



**WV Department of Environmental Protection
Watershed Improvement Branch**
<http://www.dep.wv.gov/nonpoint>

Grant opportunities and funding resources

WVDEP's Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program recognizes the importance of securing additional funding to successfully plan, maintain, and evaluate the proposed and completed projects in West Virginia's watersheds. There are many local, state, federal, and private funders that have supported environmental projects and/or non-profits organizations efforts in the past. Here is a list of grant sources (including pertinent details, contact information, etc.) that could result in additional project funding for successful applicants. Note: If you know of other resources to share, please contact the [NPS Coordinator](#).

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The Abelard Foundation/East

P.O. Box 148

Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773

Email: N/A

Website: <http://fdnweb.org/abelardeast/>

Phone: Send correspondence to the address above, this is a family run organization and does not have a designated phone number.

Geographic focus: East of the Mississippi River

Grant range: Typically, \$10,000

Description: Abelard is a family foundation with a thirty-year history of progressive funding. The Foundation is committed to supporting social change organizations which:

- Reflect through membership or participation, the communities in which they are based;
- Expand the community control over economic social and environmental decisions affecting the community's well-being and
- Build a strong informed voice on public policy issues.
- Seek to fund their organizations and efforts in the early stages of development

Limitations: International organizations and organizations located outside of the US; direct social services; government agencies and programs undertaken by tax-supported institutions or government initiative; programs which are solely educational, training or technical assistance in nature; capital expenditure, endowments, construction or renovation programs; emergency funding; scholarship funds or other aid to individuals; schools and educational institutions; cultural institutions; medical institutions; film, video, publications or other media projects; grantmaking institutions; large national or regional networks; research or fellowships; organizations with access to traditional or mainstream funding.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted at any time. Those that are mailed by March 15 will be on time for review for the spring Board meeting. Those that are mailed by September 15 will be on time for review for the fall Board meeting. Decisions made within 3-4 months of the spring and fall deadlines.

Appalachian Community Fund Inc.

507 South Gay Street, Suite 1120

Knoxville, TN 37902

Email: margo@appalachiancommunityfund.org

Website: <http://www.appalachiancommunityfund.org/>

Phone: 865-523-5783

Geographic focus: Central Appalachia (East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and West Virginia)

Grant Range: varies, up to \$10,000

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Description: ACF provides grants to community-based organizations working for social, economic, racial and environmental justice. We support community organizing for social change that is community-led and community-based, addressing root causes and systemic issues, and understanding forms of oppression, especially racism. We encourage organizations that have developed a realistic plan for achieving change. We place a priority on work that utilizes organizing and education to promote social change and we invite projects that are startup in nature. We encourage groups to work together, share information, educate their target audiences and broaden the movement for progressive social change. ACF grants are made for a variety of community-led efforts and approaches to social change including but not limited to: accessible health care and child care, youth leadership development, educational equality, protection and preservation of civil liberties for all people, disability rights and rights and benefits for disabled miners and their families, racial justice and healing and establishing policies against hate crimes and homophobia, arts and culture for social change, tax reform, issues of gender and sexual orientation, domestic violence prevention, victim advocacy and healing, environmental justice, alternative arts and media, low-income and working class rights, grassroots coalition and networking, economic development, criminal justice.

Limitations: Profit making organizations, electoral lobbying for initiatives or public office, individual efforts, major capital projects, social services unless they demonstrate some analysis and strategies to challenge the systems that lead to the problem.

Deadline: No General Fund grants for 2017 (due to strategic envisioning process), other funds are rolling deadlines.

Ben and Jerry's Foundation

30 Community Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403

Email: info@benandjerrysfoundation.org

Website: <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/>

Phone: 802-846-1500

Geographic focus: Entire United States

Grant Range: Up to \$25,000 to organizations with budgets under \$500,000

Description: The Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program offers general or project support to non-profit organizations throughout the United States and is our most competitive grant program. While our broad goals are to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just food systems, we focus on the types of activities and strategies an organization uses for creating social change rather than on the specific issues the organization is addressing. Priority strategies must include: community & ally outreach, leadership development, constituent empowerment & decision making, popular education, root cause analysis, power analysis, campaign development, mobilizing constituents & allies, coalition building, and direct action.

Limitations: Direct services to individuals, families or communities, internationally focused programs, organizations with annual budgets over \$500,000, discretionary or emergency requests, schools or programs for schools, colleges or universities, individuals or scholarship programs, research, litigation or legal expenses, capital or endowment campaigns, state agencies or government programs, businesses or business associations, religious activities, arts or media programs, other foundations or regranteeing organizations, advocacy programs

Deadline: Cycle A: Full Proposal Review in Feb. & Apr. Pre-App Deadline: Opens Aug. 1st – Deadline Oct. 14th, 4pm EST. Full Proposals Due: Jan. 14th, 2017. Cycle B: Full Proposal Review in Sept. & Nov. Pre-App Deadline: Opens Feb. 1st – Deadline Apr. 14th, 4pm EST. Full Proposal Due: October. 19th

Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

1400 Benedum-Trees Foundation
223 Fourth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Email: info@benedum.org

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Website: <http://www.benedum.org/>

Phone: 412-288-0360 or 1-800-223-5948 (WV only)

Geographic focus: West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania

Grant Range: Varies widely from a few thousand to a few hundred thousand

Description: The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation is an independent foundation established in 1944 by Michael and Sarah Benedum, natives respectively of Bridgeport and Blacksville, West Virginia. They named the Foundation in memory of their only child, Claude Worthington Benedum, who died in 1918 at age 20. In creating the Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Benedum expressed the wish that grantmaking be focused in West Virginia and Pittsburgh, their native and adopted homes. The Foundation makes grants in two program areas that span both states: Education and Economic Development. In addition, the Foundation supports Community Development and Health & Human Services grants programs in West Virginia, and in Southwestern Pennsylvania supports the major performing arts organizations within the Cultural District.

