase school nutrition and security policies and practices; (4) increase school-based health services that support students with chronic health conditions; and (5) increase physical activity, healthy dietary behaviors, and self-management of chronic conditions among students

**Due:** February 11, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342776>

## Substance Abuse

**Program:** Drug-Free Communities

**Benefits:** youth

**Intent:** to establish and strengthen collaborations to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth for those agencies who have never received DFC funding

**Due:** (forecasted) April 11, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342588>

## Economic & Community Development

**Program:** Rural Economic Development Loans for Local Grant Projects

**Benefits:** local utilities

**Intent:** to provide zero-interest loans for rural projects to local utilities, which in turn, pass funding through to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas

**Due:** June 30, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343066>

## Homelessness

**Program:** Youth Outreach Program

**Benefits:** youth

**Intent:** to provide street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been, or at risk of, being subjected to exploitation. Services are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and providing them access to shelter, as well as supplies fulfilling basic needs

**Due:** (forecasted) Jun 22, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343709>

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## Environmental

### Program: Fish Passage and Protection Technologies

**Benefits:** fish restoration

**Intent:** to advance fish passage technologies by providing data on the biological effects and fish passage performance. The development of improved technologies can improve hydropower's environmental performance, support infrastructure sustainability, and contribute to fish-restoration goals

**Due:** March 27, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344267>

### Program: Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program

**Benefits:** the Columbia River Basin

**Intent:** to improve water quality in the Columbia River Basin through specific actions to reduce toxins and/or increase public education and outreach. The program will assist tribal, state and local governments, nongovernmental entities, and others as they implement the *Columbia River Basin Toxics Reduction Action Plan* and the *Lower Columbia River Estuary Plan*

**Due:** March 13, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344820>

### Program: Flood Control Assistance Account

**Benefits:** local jurisdictions

**Intent:** to assist with comprehensive floodplain management planning and implementation-related actions to mitigate flood hazards through projects such as comprehensive flood hazard management plans, feasibility studies, match for federal projects, flood control maintenance projects, and emergency projects

**Due:** (forecasted) March 30, 2023; funding cycle expected to open mid-February

**Link:** <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Payments-contracts-grants/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Flood-control-assistance>

### Program: Refuges Enhancement – Non-Infrastructure

**Benefits:** local communities

**Intent:** to play a more active role in increasing outdoor recreation opportunities on refuge lands and waters, and to enhance wildlife habitats through projects related to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service priorities that will enhance the visitor experience, promote wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation, provide career training and mentoring opportunities, and others identified in the funding opportunities announcement

**Due:** September 10, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344743>

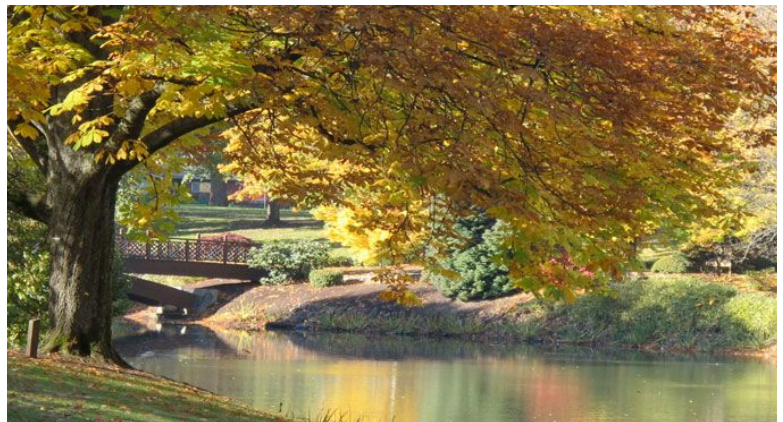
### Program: Refuges Enhancement – Infrastructure

**Benefits:** local communities

**Intent:** similar to the non-infrastructure enhancements above; funding focuses on infrastructural enhancements that support the same goals and priorities as the non-infrastructure opportunity

**Due:** September 10, 2023

**Link:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344640>



## GRANT TRAINING AND RESOURCES

**Grants.gov Resources:** Whether you need a high-level introduction the Grants.gov application process or for step-by-step instructions on a particular application section. Find your answers here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants.html>

**Grants 101:** Understanding the full grant cycle can make the difference to a successful grant program or project. Check out the resources and checklist here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants/grants-101.html>

**MRSC Grant Writing Class:** Writing grants successful grants is not an intuitive process. Classes like the one offered below by Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) can be very helpful:

<https://mrsc.org/training/upcoming-trainings/grant-writing-strategies-and-opportunities-for-local-governments>

**LCC Certificate in Grant Writing (Apr 18-Jun 6; Tues 5-6PM; \$549):** Learn to write grants and earn your Certificate in Grant writing, with this assessment-based eight-week course designed to put you on the fast track to grant writing success. This course is a blended format of online and on-demand materials combined with a series of eight live video conference meetings with a learning cohort for problem and case-based discussions. Course topics include organizational readiness, grant strategy, developing budgets, building relationships with grant makers, ethics, reporting, and most of all, how to write a grant proposal step-by-step. By the end, you will have written an exemplary grant proposal with feedback and encouragement from your instructor and peers. Upon assessment of the final course project, you will receive a Certificate in Grant Writing from Lower Columbia College and 2.4 continuing education units that can be used towards your GPC or CFRE certification. Register at <https://www.campusce.net/lcc/>

**Free Informational Session (Mar 12; 5PM):** For those interested but not sure, a free informational session will be held by instructor, Allison Jones. The ZOOM link can be accessed through the LCC Facebook page closer to the registration date or by emailing [ehoff@lcc.ctc.edu](mailto:ehoff@lcc.ctc.edu).

**Free Grant Writing 101 (Class Feb 15, 9-11AM; Roundtable Mar 8, 9-10AM):** Sponsored by Lower Columbia College (LCC), Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG), and Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce, this free course will teach attendees grant writing research, best practices, how-to, and input skills. We will also include making requests to non-profit agencies such as Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. Register through Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce website closer to the dates.