



# Grantsline

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## Sprint Foundation

The Sprint Foundation accepts grant requests from January through November each year. Regional and local grants focus on K-12 education including character education, safety in schools and diversity, youth development, and arts & culture. Recipient organizations must be tax exempt and tax deductible, have auditable financial results and comply with all necessary laws regarding registration and reporting. Generally grants are provided for specific program support not for operating expenses or events.

**Deadline: November 30, 2008**

For more information and links to the full application:

<http://www.sprint.com/citizenship/commitment.html?id8=vanity:community>

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## Singing for Change Charitable Foundation

The Singing For Change Foundation supports non-profit organizations in three purpose areas:

**Children and Families** – programs that focus on health, education and protection of children and programs that foster self-esteem and self sufficiency

**Environment** – programs that promote environmental awareness and teach protection and responsible use of natural resources

**Disenfranchised Groups** – Programs that help groups like homeless and disabled to overcome social and educational barriers and move towards self-sufficiency

Grants range between \$500 and \$10,000; non-profits or groups with non-profit sponsors are eligible to apply. The foundation does not typically fund religious organizations or basic needs programs like soup kitchens or clothing programs. For more information go to:

<http://www.margaritaville.com/index.php?page=sfc>

## Great Web Sites

### Tracking Accountability in Government Grants

<http://taggs.hhs.gov/>

### Federal Program Performance

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/expectmore/>

### Track Federal Spending

<http://federalspending.org/>

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## United Way of Central Maryland

The United Way of Central Maryland has posted tentative dates for their upcoming RFP. To be eligible, non-profits must demonstrate that their programs and services align with one of the four impact areas targeted by the United Way of Central Maryland.

The four impact areas are:

- Basic Needs
- Family Safety
- School Readiness
- Youth Achieving Potential

The RFP process will fund multi-year efforts that have the potential to result in long-term community impact.

### Tentative Deadlines:

**RFP Released: October 15, 2008**  
**Bidder's Conference: Late October 2008**  
**RFP Due Date: December 17, 2008**

For more information go to:

<http://www.uwcm.org/uwcm/agency-funding.html>

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## Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

The Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation is currently accepting applications for its **Artists & Communities** grant program. This program offers support to partnerships between visiting artists and non-profit organizations engaged in community-based creative projects.

The program supports residencies by visiting artists from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania at non-profit organizations located in the region served by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. Artists covered by the grant include choreographers, composers, poets, writers, filmmakers, media and visual artists of all kinds. The grant may only be used to pay a stipend to the artist, or for long distance travel, supplies and materials, or documentation of the event. A 1:1 match is required, and grants generally range between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

**Deadline: December 1, 2008**

For more information go to:

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

## Recent Grant Applications and Awards

Carroll County Sheriff-  
Anti-Gang Initiative - U.S. Department of Justice

Department of Citizen Services, Human Services Programs and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Continuum of Care Homeless Grant - U. S. Housing and Urban Development

Carroll County Sheriff, State's Attorney and Circuit Court  
Child Support Agreements

Department of Citizen Services  
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Carroll County Sheriff  
Violence Against Women Act Grant Award

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## Economic Downturns: Impact on Giving

Conventional wisdom suggests that recessions and economic downturns cause an overall decline in charitable giving; however, a recent report by Giving USA Foundation found otherwise. The report looked at annual charitable giving since 1969 in real dollar terms. During that period, total giving rose every year in the United States with the exception of 1987. In 1987, a new tax law went into effect and early giving was encouraged to maximize the value of tax deductions. So while growth in giving may slow in periods of economic uncertainty, historically it has increased each year. With that in mind, don't let the current economic uncertainty discourage your fundraising pursuits.

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## William Randolph Hearst Foundation

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation works with well-established, comprehensive, direct service organizations that enable children, youth and families to lead productive and independent lives. The foundation has provided funding for projects in the following areas:

- Family Support Services
- Domestic Violence
- Child Abuse Prevention
- After School Programs
- Youth Development
- Literacy
- Homelessness and Housing
- Job Training
- Economic Development

Preference will be given to programs that have a broad community-wide constituency. Both program support and capital support can be requested. Private non-profits with significant support from the philanthropic community are favored over non-profits that depend heavily on government funding. Several organizations have received funding from the foundation in Maryland over the past several years with grant awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

The foundation has a specific format for proposal. Each submission should consist of a brief cover letter, a one page executive summary and a five page proposal. The website includes specific proposal guidelines.

### **Deadline: Rolling**

For more information, including a list of frequently asked questions and proposal guidelines go to:

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

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## Maryland State Arts Council

The Maryland State Arts Council offers a number of grant programs to support creative projects involving the arts.

**Artvantage Grants** – With support from the National Endowment for the Arts, this program is seeking projects that help organizations or artists expand their audience, extend the arts to underserved populations or use the arts to strengthen their community.

**Arts in Communities** – Small grants are offered quarterly to non-profits that produce or present the arts. Awards range from \$300 to \$1,000.

**Grants for Organizations** – Annual grants program for non-profits or units of government that present children's events, dance, folk and traditional arts, literature, media, multi-discipline, music, theater, or visual arts. Grant amounts vary depending on the size of the organization but are for more than \$1,000.

**Technology Enhancement Grants** – Grants are awarded every other year and are scheduled to be offered again in 2009 – applications should be posted in the fall of 2008.

The Maryland Arts Council also holds regular workshops to help organizations apply for any of the agency's many funding opportunities. The workshops are free and the next series is scheduled for early October.

For more information, including a schedule of workshops, go to:

<http://msac.org/grants.cfm?sec=Grants&id=61>

**Deadline: Varied**

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## U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Grant Forecast

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services has posted their annual forecast of grant announcements for the upcoming year. Over 80 opportunities are listed in the categories of Health and Income Security/Social Services. Specific initiatives include grants for mental health services, aging services, drug and mental health courts, suicide prevention and youth services.

While some of the opportunities are reserved for State Governments, the state generally passes those funds to the local jurisdictions or non-profits for implementation. Contact your state agency now and ask if they are planning to apply and ask if your agency can be involved in the planning process.

<https://extranet.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/index.cfm?switch=public.category>

