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Congressman Kim's Guide to Grants – November 2023

Welcome to the 3rd Congressional District's November Guide to Grants! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. The holiday always reminds us how grateful we are to serve New Jersey and for the work you do for our communities every day. We are excited to head into December and finish out 2023 with more support for all the wonderful services you provide to our community.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED



At the New Jersey Vietnam Memorial Museum earlier this month, Congressman Kim held his annual veterans town hall, his 69th since entering Congress, to honor those who served our nation, listen to local veterans' share their experience serving, and what lessons they want to share with future generations.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR UPCOMING WEBINARS!

PROTECTING YOUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS - CYBERSECURITY WEBINAR

Congressman Kim, along with Representatives Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) and Frank Pallone (NJ-06), are bringing cybersecurity experts together for a webinar to learn demonstrate how to protect your computer hardware, software and data from unauthorized access and cyber-attacks. Their guidance will be geared specifically to nonprofit agencies, houses of worship, and small businesses. There will be time for questions at the end.

Topics will include:

- How to prevent cyberattacks and protect your computer systems including the data you collect, online donations/payments
- How to fix vulnerabilities and detect threats
- How to respond to breaches faster
- Free resources and computer check-ups offered by the Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA)

Date: Wednesday, December 6th

Time: 1PM – 2PM

To Register Click [HERE](#) (you must pre-register to attend)

Share any questions you want answered ahead of time by emailing lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov



CYBERSECURITY WEBINAR

INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY, CYBER SAFETY BEST PRACTICES AND RESOURCES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 1PM - 2 PM



REP. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
12TH DISTRICT



REP. FRANK PALLONE
6TH DISTRICT



REP. ANDY KIM
3RD DISTRICT

HEAR FROM EXPERTS ABOUT
HOW YOU CAN PROTECT
YOUR DATA, CREATE SAFE
PAYMENT SITES, AND AVOID
CYBERATTACKS

Featuring representatives from:



National Telecommunications
& Information Administration



NJ Board of Public Utilities



Cybersecurity & Infrastructure
Security Agency



Department of Commerce

All participants must register in advance using this link or QR code:
https://ushr.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_II4WUnHETCOGcWaKj-7XnA



SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NONPROFITS – EXPAND YOUR AUDIENCE AND IMPACT

Social media is a powerful tool to reach potential donors, volunteers, and clients, but how do stand out? Congressman Kim’s office is hosting a webinar featuring Anyssa Holder, Chief Advancement Officer for Easterseals New Jersey and the executive lead over advocacy, marketing, internal communications, customer support, and fundraising.

Topics will include:

- How do you decide what platform is right for who you want to reach – Facebook, Twitter (X), Instagram?
- What messages and pictures get the most response and engagement?

- How do you convert “likes” into nonprofit supporters or volunteers?
- How do you measure success – is the time you put into social media worth it for your nonprofit?

Date: January 17th, 2024

Time: 1PM- 2PM

To Register Click [HERE](#) – you must pre-register to attend)

Have a question you’d like answered or a sample social media post you’d like feedback on? Email lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov

WRITING A GRANT? DON'T FORGET TO REQUEST A LETTER OF SUPPORT!

Are you working or planning on submitting a grant? Our office may be able to submit a Letter of Support on your behalf! These letters are accepted for most federal grants and some New Jersey State Grants or alternate funding sources that derive a portion of their funding from the federal government.

If you’re not sure if you are eligible for a letter of support – reach out to us, we’d be happy to work with you to check.

To request a letter, you can [email lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov](mailto:email_lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov) or [request a letter of support online](#).

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, DEADLINES, AND RESOURCES

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Request for Applications (RFA) Webinar for Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Request for Applications (RFA) webinar for the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model at 2:00 PM ET on Thursday, November 30. Interested participants are encouraged to attend the webinar to learn more about the GUIDE Model, the Request for Applications, and the application process.