Limitations: The Benedum Foundation does not support: organizations located outside West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania, individuals, organizations not exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), student aid, fellowships, or travel, construction or equipment, endowment, on-going operating expenses, national organizations, biomedical research, religious organizations for religious purposes, individual elementary and secondary schools, annual appeals or membership drives, conferences, films, books, and audio-visual productions, unless an integral part of a Foundation-supported program

Deadline: Submit your application using the Foundation's online grant application process (<http://www.benedum.org/apply/online.shtml>). The Foundation does not have submission deadlines and applications are accepted throughout the year.

The Captain Planet Foundation

133 Luckie Street NW, 2nd Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Website: captainplanetfoundation.org

Email: Questions can be submitted at <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/connect/>

Phone: 404-522-4270

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Range: Varies, typically \$500-\$2500

Description: For 25 years, the Captain Planet Foundation has supported educators who facilitate youth-led projects that result in positive impacts to the environment and communities. From what began as one broad Small Grants program that funded a wide range of project types - our grant making has since evolved into more specific categories. Captain Planet Foundation grants are intended to:

- Empower youth by providing hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities
- Inspire youth and communities to become agents of change for their environment
- Serve as a catalyst for education that uses the environment as a context for applied and STEM learning

Limitations: Projects must be based in the USA, be project based, be youth led, and result in real, demonstrable environmental outcomes. Other limitations apply, guidance document at: http://captainplanetfoundation.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/07/CPF_Granting_Guidelines72816.pdf

Deadlines: Different for each grant program, this information is also on the guidance document.

The Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund, Small Watershed Grants

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
1133 Fifteenth St NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Email: Elizabeth.Nellums@NFWF.org

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/>

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Phone: 202-857-0166

Geographic focus: The Chesapeake Bay Basin

Grant Range: \$20,000 - \$200,000

Description: The Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants (SWG) Program will award grants for projects that promote community-based efforts to develop conservation strategies that protect and restore the diverse natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. These grants require minimum non-Federal matching contribution valued at 25% of the total project cost, equal to one-third of the grant request. All 2016 SWG grants must be completed within two years of grant award. The Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program seeks to address four main program priorities: (1) Targeted River and Watershed Restoration (2) Green Infrastructure in Developed Landscapes (3) Regional-Scale Restoration Program Delivery (4) Innovation on Crosscutting Issues.

More information at: <http://www.nfwf.org/chesapeake/Pages/2016%20Chesapeake%20RFP.aspx>
Applicants must use the online application located at <https://easygrants.nfwf.org> to apply for the SWG Program.

Limitations: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, municipal governments, and Indian tribes, and K-12 educational institutions. Ineligible applicants include U.S. Federal government agencies, state government agencies, businesses, unincorporated individuals, and international organizations.

Deadline: Usually a spring date, for implementation beginning in fall

The Daywood Foundation Inc.

c/o William W. Booker

1500 Chase Tower

Charleston, WV 25301

Email: N/A

Website: N/A

Phone: 304-345-8900

Geographic focus: Groups serving Kanawha, Greenbrier and Barbour counties and those serving all of WV.

Grant Range: \$5,000 to \$15000 (First time grant recipients usually receive between \$3,000 to \$10,000)

Description: The foundation is interested in projects which provide substantial benefits to the communities within the three counties mentioned above. The scope of grants is broad it can cover community development issues, environmental work and education as well as other projects deemed appropriate by the membership. The Foundation values projects that already have a good deal of community support and developed partnerships. They are seldom the primary funding source of a project and like to put projects "over the top."

Limitations: Call or write for guidelines.

Deadline: Call or write for details.

Earth Systems Research Institute (ESRI)

Charles Convis, ESRI Conservation Program Coordinator

380 New York St.

Redlands, CA 92373

Email: ecp2@esri.com

Website: <http://www.esri.com/esri-conservation-program>

Phone: 909-793-2853

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Description: The Earth Systems Research Institute is the leading manufacturer of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. This software can be used to map and analyze spatial data, and is often useful in conservation and environmental work. Recognizing the potential usefulness of these programs, in the non-profit sector ESRI has developed a branch which provides software at a cost based on financial ability (a minimum cost is required to cover shipping expenses) to

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non-profit organizations. Before submitting a grant application ESRI asks that an organization fully consider the type of projects they want to pursue using GIS. Grants cover GIS software and a free publication, and a free training course. Grants are determined based on the work to be done and the demonstrated financial need of the organization. To apply visit the webpage and click on the link or go directly to <http://go.pardot.com/l/82202/2015-09-17/9fpgr>

Limitations: Grants are made on a case-by-case basis to non-profit organizations, programs and individuals active in public service and nature conservation, including but not limited to 501c3 organizations, University programs, Botanic Gardens and Museums, Native and First Nations groups, Local Parks, Watershed commissions, Social Justice and local volunteers. Any non-profit or non-government organization working for social justice, environment, indigenous rights or public benefit in any nation, or any individual volunteering for these types of groups, may apply for a grant. You should be familiar with GIS and its capabilities before applying. If not, you can visit www.gis.com for information. This grant is for software only, hardware must be obtained from other sources.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

