



# Grantsline

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## The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

The impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (or Stimulus) is being felt throughout the grant community. While the full \$797 billion in new spending will be spread over 10 years, the intention of many programs is to have the funds obligated by the end of this federal fiscal year or September 30, 2009. In order to move the funds quickly through the pipeline, much of the funding will go directly to State and local governments through existing grant programs and formula allocations. These agencies may or may not choose to re-grant their allocations. That said there are still going to be multiple competitive opportunities for non-profits to apply directly to the federal government for funding.

In order to be sure your agency doesn't miss any funding opportunities in this fast paced environment, take the following steps:

- Visit the Federal site at <http://www.recovery.gov/> to see a broad overview of program funding
- Sign up for Grants.gov to be notified of new opportunities and watch for those that may fit your agency's needs. Turn-around time will be fast. All the work you have done on your grant resource files will help you apply promptly.
- If you are applying directly for a federal grant and have never done so before, look closely at application requirements early in the process. If you wait too long you may not have enough time to meet all the requirements prior to the deadline.
- Since most funding will land with state agencies and/or local government, stay in contact or make new contacts with the decision makers at those levels and check their websites frequently.
- Visit the Maryland site to find an overview of funding coming into the state as well as contact information for each state agency <http://statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp>
- If your agency is a recipient of ARRA funds, carefully review the reporting and other requirements designed to ensure a transparent distribution of funding.

## Great Web Sites:

### A Basic Guide to Program Evaluation

<http://www.tgci.com/magazine/03fall/guide1.asp>

### How To Write a Letter of Inquiry

<http://grantproposal.com/inquiry.html>

### Find and apply for all Federal grant programs

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

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## The Allstate Foundation

Allstate Foundation supports national and local organizations within the following focus areas:

### Safe and Vital Communities

- Catastrophe response
- Youth anti-violence
- Neighborhood revitalization
- Teen safe driving

### Economic Empowerment

- Financial and economic literacy
- Insurance education
- Empowerment for victims of domestic violence

### Tolerance, Inclusion and Diversity

- Teaching tolerance to youth
- Ending hate crimes
- Alleviating discrimination

Only 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply.

### For more information go to:

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx>

**Deadline: 2009 Deadlines TBD**

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## Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation

The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation believes that education is key to success among young people in America. To help support our country's youth as they strive for success, the foundation funds programs that improve the **health and physical well-being of youth and that introduce youth to cultural events and activities**. The foundation only funds 501(c)(3) organizations with grants up to \$25,000.

See the website for more information:

<http://www.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/corporate/foundation/aboutthefoundation.html/>

Applications should be mailed to:

The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation, Inc.  
601 West 26th Street  
6th Floor  
New York, NY 10001

## Recent Grant Applications and Awards:

Carroll County  
Department of Citizen  
Services

Emergency and  
Transitional Housing and  
Services Program/  
Homeless Prevention  
Program (ETHS/HPP)  
FY2010-2012

Carroll County Farm  
Museum

Maryland Historical Trust  
- Museum Enhancement  
Grant

Carroll County Circuit  
Court

Adult Drug Court  
Treatment Grant

Carroll County Equestrian  
Center

American Academy of  
Dermatology Shade  
Structure Grant

Carroll County  
Department of Planning

Chesapeake Bay Trust  
Mini Grant

**Deadline: October 1, 2009**

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## Mockingbird Foundation

The Mockingbird Foundation funds non-profits and schools that offer **music education programs** with an emphasis on youth 18 years and younger. Projects can encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form including composition, instrumentation, vocalization or improvisation.

The foundation favors organizations with low overhead, innovative approaches or collaborative elements. The foundation is also interested in programs that reach disadvantaged groups including those with disabilities, and those in foster homes, shelters, hospitals or prisons.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded on a one-time basis. A letter of inquiry must be submitted first and if interested, the foundation will request a full proposal. Letters of inquiry are only accepted during one of the foundation's two annual funding rounds.

**Deadlines: August 1, 2009 (Letters of Inquiry)**

For more information go to:

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

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## Charles and Mary Grant Foundation

The Grant Foundation supports non profits with 501(c)(3) status in the southeastern United States including Maryland. The foundation will provide funds for general operating support, program development and seed money. The average grant ranges between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

The foundation's areas of interest include:

- **Adult Education**
- **Youth Services**
- **Community Development**
- **Health Care**
- **Housing and Shelter**
- **Human Services**

For more information including application guidelines go to:

<http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/grant/>

**Deadline: April 30, 2009**

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## The William G. Baker Jr. Memorial Fund

The William G. Baker Jr. Memorial Fund gives primarily in to non-profit cultural organizations in the Greater Baltimore Area. Requests are considered by the board on a quarterly basis with an average award of \$10,000.

Funding focuses on the following areas:

- Cultural and Artistic Programs
- Capacity Building Grants
- Programs that commission original work by area artists
- Programs that award local artists

For more information go to:

<http://www.bcf.org/ourgrants/ourgrantsdetail.aspx?grid=1>

**Deadlines: 7/10/09 and 10/9/09**

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## MetLife Foundation

MetLife supports the following broad categories of concern:

- **Health,**
- **Civic Affairs**
- **Education**
- **Culture**

When an organization submits a request for either general or project support, both the organization and the proposal are evaluated.

Among the factors considered are the organization's general structure; objectives; history and management capability; its relationship to the community and the population to be served; its position relative to organizations performing similar functions; and its financial position and sources of income.

In the evaluation of a project, the factors considered include the project's goals and implementation plans; timeline; staff capacity; benefits of the project; and sources of financial and other support.

For more information, including a list of past grantees go to:

<http://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation>

**Deadline: Rolling**