GUIDE Request for Applications (RFA) Webinar: Thursday, November 30, 2:00-3:00pm ET

Register to attend here: https://deloitte.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPUAToA0QeK5Yj9qkPFQ1A

The GUIDE Model will test an alternative payment methodology for participating dementia care programs to deliver a package of care management and coordination, caregiver education and support, and GUIDE Respite Services to Medicare beneficiaries with dementia and their caregivers. The model will launch July 1, 2024, and will run for eight years.

Eligibility requirements and additional model details can be found in the [Request for Applications \(RFA\) \(PDF\)](#). Interested applicants should [submit their application via web portal](#) by **Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST**.

Additional resources for interested applicants include:

- [GUIDE Model Dementia Pathways Infographic \(PDF\)](#)
- [GUIDE Model Overview Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#)
- [GUIDE Model Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Greenlights Grants Initiative – School Safety Grants

The Greenlights Grant Initiative is composed of bipartisan lawmakers who were key to the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. They are committed to making America's schools safer and ensuring the wellbeing of the nation's youth.

Included in this initiative is highlighting school safety grants which are designed to bolster school security, improve wellness and mental health services in schools, and create a healthier learning environment. The Greenlights Grant Initiative focuses on the grants included in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

Click [HERE](#) for a listing of grants will be opening in 2024. You are encouraged to read through these grants so you can start preparing the materials necessary:

- SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Department of Justice
- Department of Education

US Department of Energy (DOE) - Renew America's Nonprofits

The Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in the next phase of the [Renew America's Nonprofits](#) grant, a competitive award that aims to reduce energy use and costs in buildings owned and operated by 501(c)(3)s.

\$45 million will be awarded to improve energy efficiency in approximately 300 nonprofit buildings across

America.

What interested nonprofits can do now:

DOE encourages all applicants to stay active in the pursuit of energy improvements and hopes nonprofits will [sign up for](#) and [utilize the Teaming List](#) to explore partnerships with stakeholders who could advance their efficiency and clean energy goals. DOE encourages nonprofits to explore other resources on the Renew America's Nonprofits Program [website](#).

US Department of Energy provides a variety of resources and guidance for K-12 schools

- [Renew America's Schools](#): Provides funding and technical assistance to help K-12 schools across the country implement energy-efficient upgrades and improvements to reduce energy consumption.
- [Efficient and Healthy Schools](#): Provides building-focused resources such as one-on-one coaching with subject matter experts, annual recognition opportunities, and peer-to-peer discussions on practical solutions that improve energy performance, reduce carbon emissions, and promote a healthy learning environment in your school.
- [Better Buildings Challenge](#): Partner with DOE's network of technical and industry experts to develop innovative cost-effective energy solutions and get recognized for your leadership and innovation.

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) - ArtsHERE

ArtsHERE supports organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to equity within their practices and programming and have undertaken consistent engagement with underserved groups/communities.

Grants are for specific projects that will strengthen the organization's capacity to sustain meaningful community engagement and increase arts participation for underserved groups/communities. Grantees have access to peer-learning and technical assistance opportunities designed to share knowledge and build networks.

The deadline to submit a Statement of Interest is 11:59 p.m. ET on January 19, 2024.

For more information and to submit a Statement of Interest, visit ARTsHERE.org

ArtsHERE Informational Webinar

Nov 30, 2023

02:00 pm ~ 03:00 pm ET

To register for this webinar click [HERE](#)

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) FY2024 Winter Webinar Series

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) invites interested organizations to attend upcoming webinars regarding the [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\)](#). The NSGP is a competitive grant awarded to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack for the purposes of facility hardening and other security enhancements.

Please note that depending on the timing of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations bill, final FY 2024 information on the NSGP may not be available at the time of the webinars.

Upcoming Webinars:

Friday, December 8

3:00 PM

[Registration link](#)

Tuesday, December 19

2:00 PM

[Registration link](#)

Wednesday, December 20

3:00 PM

[Registration link](#)

FY 2023 AFG Programs Status Update

The FY 2023 AFG application period is expected to open January 2024. More information will be forthcoming as definitive dates are set. In the meantime, there are several things that can be done to start

preparing for the next funding opportunity.

Below is a list of things that you can do **now** to start preparing for the upcoming FY 2023 AFG Application Period.