The Educational Foundation of America

Foundation Source

55 Walls Drive, Suite 302

Fairfield, CT 06824

Email: efa@efaw.org

Website: <http://www.theefa.org/>

Phone: 800-893-1821

Geographic Focus: Nationwide

Grant Range: No set limit (2015 grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$150,000)

Description: The Educational Foundation of America (**EFA**) makes grants to qualifying non-profit organizations that have tax-exempt status and those that are not private foundations as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. Currently, EFA focuses on three broad program areas Environment, Art and Reproductive Health and Justice. Each of these program areas have specific initiatives and grant requests must align with an initiative. Important characteristics considered by EFA are an organization's record of achievement, intended broad impact, sound financial practices, increasing independence, and correspondence with EFA objectives. Unfortunately, many worthy requests are denied because needs exceed the Foundation's resources or a given project does not fall within a current area of focus. Be sure to read requirements for letters of Inquiry.

Limitations: EFA provides grants for specific projects. It does not provide funds for endowment or endowed faculty chairs, building/capital programs, religious purposes, grants to individuals, annual fund-raising campaigns, indirect costs, overhead or general support.

Deadline: Proposals accepted using the online system at:

<https://online.foundationsource.com/20public/home/efa>.

Environmental Protection Agency (Environmental Education Grants)

Kathy Kirkland (kirkland.kathleen@epa.gov)

US EPA, Region 3

1650 Arch Street

Mail Code 3PA00

Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Email: EEgrants@epa.gov

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Phone: NA

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: Up to \$250,000 (send grant proposals over \$25,000 go to U.S.E.P.A. Headquarters)

Description: Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental

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awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Since 1992, EPA has distributed between \$2 and \$3.5 million in grant funding per year, supporting more than 3,600 grants.

Limitations: Any local education agency, college or university, state education or environmental agency, nonprofit organization as described in Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a noncommercial educational broadcasting entity as defined and licensed by Federal Communications Commission may submit a proposal. Applicant organizations must be in the United States or territories, and most the educational activities must take place in the United States; or in the United States and Canada or Mexico; or in U.S. Territories. A teacher's school district, an educator's nonprofit organization, or a faculty member's college or university may apply, but an individual teacher or faculty member may not apply. Eligibility requirements apply to both "prime" recipients and sub-grantees. "Tribal education agencies" that are eligible to apply include a school or community college which is controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation, which is recognized as eligible for special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians and which is not administered by the Bureau of Indian Education. Tribal organizations do not qualify unless they meet those criteria or the non-profit criteria listed above and below. For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Additionally, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply.

Deadline: Changes yearly, usually in April. Check the RFP for the grant year here

<https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>.

Environmental Protection Agency (Environmental Justice Grants)

USEPA Region 3

Reginald Harris

1650 Arch St. (MC-3E00)

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Email: harris.reggie@epa.gov

Website: http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej_smgrants.html

Phone: 215-814-2988

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: Approximately 40 one-year projects will be awarded at \$30,000 each.

Description: Since its inception in 1994, the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program has awarded more than \$24 million in funding to over 1400 community-based organizations, and local and tribal organizations working with communities facing environmental justice issues. The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

Tutorial at:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/201607/documents/ej_small_grants_tutorial_2016.pdf

Limitations: An eligible applicant must be one of the following entities: incorporated non-profit organizations—including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions; federally recognized tribal governments; OR tribal organizations. Applicants must be located within the same state, territory, commonwealth, or tribe in which the proposed project is located. In addition, eligible applicants must demonstrate that they have worked directly with the affected community

Deadline: Applications are due on January 31, 2017 by 11:59 PM (EST). EPA requires applications for Environmental Justice grants to be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website.

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Fish America Foundation

1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 502
Alexandria, VA 22314

Email: fafgrants@asafishing.org

Website: <http://www.fishamerica.org/grants/>

Phone: 703-519-9691

Geographic focus: United States and Canada

Grant Amount: Conservation Grants average \$7,500

Description: Since 1983, the FishAmerica Foundation has awarded \$12.1 million to 1,007 projects in all fifty states and Canada to enhance fish populations, restore fishery habitats, improve water quality and advance fishery research to improve sport fishing opportunities and help ensure recreational fishing's future. The FishAmerica Foundation has had tremendous success in leveraging a myriad of funding sources to support nationwide fisheries conservation and habitat restoration projects, especially grant dollars. With each dollar being leveraged nearly nine times, the foundation demonstrates its important role in working with community-based conservation organizations, along with state and federal biologists, to help improve recreational fishing and boating opportunities. Additionally, the FishAmerica Foundation involves and educates community volunteers on the conservation and recreational benefits for each project awarded funding. Over the years, the foundation, along with its federal, regional, state and community partners, have made great strides in both small and large, urban and rural communities to improve habitat for fisheries conservation, creating more recreational fishing opportunities along the way.

Limitations: For information on the grants or partnering with Fish America, contact them at the email and phone number above.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted anytime and reviewed year-round.

Five Star Restoration Program Challenge Grants

Attn: Danny Bowater

Five Star Restoration Program

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

1133 Fifteenth St. NW, Suite 1100

Washington, DC 20005

Email: Daniel.Bowater@nfwf.org

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx>

Phone: 202-595-2434

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: Approximately \$2,500,000 is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities. There is one round of full proposals annually for this program. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 with an average size of \$30,000 and 40-50 grants awarded per year. Grants should span one to two years in length with a start date in July 2017. Applications requesting more than \$30,000 should propose projects longer than one year.

