



# Grantsline

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## Ruddle Memorial Youth Foundation

The Ruddle Memorial Youth Foundation is committed to identifying innovative and effective programs that help underprivileged youth reach their full potential. Programs should serve **youth (birth to 25 years of age) with innovative, life-changing programs** in Greater Metropolitan Areas of Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Madison, Milwaukee, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, DC.

First time applicants are only eligible to apply for evaluation grants. Grant recipients are expected to assess the effectiveness of their youth programs, and then are expected to use the evaluation results to improve the effectiveness of the program.

Evaluation grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000, and only fund a very specific type of evaluation. To qualify, a program evaluation must include the following components:

- Outcome based
- Logic model based
- Quantifiable
- Valid
- Utilization focused
- Professional
- Experimental design (if possible)

If an applicant is awarded an evaluation grant, they are then eligible to apply for a replication grant which can be used to increase the number of youth served by a program and/or a dissemination grant which can be used to get the word out about a new best practice through articles, web sites or conference.

The key to receiving a grant from the Ruddle Foundation is to have a truly innovative program. To learn more about how the foundation defines an innovative program, go to the website at:

<http://www.rmyf.org/index.cfm>

**Deadlines: July 31, 2009**

## Great Web Sites:

### Links to Maryland State Agency Grants

<http://www.gov.state.md.us/grants/state.html>

### Maryland Grants Office Training Resources

[http://www.gov.state.md.us/grants/grants\\_made\\_easy.html](http://www.gov.state.md.us/grants/grants_made_easy.html)

### Youth Outcomes Measurement – Directory of Tools

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

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## Tom's of Maine

Tom's of Maine has kicked off a new initiative "50 States for Good". This initiative will award \$20,000 to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations from across the country. Finalists will be selected based on three criteria:

- **Achievability** – Can the project be completed and measured within 6 months?
- **Positive Impact** – How will the program make a positive impact in the community?
- **Community Involvement** – How does the project engage and involve members of the general community in which the organization operates?

Finalist organizations will then be posted on the Tom's of Maine website and the public will be invited to vote for their favorite projects. Awards will be announced in November 2009.

**Deadline: August 30, 2009**

The application is very simple and concise. For more information, go to:

<http://www.tomsomaine.com/community-involvement/project-sponsorships.aspx>

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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 usually not provided. Check the website for examples of 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
- Teacher Development
- 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/public/guidelines>

## Recent Grant Applications and Awards:

Carroll County  
Department of Citizen  
Services

American Recovery and  
Reinvestment Act -  
Weatherization

Carroll County  
Department of Planning

American Recovery and  
Reinvestment Act -  
Energy Efficiency and  
Conservation Block Grant

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## Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation

The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation funds non-profits that make a positive difference in people's lives. While they have a special interest in programs that assist **orphaned children and troubled youth**, they will consider grants in other areas.

When applying, keep in mind that the foundation is interested in addressing immediate and critical needs. The foundation is more interested in having a big impact on the critical needs of a few individuals vs. impacting many individuals with minor needs. They also want their funding to have a major impact on a program; for example, they don't want to give \$50,000 to a \$5,000,000 program. The project should help people directly – thus no funds for capital projects.

**Deadline: Rolling**

For more information go to:

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

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## Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation will once again accept Letters of Inquiry starting on August 1, 2009. The foundation had taken a brief hiatus in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the foundation's previous grant making, as well as assess the impact of the volatile economy.

In the last fiscal year, Weinberg distributed \$106.4 million to 609 non-profits in Maryland, Hawaii, Northeastern Pennsylvania and New York. The foundation's priorities include:

- **Disabilities** – persons with physical, sensory and cognitive impairments or traumatic brain injuries, and medically fragile children
- **Health** – free health clinics
- **Substance Abuse/Mental Health** – substance abuse treatment will only be funded with a strong, innovative and evidence-based component to address the co-occurring disorders of mental health and addictions.
- **Older Adults** – projects that combine health care and supportive services for older adults living in community based settings.
- **Maryland** - operating support for Maryland non-profits

For more information:

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

**Deadline: Rolling**

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## Data Resources

Having current, local data is important to establishing a compelling need statement in a grant proposal. Some **great data resources** for local data include the following:

1. [Carroll County Profile](#) - Published annually by the Carroll County Department of Planning, this resource contains up-to-date information on population, housing, the economy and includes maps and town demographics. The link is:

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/compplan/demographics/profile/default.asp>

2. [Monthly Population Estimates](#) Carroll County's latest population and household estimates are projected monthly at:

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/compplan/demographics/popbyed.pdf>

3. [The Carroll County Department of Economic Development](#) data center publishes a number of fact sheets including up-to-date wage and job data. For example, the site includes a comparison of wages in Carroll to those in Maryland and average weekly wages for different occupations.

<http://www.carrollbiz.org/datacenter/index.php>

4. [Carroll County Commuting Patterns](#) This 2000 census info shows that Carroll has higher commuting rates than several surrounding jurisdictions.

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/msdc/commutation/summary/table5.pdf>

5. [U. S. Census Data](#) Use this site to access both the 1990 and 2000 census data to look for trends on indicators like education and poverty.

[http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?\\_program=DEC&\\_tabId=DEC1&\\_submenuId=datasets\\_1&\\_lang=en&\\_ts=219671872497](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=DEC&_tabId=DEC1&_submenuId=datasets_1&_lang=en&_ts=219671872497)

6. [Out of Reach 2009](#) is published by the Low Income Housing Coalition and provides wage and rent data on every county in the country.

<http://www.nlihc.org/oor/oor2009/>