- Verify your organization's [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account is **Active**.
- Ensure grant writing staff have accounts and appropriate permissions in [FEMA GOV](https://fema.gov).
- Conduct a **Risk Assessment** to determine your greatest needs. Compare your needs to the priorities of the program once the FY23 funding notice is released to identify what you should request.
- **Poll** vendors to start determining the costs of items you plan to request.
- If requesting a **vehicle**, establish your committee and develop specifications.
- Use the [Application Checklist](#) to gather information needed to complete the application.
- Use the **Self-Evaluation Sheets** to start drafting the four scored sections of the application narrative. These documents provide the exact criteria that panelists will be looking for in your narrative at panel review. There is one for [Operations and Safety](#) and another for [Vehicle](#) applications.
- Use the [Narrative Development Guide](#) to help identify ways that you can address the criteria outlined in the Self-Evaluation Sheets.
- **Write** your narrative now. It is easily pasted into the application once the application period opens. This will allow ample time for others to review what you've written and provide feedback.
- **Contact** your [Regional Fire Program Representative](#) with any questions.

AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities for Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Projects

AmeriCorps Seniors invites organizations to submit applications for the FY 2024 Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs. These funding opportunities specifically help AmeriCorps Seniors focus Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent projects on issues that are critical to communities and help expand the programs to more geographies.

Programs that include the following programmatic characteristics will receive priority consideration. **Please read the Notices of Funding for a complete list of funding priorities.**

Senior Companion Program

Under this program, programming must engage adults 55 and older to serve as volunteers who help other older adults and those with disabilities live independently. Activities may include providing support and/or facilitating access to services and resources that contribute to independent living, including:

- Projects that propose to raise public awareness about the challenges and needs of family caregivers.
- Projects serving people with arrest/conviction records, providing reentry opportunities.
- Programs that support civic bridge building projects.

Foster Grandparent Program

Under this program, grants must provide and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, especially children and youth, and

those with special and/or exceptional needs. Activities may include facilitating access to services and resources that contribute to school readiness, improve academic performance, and/or provide support that improves academic engagement, including those that:

- Prepare AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers to enter early learning careers.
- Serve people with arrest/conviction records, providing reentry opportunities.
- Include efforts to help local communities continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Support civic bridgebuilding projects.

Full details about AmeriCorps Seniors program funding and available training sessions can be found on the [2024 Senior Companion Program webpage](#) and the [2024 Foster Grandparent Program webpage](#). The total level of funding is subject to availability of annual appropriations.

Applications due Thursday, February 1, 2024, 5:00 PM ET

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - NJ State and Local Cybersecurity Program

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is a federal grant program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The overall goal of the SLCGP is to improve the cybersecurity posture of state, local, and territorial (SLT) government organizations by providing assistance for managing and reducing systemic cyber risk through the following 4 objectives:

- Objective 1: Develop and establish appropriate governance structures, as well as develop, implement, or revise cybersecurity plans, to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations.
- Objective 2: SLT agencies understand their current cybersecurity posture and areas for improvement based on continuous testing, evaluation, and structured assessments.
- Objective 3: Implement security protections commensurate with risk.
- Objective 4: Ensure organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility.

For more information and a link to an informational webinar click [HERE](#)

National Park Service – Save America’s Treasures Grants

The [Save America's Treasures](#) (SAT) grant program is now accepting applications. The Save America’s Treasures grant program was established in 1998 to help preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation’s rich heritage to future generations.

To learn more click [HERE](#)

Application is open until **December 19, 2023**

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety, health care, and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal, and high-poverty areas. **Application Deadlines: 12/31/2023; 3/31/2024; and 6/30/2024, to the [USDA Rural Development State Office](#)**

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

USDA Rural Development Loan guarantees to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. **Application Deadline: Open**

Intermediary Relending Program

USDA Rural Development provides low-interest loans to local lenders known as intermediaries, who then relend the funds to businesses to improve economic conditions and create new opportunities in rural communities. **Application Deadlines: 12/31/2023; 3/31/2024; and 6/30/2024, to the [USDA Rural Development State Office](#)**