Description: The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements including: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and/or water quality monitoring and stormwater management; along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program. Priority will be given to projects in urban, suburban and/or rural areas that advance water quality goals in environmental justice communities such as neighborhoods with high concentrations of minority and low-income populations. Projects that increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage these communities in the project planning, outreach and implementation will have priority for funding.

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Limitations: Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions. Ineligible applicants include: unincorporated individuals, businesses, international organizations and U.S. Federal government agencies. NFWF funds and matching contributions may not be used to support political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, litigation, terrorist activities or Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. NFWF funds may not be used to support ongoing efforts to comply with legal requirements including permit conditions, mitigation and settlement agreements. However, grant funds may be used to support projects that enhance or improve upon existing baseline compliance efforts.

Deadline: Full proposal due on January 31, 2017. Applications are submitted at <https://easygrants.nfwf.org>

The Grassroots Exchange Fund

Common Counsel Foundation
1624 Franklin St., #1022
Oakland, CA 94612

Email: info@commoncounsel.org

Website: <http://www.commoncounsel.org/Grassroots+Exchange+Fund>

Phone: 510-834-2995

Geographic Focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: Typically, \$1000, but up to \$5000 for strategic opportunities

Description: Common Counsel's Grassroots Exchange Fund (GXF) is a discretionary small grants program designed to support networking and collaboration between grassroots social change organizations throughout the United States. GXF prioritizes grants to small community-based groups seeking to meet face-to-face with other grassroots organizations, to build collaborative campaigns, and to benefit from organizing training and technical assistance opportunities. The program strives to meet three central goals: to strengthen the ability of community organizations to participate in public debates; to strengthen key cross-region and cross-sector movements; and to contribute to collaborative policy victories in the realms of social, economic, and environmental justice.

Limitations: GXF generally does not fund the following:

- Organizations located outside of the United States;
- Direct social services;
- Government agencies and programs;
- Capital expenditure, endowments, construction or renovation programs;
- Scholarship funds or other aid to individuals;
- Schools and educational institutions, cultural institutions, or medical institutions;
- Film, video, publications or other media projects;
- Grantmaking institutions;
- Research or fellowships.

Deadlines: Applications are accepted year-round

Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation

900 Lee St. East, Suite 1600
Charleston, WV 25301

Email: tgkvf@tgkvf.org

Website: <http://www.tgkvf.org/>

Phone #: 304-346-3620

Geographic focus: The following West Virginia Counties- Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, Fayette

Grant Amount: No Limit, varies widely

Description: TGKVF's new strategic direction is focused on cultivating community wealth that will achieve the following long-term focus area goals: Education: Our community is a place where students, from early childhood to post-secondary, build the skills, knowledge, and credentials to

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become productive and successful. Health: Our community supports the healthy choice. Civic Engagement & Community Building: Our community is full of strong, innovative, and effective individuals and groups who work to create shared visions, cross-cultural relationships, and the capacity to foster positive change. The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation has shifted from solely supporting individual organizations and programs to supporting the multiple organizations and intersecting networks that will advance their strategic plan.

Limitations: The following items are generally not funded:

- National or statewide proposals that do not focus on our 6-county service area
- General operating budgets established for organizations
- Annual campaigns or membership drives
- School uniform purchases
- Consultants, consultant fees, conferences or workshop speakers,
- Staff costs only
- Individuals, student aid, or fellowships
- Endowments
- Religious activities
- Purchases prior to the grant decision
- Debt retirement/reduction
- Passenger vans for transportation to activities
- Individual school classrooms or individual schools that do not enact a system-wide or county change
- Individual athletic organizations (i.e. school boosters, community-based leagues, etc.)
- Requests that are more than 25% of the agency's (or combined agencies') annual budget(s)
- Requests that include indirect costs exceeding 10%
- Any organization that discriminates based on age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or religious belief

Deadline: Applications are reviewed on a 3 part cycle each year, check the website for specifics.

George D. Hott Memorial Foundation of Morgantown-Monongalia Co. WV

PO Box 633

Charleston, WV 25322

Email: N/A

Website: N/A

Phone: 304-285-2359

Geographic focus: Primarily Marion Co. WV

Grant Amount: \$500 to \$15,000 (grants in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range are most likely to be funded)

Description: The Foundation primarily funds groups working on human services including: welfare agencies youth education and community funds. Grants may be given for other purposes although community development is a priority.

Limitations: Write for Details

Deadline: Write for Details

Bernard H. and Blanche E. Jacobson Foundation

300 Summers St., Ste 620

Charleston, WV 25301

Email: N/A

Website: N/A

Phone: 304-342-1141

Geographic focus: Primarily WV especially Charleston & Kanawha Valley

Grant Amount: Past grants have ranged from \$500 to \$100,000

Description: The Foundation is primarily interested in projects which are implemented by organizations working within Charleston or the Kanawha Valley, for the benefit of the

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communities within those locations. Groups working on statewide or regional projects which benefit the Kanawha Valley are also eligible. To apply write a letter describing the project, the amount requested, the proposed budget, and the amount requested from other partners. A list of all offices and directors including names and addresses is required.

Limitations: Call or write for details

Deadline: The board of directors meets quarterly

Bernard McDonough Foundation Inc.

311 4th St.

