The Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Grants Administration, has added or updated 5 links to Grant Opportunities. The alerts are funding opportunities in human services. This is provided as a service of the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Register below for 2018 On-Line Grant Writing Training classes provided by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Grants Administration.

Foundation Funding Opportunities

1. **Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation: (Ongoing Application Deadline; Funding between $10,000 - $15,000)** The Foundation’s funding focus is to 1.) Improve the health of the uninsured, underinsured and low-income metropolitan Chicago residents and the community through increased access to community-based preventive and primary health services, and 2.) Support housing programs and services that provide access to prevention, intervention, follow-up, supportive services, and employment training for individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. **Grants will be made to organizations in the City of Chicago and the six collar counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will).**

2. **The Kresge Foundation: Advancing Innovative, Multi-Sectoral Policy Solutions in Human Services: (Ongoing Application Deadline)** The Kresge Foundation is accepting project proposals from U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations in the field of human services to support efforts to change the way the human services sector operates through testing, disseminating and advocating for policy-driven approaches to improving social and economic mobility.

3. **The Chicago Community Trust: SMART Growth Grant Program: (Application Deadline 12/15/2017; Funding between $15,000 - $50,000 per year)** SMART Growth is a four-year capacity-building program that helps Cook County’s small arts and cultural organizations engage their board and staff in strengthening management practices that effectively support their mission, enabling them to contribute to the community, pay a living wage to artists and staff and remain resilient in the face of economic and demographic shifts. The Trust funds nonprofit agencies with evidence of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that are not classified as private foundations.

4. **Chicago Foundation for Women: Strategic Response Fund (Rolling Application Deadline; Funding up to $7,500)** The Strategic Response Fund provides immediate support for projects outside of the Foundation’s Spring and Fall grant cycles to local organizations addressing critical issues and concerns of women and
This fund is competitive, and an organization is limited to one Strategic Response Fund grant per year.

5. **Arcus Foundation: LGBT Social Justice Program: (Rolling Application Deadline)** Arcus Foundation is accepting project proposals focused on advancing social justice for LGBT people in the United States, with a significant focus on LGBT youth and communities of color. Grant-making within this goal area aims to: increase diverse constituencies in support of LGBT equality; build a connected, cross-issue wing of the LGBT movement that reflects the priorities of youth and communities of color; and win organizing and advocacy efforts that result in LGBT policy and culture shifts. The Arcus Foundation requires all organizations seeking funding to have in place a board-approved Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy that specifically includes and lists sexual orientation and gender identity, and requires compliance with all other applicable federal and local EEO laws.

Follow this link to find available State Grant opportunities

[https://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grants/SitePages/CSFA.aspx](https://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grants/SitePages/CSFA.aspx)

**Government Funding Opportunity**

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice  
**OFFICE:** Office on Violence Against Women  
**PROGRAM:** FY 2018 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program  
**Estimated Number of Awards:** 10  
**Anticipated Total Available Funding:** $4,275,000  
**Award Ceiling:** $500,000  
**Award Floor:** $325,000  
**Application Due Date:** 1/26/2018  
**Purpose of Program:** Create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.  
**Who is Eligible to Apply:**  
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)  
County governments  
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)  
State governments
Nonprofits having a 501(c) (3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Link for Additional Information: [OVW-2018-13823](#)

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services  
**OFFICE:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
**PROGRAM:** Offender Reentry Program  
**Estimated Number of Awards:** 16  
**Anticipated Total Available Funding:** $6,800,000  
**Award Ceiling:** $425,000  
**Award Floor:** $0  
**Application Due Date:** 1/26/2018  
**Purpose of Program:** Expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders/ex-offenders with a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community from incarceration in state and local facilities including prisons, jails, or detention centers.  
**Who is Eligible to Apply:** Domestic public and private nonprofit entities.  
**Link for Additional Information:** [TI-18-003](#)

### IDHS On-Line Training in Grant Writing

**Overview**

This three part series is being delivered as on-line training by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Grants Administration.

This training shows you how to effectively, find, write and submit proposals for federal, state, local, non-governmental, and private sector grants. If you want to learn the essentials of writing and acquiring grants, this three part series will help your agency.

**Who Should Attend?**

For no cost, the Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Grants Administration continues to provide grant writing training to not for profit agencies, all government agency staff, staff of agencies under contract with any state agency in Illinois, and interested individuals.
Registration

Registration is now open. This is the season when funders are releasing funding announcements. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to register immediately as this training is on a first come first serve basis.

How to Register

Register NOW for the 2018 classes, to insure that you are enrolled in one of the upcoming cycles in 2018. The registration will remain open until classes are filled. You will be notified by email as to the dates and times of your training.

Training Dates and Times

Once registration is closed, all enrollees will be notified of their training dates and time. There are three parts to each class. Each part is for one hour and thirty minutes. Instructions on how to enter the virtual classroom are sent to each enrollee prior to each class along with the training materials. If technical assistance is required, enrollees are given instructions on whom to contact. No costs are incurred by the provider because the student can participate at the work site by simply logging onto a computer and entering the virtual classroom.

Technical Requirements

You will need a PC with the following minimum technical requirements:

- Operating System: Windows 7
- Software: Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher
- Internet Connection

Objectives

Upon completion of the entire 3 part series, staff will:

- know how to research and find available grants;
- have tools that will help them with the planning and organizing required prior to the actual writing of a grant application;
- understand the fundamental elements of a grant proposal; and,
• learn how to prepare the narrative portion of the grant application including: 1) problem statement, 2) goals and objectives, 3) program design/methodology, 4) logic model, 5) staffing and management plan, 6) organizational capacity, 7) evaluation plan, 8) budget, 9) sustainability plan, 10) abstract, and 11) supplemental documents.

Special Accommodations

The registration form addresses special accommodations. If they are required, every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs. It is imperative to immediately notify Denise.Elikan@illinois.gov if special accommodations are needed.

Questions

Please contact Denise Elikan, Bureau Chief, IDHS Office of Grants Administration at (312) 793-3599 or email at Denise.Elikan@illinois.gov.