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## **Congressman Kim's Guide to Grants – July 2021**

Hello and welcome to the Third Congressional District Guide to Grants July E-Newsletter. Although it is vacation time for many, I know your hard work and dedication to serve our community never ends. I want you to know that your efforts are truly appreciated.

I'm excited to report that through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which I proudly supported, there are currently grant funds available to help arts, history, and cultural organizations recover from their losses over this past year.

**To help provide you guidance in applying, I've arranged a Zoom meeting on Thursday August 12th, at 1:00 p.m., with a representative from the New Jersey Council of the Humanities to answer your individual questions and give you more details about this grant opportunity.**

If you would like to join this meeting, please RSVP to my Director of Grants Lynette Whiteman at [lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov](mailto:lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov) or (202)-430-1261. She will send you the Zoom link.

### **UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, DEADLINES AND RESOURCES:**

#### **American Rescue Plan Grants**

#### **ARP Grants through the National Endowment for The Humanities:**

##### **1. General Operating Support Grants (\$5,000-\$20,000)**

Any nonprofit institution based in New Jersey whose mission is in the public humanities. Organizations must have been granted their nonprofit status at least one

year ahead of application, per their designation letter, have an annual budget of at least \$50,000, and at least one full-time staff person (or one FTE).

## **2. Program Support Grants (\$2,000-\$20,000)**

Any nonprofit institution or agency or department of state or local government based in New Jersey that undertakes public humanities programs, whether or not the organization's primary mission is based in the humanities. These grants will allow organizations to continue existing or launch new public humanities work, to re-format humanities work for different modalities or new technologies, or to support organizational and staff capacity building for programs in the public humanities.

Applicants may apply for only ONE type of COVID-19 Response Grant: either General Operating Support or Program Support, not both. Organizations that are eligible for either type of grant should apply for GOS funding, as that funding is most flexible (can be used either for operating or program expenses).

For more detailed information about this grant, please [click here](#).

## **ARP Grants Through the National Endowment for The Arts (Arts Endowment):**

The Arts Endowment will competitively award ARP funds to eligible organizations nationwide. These funds are intended to help support jobs in the arts sector, keep the doors open to arts organizations nationwide, and assist the field in its response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Arts Endowment intends to make awards that will impact a broad constituency. We encourage applications from a variety of eligible organizations including: organizations that serve populations that are underserved, such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by ethnicity, economics, geography, or disability; organizations with small and medium-sized budgets; organizations from rural to urban communities; and organizations that may be applying for federal support through the Arts Endowment for the first time.

Rescue Plan funding is available through two separate competitive opportunities:

- [Grants to Organizations](#)
- [Grants to Local Arts Agencies for Subgranting](#)

Here is a link to more information about this funding: [click here](#)

Here is a link to a slide presentation with helpful information: [click here](#)

Here is a link to a Art Pride Foundation New Jersey Zoom Presentation done by ArtPride New Jersey Foundation with helpful guidance: [click here](#)

If you have follow up questions about this application or your eligibility, you can contact: Ann Marie Miller, Director of Advocacy & Public Policy, ArtPride New Jersey Foundation – (609)-313-4541

## **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)**

YHDP is an initiative designed to address systemic responses to youth homelessness and significantly reduce the number of youths experiencing homelessness. Through this [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO), HUD will award approximately \$145 million in up to 50 participating communities (eight of which will be rural). All communities are encouraged to consider applying.

### **Department of Justice – Office of Justice Grant Opportunities**

#### **FY 2021 Preventing School Violence: STOP School Violence Program Opportunity ID O-BJA-2021-47003**

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for funding under the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program.

The STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve K-12 school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence and ensure a positive school climate. Eligible applicants may submit one application that includes proposals for one or both of the following areas:

1. Train school personnel and educate students on preventing student violence against others and themselves to include anti-bullying training. This can also include specialized training for school officials to respond to mental health crises.
2. Develop and implement multidisciplinary threat assessment and/or intervention teams and/or operate technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, websites, or other school safety technology solutions for accurate identification of danger (without resort to discriminatory stereotypes or violating privacy). Threat assessment and/or intervention teams must coordinate with law enforcement agencies, behavioral health specialists, community stakeholders, and school personnel, and must include a memorandum of understanding.

[Click here](#) for details on STOP School Violence Program opportunity.

[Click here](#) for a list of all currently open OJP funding opportunities, with links to the full text of the solicitation where you can locate information on how to apply.



Congressman Kim visited Farmers Against Hunger in Southampton, NJ to learn about their mission on 7/14/21.

### **Helpful Tips for Grantseekers:**

#### **Important News for Tax Exempt Organizations on Electronic Filing Requirements:**

The Taxpayer First Act, enacted July 1, 2019, requires tax-exempt organizations to electronically file information returns and related forms. The requirement to file electronically generally became effective for tax years beginning after July 1, 2019. However, for small exempt organizations, the legislation specifically allowed a postponement ("transitional relief"). As a result:

- For tax years ending before July 31, 2021, the IRS will accept either paper or electronic filing of Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax.
- For tax years ending July 31, 2021, and later, Forms 990-EZ must be filed electronically.

IRS will be sending an educational letter (Letter 6194) to organizations that filed paper Forms 990-EZ previously.

#### **Free Online Training for Small to Mid-Sized Section 501(c)(3) Charities:**

The IRS provides free interactive online training to help officers, board members, and volunteers maintain their organization's tax-exempt status at [StayExempt.irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/stay-exempt).

The [Maintaining 501\(c\)\(3\) Tax-Exempt Status course](#) discusses what responsibilities organizations have and what activities can jeopardize an organization's 501(c)(3) status. The [Tax-Exempt Organization Workshop](#) provides additional information on the benefits, limitations and expectations of tax-exempt organizations.

### **Free Grants.gov Training Resources:**

Watch video tutorials and training videos on how to navigate Grants.gov and apply using Workspace. Subscribe to the [Grants.gov YouTube channel here](#). You can find more [Applicant Training](#) resources on [Grants.gov](#).

I hope you found the information in my July newsletter helpful and you can take advantage of these opportunities and resources. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to my office if we can be helpful to you in the following ways:

- Writing a Letter of Support to accompany your Federal Grant Requests
- Connecting you with a Federal Grant Congressional Liaison to answer questions that may not be covered in the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- For some Federal Grants, obtaining a review and feedback if your grant was denied so your next application is stronger
- Working with our Congressional Liaisons to do research to see if there is a Federal Grant that would fund your proposed project or grant

The Director of Grants for my office is Lynette Whiteman – Email: [lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov](mailto:lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov) Cell: (202)-430-1261.

And finally - don't forget to let Lynette know if you can attend the American Rescue Plan NEH Zoom meeting on August 12th!

Sincerely,



Andy Kim  
Member of Congress



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