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Email: katrina@mcdonoughfoundation.org

Website: mcdonoughfoundation.org

Phone: 304-424-6280

Geographic focus: West Virginia and Washington Co., Ohio

Grant Amount: \$1000-\$15,000

Description: McDonough Foundation started with one goal in mind, "To improve the communities within West Virginia." We strive to find creative ways to achieve our goal by supporting the nonprofits across the state. Grants will be made primarily in Social Welfare along with Health & Medical and shall be tax-exempt organizations as designated under IRS Code, primarily 501(c) 3's. Social Welfare shall be those organizations whose primary function is to serve the general welfare requirements of people whose circumstances in life require that they receive financial or social aid to improve their quality of life. Health & Medical shall be the support of hospitals, clinics and other health related charities.

Limitations: Grants will NOT be made to the following:

- National charitable organizations, excepting chapters located in the primary geographical area, which utilize grant monies for specific use in the geographical area.
- Government agencies and departments and their projects, the support of which come or should come from government coffers as supplied by taxpayers. Grants shall not be made for political purposes.
- Entities that are not recognized as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Service codes.
- Organizations requesting grants for religious purposes, excepting faith-based charities dedicated to the pursuit of activities covered by the Foundation's Bylaws.
- Public or private school clubs, sports, extra-curricular organizations or facilities used primarily for athletics or athletic events.
- The funding of individuals or for group travels.

Deadline: No fixed deadlines. Apply at: <http://mcdonoughfoundation.org/application-process.aspx>

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Local RC&D Offices

Little Kanawha RC&D

1014 Volcano Rd

Waverly, WV 26184

Phone: 304-679-3639

Email: info@lkracd.com

Mountain RC&D

PO Box 127

Oak Hill, WV 25901

Phone: 304-923-0143

Email: mtnrcd@gmail.com

Northern Panhandle RC&D

1 Ball Park Drive

McMechen, WV 26040

Phone #: 304-242-0576

Email: NA

Geographic focus: Area covered by District

Grant Amount: Small grants to around \$1000

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Description: As part of their mission NRCS Resource Conservation and Development Offices offer grant assistance to groups working on resource conservation and community development issues. These are versatile grants that can be used for purposes ranging for start up costs and general operating expenses, or specific project needs. Application procedures may vary from office to office, so it is best to contact the coordinator for specific information.

Limitations: None

Deadline: Rolling Deadline

National Forest Foundation - Matching Awards Program

National Forest Foundation

Bldg. 27, Ste 3, Fort Missoula Rd.

Missoula, MT 59804

Email: aliljeblad@nationalforests.org

Website: <https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map>

Phone: 406-830-3357

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: Average award - \$28,000

Description: The National Forest Foundation (NFF) Matching Awards Program (MAP) provides funding for results-oriented on-the-ground projects that enhance forest health and outdoor experiences on National Forests and Grasslands. MAP requires projects show a strong commitment to civic engagement and community involvement through direct public involvement. To be eligible for MAP funding, projects must contain significant, legitimate community involvement or civic engagement in the pre-implementation, implementation, or post-implementation phase. Typically, this involves the use of volunteers in project implementation, or the implementation of projects selected as an outcome of a formal collaborative-planning process. Note that the community engagement portion of the project does not necessarily have to occur in the portion of the project receiving MAP funding, although the project narrative must clearly describe the community engagement component. The standard public involvement component of the NEPA process is insufficient to meet this requirement.

Limitations: The NFF will not consider MAP applications from the following:

- Federal agencies;
- Regional, state or local governmental entities;
- For-profit organizations;
- Consultants;
- Educational and research organizations proposing projects that do not show tangible, on-the-ground benefit;
- Organizations seeking general operating or programmatic support;
- Organizations seeking funding for litigation or advocacy;
- Organizations that cannot produce 1:1 cash match of non-federal, project-directed funds.
- Organizations considering submitting a proposal for a work over a timeline longer than one-year.
- The following project types are not eligible for funding:
 - Funding for outreach and/or education as a primary project component;
 - General operating or programmatic support;
 - Funding for any form of advocacy or litigation;
 - Funding provided to the U.S. Forest Service or any other federal entity.

Deadline: January 27th or June 26th

Needmor Fund

539 East Front Street

Perrysburg, OH 43551

Email: cslabaugh@needmorfund.org

Website: <http://www.needmorfund.org/>

Phone: 419-872-1490

Grant opportunities and funding resources

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: Typically, \$25,000 to \$40,000

Description: The Needmor Fund seeks to:

- remove systemic barriers to the practice of democracy by encouraging the efforts of people who are working together for justice and the common good;
- encourage involvement in community affairs by people whose participation has been systematically denied; and
- foster the active participation of all citizens in crafting a vision, values and policies that are more equitable, to guide the operation of our country.

The Needmor Fund has identified community organizing as the most effective means for achieving these goals. Community organizing is “a process through which historically disenfranchised people can build power, can address the systemic barriers to the practice of democracy, can hold public and corporate officials accountable for their actions, and can begin to participate in shaping public policy.”

