



# Grantsline

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## Bank of America Foundation

With locations throughout Carroll County, Bank of America will support non-profits in the community through their foundation. The foundation supports several initiatives including:

**Education:** financial literacy; early childhood development; mentoring and teacher development

**Community Revitalization:** affordable housing; neighborhood revitalization; small business and workforce development

**Health and Human Services:** affordable child care, affordable health care, family support services

The foundation augments cash donations with contributions of surplus equipment. In addition, the company encourages employees to serve on boards of nonprofit organizations and contribute hours to non-profit ventures in the community. For more information go to:

[http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=contact\\_us](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=contact_us)

**Deadline: Rolling**

## GE Healthcare Foundation

GE Healthcare accepts applications from non-profit organizations that focus on **youth education or promote healthy lives**. Organizations may request between \$1,000 and \$50,000 but may only make one request per year. Funding impact areas include:

### Youth Education Program Areas – Birth to 18

- Underserved populations
- Core competencies (math, science, reading and writing)
- Arts in education
- Early childhood

### Healthy Lives

- Women's Healthcare
- Community Awareness and Outreach

### Diversity and Service Programs

- Local community issues

For more information go to:

<http://www.gehealthcare.com/usen/about/commitment.html>

**Deadlines: Rolling**

## Great Web Sites:

### What Grantmakers Want Applicants to Know

<http://www.guidestar.org/news/features/grantadvice.jsp>

### What do Winning Proposals Have in Common?

<http://content.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4173>

### Samples of Successful Proposals

<http://www.k12grants.org/samples/>

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## Allen Foundation

The Allen Foundation supports non-profit programs that have an impact on **nutrition**. The foundation's impact areas include:

- Nutritional research.
- Nutritional education and training of mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children
- Training of persons to work as educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices
- Dissemination of information regarding healthful nutritional practices and habits
- Immediate emergency hunger and malnutrition problems.

Grants in 2008 ranged between \$5,000 and \$75,000. Requests for support of education or research projects are given priority over requests for emergency hunger assistance.

For more information:

<https://www.allenfoundation.org/default.asp>

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## Should We Apply For This Grant?

When the next grant opportunity hits your desk - ask yourself the following questions before you start writing:

1. Is your organization eligible to apply?
2. When is the deadline? Given your resources can you realistically make the deadline?
3. Does the amount of available funding match your needs?
4. Do the objectives of the grant program match your program's objectives?
5. How many awards will there be and what are your chances of being funded?
6. Is there a good match between your organization's mission and the mission of the funding agency?
7. Do you have any conflicts with the values or mission of the funding organization?
8. What outcomes will the grant measure and do you have the means to measure your results?
9. Can you meet the technical requirements once you are funded?

By carefully evaluating a grant opportunity, your limited resources can be directed more productively.

## Recent Grant Applications and Awards:

### CATS

New Freedom Transportation Application

Carroll County Department of Citizen Service

Family Unification Voucher Program

Circuit Court - Adult Drug Court

Drug Court Discretionary Grant

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## Build-a-Bear Foundation

Build-a-Bear Workshops give grants to non-profits in support of programs with measurable outcomes. The foundation supports three program areas:

- **Children's Health and Wellness**
  - Organizations that promote childhood safety
  - Charities that serve children with special needs
- **Domestic Pets**
  - Pet rescue and rehab
  - Animal welfare
  - Therapeutic education
- **Literacy and Education**
  - Summer reading programs
  - Early childhood programs
  - Literacy programs
  - Children with special needs

Over 100 local organizations throughout the United States received awards in 2007. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 with the average award about \$2,500. For more information go to:

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/default.aspx>

**Deadlines: Vary by program**

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## Network for Good

The Network for Good website is a powerful tool and resource center for non-profits, as well as donors and volunteers.

For donors and volunteers, the site offers profiles and financial data for non-profits so that they can evaluate for themselves whether to donate to or volunteer for an organization. The site includes an organization's mission, programs, goals, financial data, balance sheet, contacts and board of directors. To be certain a potential donor is receiving the most accurate and current information, non-profits should check their profile periodically and update the information. To view your organization's profile go to:

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

The website also offers a wealth of resources for non-profit organizations including training on topics such as: fundraising, marketing, email newsletters, website design, social networking sites, donor databases and donor management.

<http://www.networkforgood.org/npo/>

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## WHO Foundation

The Women Helping Others (WHO) Foundation supports grassroots organizations across the United States who serve the **unmet needs of women and children**. The foundation grants three types of programs:

- Encouraging women everywhere to help others through local community service.
- Supporting organizations dedicated to women, children and families in need.
- Supporting organizations dedicated to education and literacy

To be eligible, organizations must have been a 501(c)(3) for at least 3 years. In addition, preference will be given to organizations with an operating budget under \$3,000,000, those organizations not dependent on government organizations for support and for those organizations with great organizational cost as compared to personnel costs.

The foundation does not fund salaries but will fund other operating expenses. The maximum request per organization is \$5,000. For more information go to:

<http://www.whofoundation.org/WhoWeAre/index.asp>

**Deadlines: TBD**

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## William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation

The O'Neill Foundation grants funds in communities throughout the United States including the Baltimore area. The foundation focuses its efforts on organizations that strengthen the family, and it is currently accepting applications for projects that **increase an organization's capacity to provide services**. Examples of capacity building activities include:

- Create and implement strategic plans
- Governance and board development
- Leadership succession planning
- Planning and implementing technology systems
- Fund development
- Communications and marketing strategies.

General operating expenses and capital campaigns will not be supported. The first step in securing a grant is to request an "Eligibility Determination" form from the foundation. If determined eligible, the organization will be invited to submit a letter of intent. For more information:

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