



# Grantsline

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## Weinberg Foundation - Maryland Small Grants Program

The Weinberg Foundation has announced a new initiative – the Maryland Small Grants Program. The foundation plans to provide an expedited and simplified process for Maryland non-profits with a turnaround time of less than 50 days and a relatively simple 5 page application.

Eligible non-profits can apply for up to \$50,000 per year for 2 years for general operating or program support. To be eligible, non-profits must provide direct services to the **poor and/or vulnerable** populations. The grant request must fall under one of the foundation's general giving areas which include:

- **General Community Support**
- **Older Adults**
- **Disabilities**
- **Hunger**
- **Health**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Education**
- **Children**
- **Youth and Children**
- **Homelessness**
- **Addictions**

In addition, non-profits must have been operating for at least 3 years, and the grant request can not represent more than 25% of an agency's total annual operating budget. The application must also include the percentage of the non-profit budget used for administrative expenses.

### **Deadline: Rolling**

To review grant guidelines, go to:

<http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org/subPages/grantmaking/smallgrants.htm>

## Great Web Sites:

### GuideStar

<http://www.guidestar.org/>

### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

<http://www.cfda.gov>

### Grants.gov

<http://grants.gov/>

### A Proposal Writing Short Course

<http://fdncenter.org/learn/shortcourse/prop1.html>

### Don Griesmann's Grant Opportunities

<http://charitychannel.com/enewsletters/dggo/>

### Grassroots Fundraising Journal's e-newsletter

<http://www.grassrootsfundraising.org/>

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## USDA - Food Stamp Outreach

The USDA has posted its annual Food Stamp Outreach Grant opportunity. This year the application focuses on two populations which underutilize the Food Stamp Program – the **elderly and the Hispanic populations**. Programs funded under this opportunity must have a target population of at least 51% elderly, Hispanic or elderly Hispanic. Successful grantees will implement effective strategies designed to inform target populations about the benefits of the Food Stamp Program, eligibility rules and how to apply. Applicants may request up to \$75,000 to conduct outreach activities.

For more information and for examples of outreach activities go to:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/grants/2008/default.htm>

Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov. If you plan to apply and have not registered with Grants.gov, register as soon as possible. The registration process can take up to 2 weeks. For more information about Grants.gov and registration, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/>

**Deadline: February 19, 2008**

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## NFL - Youth Football Fund

Non-profit, neighborhood-based organizations as well as middle and high schools can access financial and technical assistance to improve the **quality, safety and accessibility of local football fields** through the NFL's Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program. Grants of up to \$200,000 are available for capital improvement projects including field upgrades or equipment like lighting or bleachers. Programs must:

- Be a community-based organization, middle school or high school serving a neighborhood consisting primarily of low- and moderate-income families and individuals
- Have at least one full-time staff person (all-volunteer organizations will not be considered);
- Be in existence for at least three years;
- Have a proven track record in real estate development and/or parks programming;
- 501(c)(3) tax exempt status/school status
- Be located in an NFL Target Market

For more information, go to:

<http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec3/youth/request/>

**Deadline: Fall 2008**

## Recent Grant Awards:

Carroll County  
Department of Citizen  
Services

Emergency Shelter Grant

Carroll County Sheriff's  
Office

Child Support Agreement

Town of Union Bridge

Walking Tour Brochure  
Grant

Carroll County Public  
Library - Finksburg

Solar Energy Grant

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## Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant

Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants will provide funding to schools and local non-profits to help implement or expand literacy programs for **new readers, below grade level readers and readers with learning disabilities.**

To be eligible, organizations must provide direct service to one of these groups of readers and instruction should be designed to accommodate different learning preferences.

Up to \$3,000 can be requested. For more information go to:

<http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/Youth%20Literacy%20Grant%20Application%20Feb%202008.pdf>

**Deadline: February 5, 2008**

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## Maryland Energy Administration - Solar Energy Grant Program

The Solar Energy Grant Program provides funding for a portion of the costs to install certain qualifying solar energy systems. The incentives are as follows:

- Solar water heating property: 20% of system costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$2,000
- Residential photovoltaic property: 20% of system costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$3,000
- Non residential photovoltaic property: 20% of system costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$5,000

The Maryland Energy Administration still has plenty of funds available for grants under the Solar Energy Grant Program. Applications continue to be accepted in 2007.

The web site also has a wealth of information including specifications for different solar products, grant applications and information on federal incentives. Go to:

<http://www.energy.state.md.us/programs/renewable/solargrant/>

**Deadlines: Rolling**

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## U. S. Department of Education - 2008 Grants Forecast

The U. S. Department of Education has released a preliminary list of grant programs that the agency expects to fund in 2008. Some programs have set budgets and projected the number of awards, while others are still to be determined. For planning purposes, all programs have set deadlines and designated a contact person. A list of selected opportunities follows:

Program	Application Deadline
Smaller Learning Communities	2/25/08
Advanced Placement Incentive Grants	6/24/08
Improving Literacy Through School Libraries	2/21/08
Safe and Drug Free Schools – School Based Student Drug Testing	3/21/08
Emergency Response Plans for School Safety	2/14/08
Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs	1/31/08
Carol M. White Physical Education Program	3/24/08
Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems	1/30/08
Partnerships in Character Education Project Program	3/31/08
Teaching American History Grant Program	4/7/08
Professional Development for Arts Educators	3/10/08
Preparation of Leadership Personnel	1/4/08

For more information, including available funds and phone numbers go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>

**Deadline: Varied**