Limitations: The Needmor Fund does not fund:

- Community development corporations
- Scholarships/fellowships
- Private businesses
- Training programs or direct services (e.g., counseling programs, medical services, etc.)
- Cultural enrichment programs
- Films, TV or radio productions.
- Books, publications or research
- Conferences
- Capital improvements
- Litigation
- Projects outside the United States
- Government sponsored or controlled projects
- National organizations

Deadline: Preapplication May 31, full application June 30, 2017

Office of Surface Mining - Watershed Cooperative Agreements Program

OSM Charleston Field Office

Attn: Rick Buckley

1027 Virginia Street East

Charleston, WV 25301

Website: <http://www.osmre.gov/lrg/fam/6-100.pdf>

Email: rbuckley@osmre.gov

Phone: 304-347-7162 ext. 3019

Geographic focus: Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Grant Amount: Up to \$100,000

Description: As part of the Office of Surface Mining’s Appalachian Clean Streams Program grant money is available to non-profit watershed groups looking to create partnerships to conduct local acid mine drainage reclamation projects. These projects must seek to improve stream affected by mining operations that took place before the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act took effect (pre-law mining). Tangible projects with measurable results are required. Partnership development is a key component to a project, as an application must include matching funds, and demonstrable community support for the project.

Limitations: 501(c)3 status and a demonstrated ability to manage federal funds are necessary. Although some administrative overhead is allowed, most the grant award must be used for the construction phase of the project.

Deadline: Proposals may be submitted at any time

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Parkersburg Area Community Foundation - Community Action Grants

1620 Park Avenue

PO Box 1762

Parkersburg, WV 26102-1762

Email: info@pacfwv.com

Website: <http://www.pacfwv.com>

Phone: 304-428-4438

Geographic focus: Greater Parkersburg Area: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood and Washington County, Ohio.

Grant Amount: \$1000 - \$10,000

Description: Community Action Grants are made in the fields of: Arts and Culture, Education, Health and Human Services, Recreation, Youth and Family Services, and Community and Economic Development. The Foundation focuses on: Capital and Equipment Projects, Program Development, Capacity Building, and Operating Support. Eligibility criteria differ based on the type of support requested, so please review the following descriptions carefully.

Priority is given to projects that:

- have significant impact on the people and communities served by the applicant organization;
- reach new audiences, expand existing programs or services, or respond to emerging needs;
- strengthen the organization's capacity to deliver its services and meet community needs;
- are well-planned and can reasonably be achieved;
- have a matching grant opportunity or seek a matching grant to leverage more funding;
- have limited access to other sources of support;

Details at:

http://www.pacfwv.com/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Grants/PACF_Guidelines_for_20Grantseekers.pdf

Limitations: To be eligible for a Foundation Community Action Grant, an applicant must be a private, nonprofit organization tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a public institution, such as a public school or government agency. Requests from individuals are not accepted. The programs the PACF considers for support must be in the Foundation's 11-county service area or must directly benefit the residents in its service area.

Deadline: The Board of Governor's meets twice a year. Application deadlines are February 15 and September 15.

Patagonia Environmental Grants Program

Attn: Shannon Rowan

Patagonia, Inc.

PO Box 150

Ventura, CA 93002

Email: N/A

Website: http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml

Phone: Because of limited staff the program requests you do not submit questions by or phone.

Geographic focus: Nationwide

Grant Amount: \$2,500 to \$15,000

Description: Patagonia funds only environmental work. We are most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. We look for programs with a clear agenda for change and a strategic plan for achieving the organization's goals. Because we believe that true change will occur only through a strong grassroots movement, our funding focuses on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support. Patagonia funds work that: is action-oriented, builds public involvement and support, is strategic, focuses on root causes, accomplishes specific goals and objectives, is happening in these countries only: United States, Canada, Japan, Chile, Argentina,

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United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Luxembourg, Italy, Ireland, Germany, France, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Australia and the Czech Republic.

Limitations: We do not fund: organizations without 501(c)(3) status or a comparable fiscal sponsor, general environmental education efforts, land acquisition, land trusts or conservation easements, research, unless it is in direct support of a developed plan for specific action to alleviate an environmental problem, environmental conferences, endowment funds, political campaigns, green building projects.

Deadlines: Applications must be received by April 30 or August 31. Apply at:

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=2853&x_quiz_id=5928&x_order_by=1

St. Andrews Prize for the Environment

The St. Andrews Prize Office

University of St Andrews

91 North Street

St Andrews

Fife KY16 9AL

Scotland

Email: prize@st-andrews.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.thestandrewsprize.com>

Phone: +44 (0) 1334 462161

Geographic focus: Worldwide

Grant Amount: \$30,000 to the winner, \$5,000 to runners-up

Description: The primary objective of the St Andrews Prize is to find innovative solutions to environmental problems. The solutions should be practical, combining good science, economic reality and political acceptability. They should also have the potential for wider application elsewhere. In most circumstances, they should not already have received widespread recognition, but applications will be judged on their merits. An important aim of the Prize is to provide seed-funding to help promote implementation of such ideas and solutions. Applicants are free to choose whatever problem they wish. Submissions should be as specific as possible in defining the issue and that proposed solutions be shown to be practical in their application. In thinking about their own topic, it may be helpful to applicants to look at the list of previous winners (available on the website) whose topics have covered such areas as urban regeneration, by-products from waste, health and water issues, agriculture and renewable energy.

Limitations: None indicated

Deadline: A preliminary single page summary is due October 1. A final Submission will be due January 16.

Hugh I. Schott, Jr. Foundation

c/o First Century Bank of Bluefield

500 Federal St.

Bluefield, WV 24701

Email: duhl@firstcentury.com

Website: www.firstcentury.com

Phone: 304-324-3274

Geographic focus: Nine counties within southwestern VA and southern WV

Grant Amount: \$5,000 to \$190,000

Description: While the foundation primarily funds secondary and higher education, it also offers support for historic preservation, the arts, community development, and health.

