



Grantsline

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RGK Foundation

The RGK Foundation funds projects throughout the country with grants ranging between \$10,000 and \$25,000. General operating and capital support generally not provided. Check the website for programs that are funded. Non-profits as well as government entities are eligible to apply. The foundation is interested in the following areas:

Education

- K-12
- Technology
- Literacy

Community

- Human Services
- Community Development
- Abuse Prevention
- Youth Development

Medicine/Health

- Health and Well-being of Children
- Access to Health Care

The first step in the application process is to submit an electronic letter of inquiry. The foundation will then request a full application if interested.

Deadline: Rolling

<http://rgkfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Training Resources for Non-Profits

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development offers **free training**. Topics range from non-profit management to grant writing to affordable housing. For more information, go to: <http://www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/Programs/Catalyst/Catalyst.aspx>

Carroll Community College also offers **on-line training** for non-profits. Classes generally run about \$100 and current offerings include [Intro to Non Profit Management](#), [Marketing your Non-Profit](#), [A to Z Grantwriting](#), [Get Grants](#), [Writing Effective Grant Proposals](#) and [Advanced Grant Proposal Writing](#).

For more information go to:

<http://www.ed2go.com/cgi-bin/oic3/newofferings.cgi?name=carrollcc&dept=GW>

Great Web Sites for Grant Writing Basics

American Association of Grants Professionals

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

Foundation Center

<http://foundationcenter.org/>

Grant Proposal Writing Tips

<http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>

Community Investment Tax Credits

Non-profits with 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply for Maryland State Tax credits to be used as incentives for **businesses that donate cash or real property to the non-profit organization**. The tax credits are in addition to any State or Federal deductions that the business can claim as a result of the contribution. Depending on the tax structure of an individual business, the net cost to the business could be as low as \$.27 on the dollar. Projects must be located in or serve residents of a Priority Funding Area and fall into one of the following categories:

- Education and Youth Services
- Housing and Community Development
- Job and Self Sufficiency Training
- Enhancing Neighborhoods and Business Districts
- Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
- Economic Development
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- Services for At-Risk Populations

Organizations interested in applying must attend training before submitting an application. In addition, the state will conduct training for all awardees on effective ways to market tax credits to businesses.

Deadline: TBA – Workshops – Summer 2008
Application – September 2008

For more information go to:

<http://www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/Programs/CITC/CITC.asp>

Chevy Chase Bank Corporate Giving Program

As the largest financial institution founded, owned, and headquartered in the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area, Chevy Chase Bank supports non-profits in the communities it serves through financial donations. The program will support non-profits involved in:

Arts and culture
Education
Health
Financial literacy

The program will also consider requests outside those areas on a case-by-case basis. Funds can be used to support general operating expenses.

For more information about their corporate giving program go to:

http://www.chevychasebank.com/htm/cra_brochure.pdf

or contact the local branch manager.

Deadline: Rolling

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Maryland Bond Bills

The Maryland General Assembly supports local and other non-state owned **capital projects** through the funding of individual bond bills. Capital projects can include, but are not limited to, health facilities, historic preservation projects, museums, and sports and recreational facilities. Projects must have a useful life of at least 15 years.

Projects are evaluated according to a variety of criteria including:

- **Alternative funding explored** - application should detail all other sources of funding that the organization has sought for the project
- **Delegation support** - the priorities of the local delegation will be considered
- **Matching funds** - projects that offer at least a one-to-one match are preferred
- **Readiness to proceed** - organizations that show a history of successful fundraising or who have the balance of funding in place will be given preference
- **Broad-based public usage** - projects should serve a wide spectrum of the community or the State. Projects with an important public purpose are preferred.

In order to apply, organizations seeking funding must contact a senator and a delegate as bond bills must be introduced in both the House and the Senate. The process is competitive, so support by the Carroll County delegation is crucial. Forms and required information can be found on the referenced web site.

Deadlines:

Summer/Fall – Secure delegation support

Mid November -Pre-filing deadline

Mid-January - Filing deadline.

For more information

<http://mlis.state.md.us/bondbillsub.htm>

Lego Children's Fund

The Lego Children's Fund supports non-profits and educational organizations dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity and problem solving. Programs should serve youth birth to 14 and priority will be given to disadvantaged and at risk populations. Grants range between \$500 and \$5,000 in the following areas of interest:

- **Early childhood education**
- **Technology and communication projects**
- **Sport and athletic programs**

Deadline: Rolling

For more information go to:

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/mission.html>

Saucony Run For Good Foundation

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation provides support to non-profits across the country that operate **children's running and fitness programs**. Eligible applicants must operate programs for children 18 years of age or less and must demonstrate that their program positively impacts the lives of children by increasing participation in running.

The foundation offers two rounds of funding each year and awards grants of up to \$10,000.

Deadline: June 13, 2008

For more information go to:

<http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com>

ASCAP Foundation

The ASCAP Foundation is dedicated to supporting American musicians and encourages their development through music education and talent development programs. To fulfill this mission, the foundation offers grants to non-profit organizations engaged in **educational programs for aspiring songwriters and composers**.

The average grant award from the foundation is between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Grant funds must be used for programs and can not be used to support general operating expenses, administrative expenses or capital campaigns.

Full grant applications are by invitation only. To be considered, submit a letter of inquiry by August 1, 2008. Full proposals will be due October 1, 2008.

For complete application guidelines and examples of previously funded programs go to:

<http://www.ascapfoundation.org/index.html>

Deadline: August 1, 2008 – Letter of Inquiry

October 1, 2008 – Full Proposal (If Invited)