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Programs

USDA Rural Development provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. **Application Deadlines: 12/31/2023; 3/31/2024; and 6/30/2024, to the [USDA Rural Development State Office](#)**

Rural Business Investment Program

USDA Rural Development provides a Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) license to newly formed developmental capital organizations to fill the need for business and development capital in rural areas. The program works with for-profit developmental capital funds. **Application Deadline: Open**

Climate Smart Practices on Agricultural Land

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making more than \$3 billion in funding available for agricultural producers and forest landowners nationwide to participate in voluntary conservation programs and

adopt climate-smart practices in fiscal year 2024 as part of the Investing in America agenda.

These funds provide direct climate mitigation benefits, advance a host of other environmental co-benefits, and expand access to financial and technical assistance for producers to advance conservation on their farm, ranch or forest land through practices like cover cropping, conservation tillage, wetland restoration, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, tree planting and more.

For more information and a link to apply click [HERE](#)

USDA – Agricultural Marketing Service

The USDA Farm Labor Stabilization and Protection Pilot Program (FLSP) will award up to \$65 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to provide support for agricultural employers in implementing robust labor standards to promote a safe, healthy work environment for both U.S. workers and workers hired under the seasonal H-2A visa program. The program is funded by the Farm Service Agency and will be administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service and the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center.

The 2023 FLSP grant application period has been extended and now closes January 3, 2024.

- [FLSP Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NFO\) \(pdf\)](#) (English)
- [FLSP Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NFO\) \(pdf\) \(Spanish\)](#)
- Based on your employer type, applicants can apply for FLSP funding as a Fixed-site Employer; Farm Labor Contractor; or Joint Employer. [View implications of applying as a certain type of employer \(pdf\)](#).

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it has opened the [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebate Program](#). The 2023 rebate program offers at least \$500 million in rebate funding for clean school buses and zero-emission school buses with the potential to modify this figure based on the application pool and other factors.

Applications for the program are due by 4 p.m. ET on Jan. 31, 2024. [Learn more about program eligibility and application requirements.](#)

EPA is also working closely with the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) to provide school districts with support as they plan for and implement adding electric school buses to their fleets. CSB Rebate Program applicants and participants can receive technical assistance from the Joint Office through one-on-one meetings, public webinars, and coordination on resource materials.

[Read the announcement to learn more about this rebate funding opportunity.](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

The National Endowment for the Humanities supports research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

To learn more about them and explore their various funding opportunities, click [HERE](#)

Assistance to Lower Heating Costs – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Children & Families (ACF), announced nearly \$3.7 billion in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds to help lower heating costs for American families this winter.

Additionally, HHS announced the new LIHEAP eligibility tool. The new user-friendly LIHEAP eligibility tool allows households across the country to quickly identify if they might be eligible for LIHEAP assistance by inputting basic information like income and household size.

The LIHEAP eligibility tool is available in English, Spanish, traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese. Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance can also visit energyhelp.us or call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline toll-free at 866-674-6327.

NONPROFIT TIP OF THE MONTH FROM THE IRS

The IRS provided guidance that retirement arrangement (IRA) owners age 70½ or over can transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year.

- These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer eligible older Americans a way to give to charity before the end of the year. Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these distributions become tax-free if they're paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

As always, we encourage you to reach out to our office if there is we can support your efforts. Our Director of Grants Lynette stands ready to help and can be reached at lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov.

Reach out if we can assist with:

- Writing a Letter of Support to accompany your Federal Grant Requests
- Connecting you with a Federal Grant Congressional Liaison to answer questions that may not be covered in the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- For some Federal Grants, obtaining a review and feedback if your grant was denied, so your next application is stronger
- Working with our Congressional Liaisons to do research to see if there is a Federal Grant that would fund your proposed project or grant

Please feel free to share this e-newsletter with any colleagues or nonprofits that you think will benefit. They can also sign up for our newsletter(s) [here](#).

We hope you have time to relax with loved ones as we head into the holiday season and end of the year. Please reach out if we can be of assistance!

Sincerely,

The Office of Congressman Andy Kim



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