Limitations: Only 501(c)3 organizations are eligible

Deadline: Call for more information. There are no deadlines, the board meets every 2 months to review applications.

Grant opportunities and funding resources

Snee-Reinhardt Charitable Foundation

470 Streets Run Road
Suite 401

Pittsburg, PA 15236

Email: info@snee-reinhardt.org

Website: www.snee-reinhardt.org

Phone: 412-471-2944

Geographic focus: Precedence is given to organizations situated within or whose activities are concentrated in first southwestern Pennsylvania, specifically Pittsburgh, then to organizations in Northern West Virginia, northern Maryland, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, lastly, the United States. Please note that the Foundation receives many requests for the Southwestern Pennsylvania area, leaving a very limited funding for programs outside of our primary geographic focus.

Grant Amount: \$500 to \$25,000

Description: Even though the Snee-Reinhardt Charitable Foundation encompasses many broad areas of concern, or categories, there is no one area deemed more important than the next. Nevertheless, the Foundation has found it beneficial underwriting grants that are tangible in nature or serve a higher number of individuals within the community and surrounding areas. The Foundation continually aids organizations that are endlessly striving to serve the community in various ways such as improving social conditions, expanding education, and working to better the environment.

Limitations: Organizations not classified as a "Public Charity" under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3), 509(a)(3) or similar tax-exemption provisions by the Internal Revenue Service. Newly formed organizations classified as a "Public Charity" must be in existence for five (5) full years before seeking funds.

Deadline: April 1 and August 1.

West Virginia Stream Partners Program

WV Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Email: Jennifer.Pauer@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.wvca.us/stream.cfm>

Phone: 304-926-0495 or 1-800-654-5227

Geographic focus: West Virginia

Grant Amount: Up to \$5,000

Description: The Stream Partners Program is a cooperative effort of the Dept. of Environmental Protection, the Division of Forestry, the Division of Natural Resources and the WV Conservation Agency. Its purpose is to support community groups that are dedicated to assuring that their local rivers and stream are safe for swimming, fishing, recreation, public and commercial purposes and provide habitat for plant and animal life.

Limitations: The program normally does not fund organizations with goals of stream dredging, habitat removal, or the removal of bank vegetation.

Deadlines: September 15th

Virginia Environmental Endowment

Joseph H. Maroon
Executive Director
Virginia Environmental Endowment
P.O. Box 790
Richmond, Virginia 23218-0790

Email: info@vee.org

Website: <http://www.vee.org>

Phone: 804-644-5000

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Geographic focus: Nationwide with a focus on VA and the Kanawha and Ohio River Basins of WV and KY

Grant Amount: Total for Kanawha and Ohio Valley Program for 2016 - \$93,775

Description: Currently limited to the Kanawha and Ohio River Valleys of Kentucky and West Virginia, the Kanawha and Ohio River Valley's Program supports research, education, and community action on water quality and the effects of water pollution on public health and the environment. Emphasis is given to collaboration by citizens, government, and industry to develop effective public policies and to increasing public participation in water quality monitoring and watershed management.

Limitations: A 1:1 or better match is required, Grant funds are not provided for general support, overhead, indirect costs, capital projects, land purchases, building construction or renovation, endowments, lawsuits, or to individuals.

Deadlines: The Annual Deadline is June 15

West Virginia American Water

1600 Pennsylvania Ave

Charleston, WV 25302

Email: megan.hannah@amwater.com

Website: http://www.wvivers.org/wvrc_grant_program.htm

Phone: 304-353-6300

Geographic focus: West Virginia communities served by American Water

Grant Amount: varies

Description: Through our community investment programs, and the efforts of West Virginia American Water employees, we partner with our communities to make a difference in the lives of others. Whether it's educating communities on conserving one of earth's most precious natural resources, funding environmental stewardship projects or helping to meet the needs of local organizations, we believe in the power of people to make a difference. Guidelines at:

<http://www.amwater.com/files/2016%20WVAW%20Corporate%20Giving%20Guidelines.pdf>

Limitations: The program currently does not make contribution to:

- Specific schools or programs associated with specific schools
- Local sports teams or leagues
- General academic scholarships
- Individuals
- Religious organizations (unless the request is for a program offered to the public on a non-discriminatory basis and without regard to the recipient's religious affiliation)
- Endowments
- Political or partisan organizations or events
- Tickets for raffles, contests or other activities with prizes
- Golf tournaments
- Gala and ball sponsorship
- Debt-reduction campaigns

Deadline: Rolling, every month.

American Electric Power Foundation Grants

Deadlines: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Contact: Jeri Matheney (jhmatheney@aep.com)

Purpose: American Electric Power Foundation Grants offer funding to organizations and projects in areas in which the company operates. The foundation supports nonprofits working in areas of:

- Hunger
- Housing
- Health and safety
- Human services

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- Education
- Environment
- Arts and culture

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must be located within the AEP service territory, or be national or regional in scope. Eligible organization types include:

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- State or political subdivisions
- Government-owned or operated colleges or universities
- Exempt operating foundations

Grant Amount: No amount specified. Past grants have been awarded in amounts of up to \$150,000.

Learn more at: <http://www.aep.com/community/OurGiving/AEPFoundation/>

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund (Buckhannon and Sutton)

Deadlines: Aug 31, 2016 (This grant may be offered annually)

Contact: anne.leyva@weyerhaeuser.com

Purpose: The mission of the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation is to improve the quality of life in communities where it operates. Funding priorities include:

Affordable housing and shelter: Supports programs that construct and maintain affordable, efficient and healthy housing, including programs that provide affordable homes for working families and programs that help homeless families find permanent housing.

Education and youth development: Supports public schools in district-level improvements to teaching and learning. Also, supports educational programs for youth.

Environmental stewardship: Supports projects that assist in green building and energy efficiency, conservation of natural resources, and climate change efforts.

Human services, civic, and cultural growth: Supports programs that assist the most vulnerable residents of their community. Funds programs that serve the basic needs of families, promote economic development, provide cultural enrichment, and respond to local emergencies or disasters.

Learn more at: <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/sustainability/communities/community-investment/giving-fund/>

WVPASS (Partnerships to Assure Student Success)

WVPASS is a state initiative of national and state partners that support West Virginia communities by providing them training, technical support and resources for youth and community development. WVPASS connects partners to help facilitate unprecedented collaboration and serve youth with far greater resources than they would otherwise receive. WVPASS will provide communities access to national and state initiatives, grants, and information to establish partnerships that will assure student success. They have a grant opportunities tab on their website comprised of summaries and links for funding prospects.

Learn more at: <http://www.wvpass.org/grants.html>

The Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation

The Dudley T. Dougherty Foundation supports programs in arts, community, education, environment, health care, and peace. Recent awards include music lessons for people with disabilities, children's theater, learning center, writing education, afterschool and summer activities, literacy programs, and services for at-risk children and youth. Deadline: November.

Learn more at: http://dudleytdoughertyfoundation.org/submit_grant

Singing for Change (SFC) Charitable Foundation

Singing for Change offers competitive grants to progressive, community-based, nonprofit organizations that address the root causes of social and environmental problems. SFC areas of interest include: Children and families; the environment & Disenfranchised groups. Grants range in size from \$500 to \$10,000 and are made on an annual basis. Application Deadline: Proposals

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are by invitation only. If you think your project fits the foundation's guidelines, please submit a one-page letter of interest describing your organization and your project.

Learn more at: <http://www.margaritaville.com/index.php?page=sfcprop>

Chesapeake Energy Corporate Giving Program

The Chesapeake Energy Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life and stimulate the economy in the company's operating areas in Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Grants are provided in the following areas: arts and culture, community development, education, environment, health, and social services. Grant and sponsorship requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Learn more at: <http://www.chk.com/Community/Corporate-Giving/Pages/Giving-Guidelines.aspx>

The Rural Health Information Hub (RHlhub)

RHlhub, formerly the Rural Assistance Center, is funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to be a national clearinghouse on rural health issues. They are committed to supporting healthcare and population health in rural communities. The RHlhub is your guide to improving health for rural residents—they provide access to current and reliable resources and tools to help you learn about rural health needs and work to address them.

Learn more at: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/states/west-virginia/funding>

Microsoft Software Grants

All nonprofit or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that hold charitable status are eligible to participate in this program. Eligible organizations operate on a not-for-profit basis and have a mission to benefit the local community that could include, but is not limited to, the following.

Deadline: Ongoing

- Providing relief to the poor;
- Advancing education;
- Improving social welfare;
- Preserving culture; and
- Preserving or restoring the environment

Learn more at: <http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/CommunityInvestment/NGO/en/us/softwareGrants.msp>

Google grants for nonprofits: <https://www.google.com/nonprofits/>

Fundsnet Services

The grants purpose is to help spread the word about grants programs initiatives, fundraising programs, philanthropy, foundations and 501(c)(3) non-profits organizations sources by posting related links on this site. They do not offer grants opportunities and do not provide personal financial assistance but a lot foundations, organizations and private companies do, so they dedicate this site to post such resources on one place making such grants initiatives and resources easier to find for those 501(c)(3) organizations in need of a grant opportunity program to accomplish their philanthropic efforts and missions.

Learn more at: <http://www.fundsnet services.com/searchresult/80/West-Virginia-Grants/1.html>

Walmart Community Grants

Through the Community Grant Program, our associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations. Grants range from \$250 - \$2,500 and the cycle is from Feb. – Dec. Read the guidelines before applying: <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving-guidelines>

Learn more at: <http://giving.walmart.com/foundation>

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Lowe's Small Grant Program

The Lowe's Foundation provides funding only to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers. All applicants must take an eligibility test. Organizations that pass will be considered, but not guaranteed a grant. LCEF receives far more requests than it can accommodate. Many times, requests that pass the eligibility test and fall within the stated guidelines are not approved. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The Foundation will reserve the right to consider an organization's grant application only once per calendar year.

Learn more at: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grant/1489/lowes-small-grants-program>

Home Depot Community Impact Grants

The Home Depot Foundations offers grants up to \$5,000 to 501(c)(3) designated organizations, and tax-exempt public service agencies in the US that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of a Home Depot gift card for the purchase of tools, materials or services. The goal of the foundation is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities that support renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and similar facilities.

Learn more at: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

Kroger Foundation

The Kroger Co. Foundation (Kroger Foundation), established in 1987, is committed to uplifting experiences in our communities and providing our customers with the food and inspiration they need to live their best. The Kroger Foundation works to enhance our communities by making lives healthier, easier, brighter and a bit lighter. By living our Purpose, Feed the Human Spirit, we make the world a better place one associate, customer, and community at a time.

Learn more at: <http://www.thekrogerco.com/community/kroger-foundation>

Grantsmanship Center – WV resources

Learn more at: <https://www.tgci.com/funding-sources/WV/top>