

November 2024



## Education Grant Opportunities



### Landmarks of American History and Culture for Higher Education

Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities

Description: Supports a series of one-week residential, virtual, and combined format workshops across the nation to enhance how higher education faculty and humanities professionals incorporate place-based approaches to humanities teaching and scholarship.

Deadline: February 12, 2025

## FY2025 Farm to School Grant Program

Funder: Department of Agriculture

Description: The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts.

Deadline: January 10, 2025



## IUSE: Innovation in Two-Year College STEM Education (ITYC)

Funder: National Science Foundation

Description: This program aims to (1) center students in the effort to advance innovation, promote equitable outcomes and broaden participation for all students in STEM education at two-year colleges, and (2) enhance the capacity of two-year colleges to harness the talent and potential of their diverse student and faculty populations through innovative disciplinary, multi-department, and college-wide efforts.

Deadline: December 11, 2024

## ***Upcoming deadline in late November***

### **COPS Office Invitational Program**

Funder: Department of Justice

Description: The program provides funding to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. Institutions of higher education are eligible to apply.

Deadline: November 27, 2024



Check out the entire list of [grant opportunities](#) we've curated for you.

Contact [Shaffer Evaluation Group](#) if you're looking for support in writing evaluation plans for grant applications.

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## **Bridging the Town & Gown Divide: Community Consultation in Higher Education Strategic Planning**

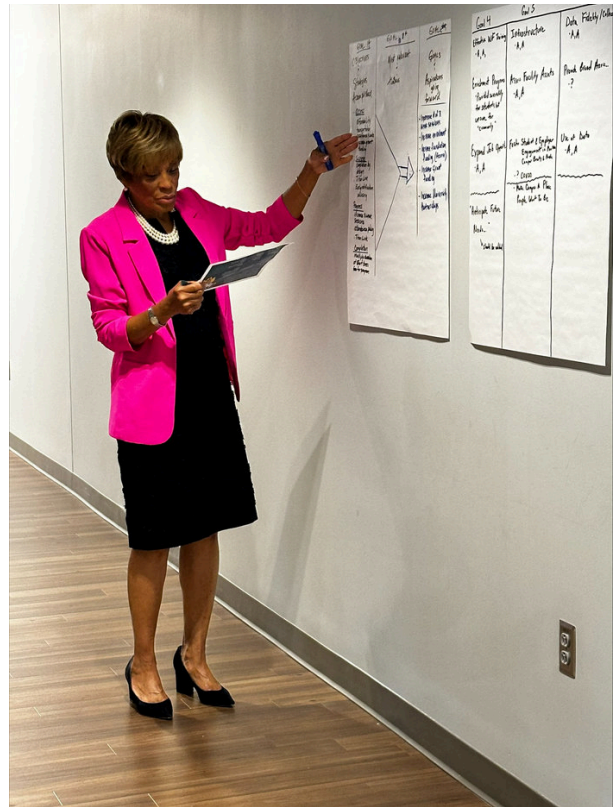


In higher education, the concept of "town and gown" describes the relationship between a college or university (the gown, symbolizing academic life) and the surrounding community or city (town). In modern higher education strategic planning, the concept plays a role in shaping institutional priorities and fostering collaboration between the college and its community for mutual benefit. Read our [latest blog](#) by **Patricia Moore Shaffer** on the role of community consultation in higher education strategic planning.

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**Project Spotlight *on***  
**Strategic Planning at Guilford Technical Community College**

This month, SEG and its sister firm Gaston-Shaffer completed a strategic planning community consultation project for **Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC)** in North Carolina. SEG surveyed external partners and college staff and students. We also facilitated 14 focus groups with GTCC students, faculty, employees, and leadership. Findings were presented to a meeting of the college's leadership team and board of trustees, followed by a work session to identify themes for the college's future plan.



**Learn about our strategic planning services!**

## Farewell to Courtney!



**Courtney Hagan**, our Higher Education Evaluation Project Manager, is leaving SEG to join the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia as a Work-Based Learning Analyst. Courtney first joined SEG in 2022 as a research associate after completing her Ph.D. Later in 2022, she was promoted to a project manager and led our expanding Higher Education portfolio. We're excited for Courtney's next career step and look forward to watching her growth as an educational research professional. Congratulations, Courtney!

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## Visit to the Drumbeats Consortium Annual Meeting

In November 2024, SEG Evaluation Project Manager **Amanda Fisher Boyd** participated in the annual Drumbeats Alaska Consortium meeting at the **University of Alaska Fairbanks**. The consortium is comprised of a group of academic and community outreach programs from five partner campuses in the UAF College of Indigenous Studies, and with funding from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, works to promote Alaska Native Food and Energy Sovereignty. The annual meeting brought together representatives from across the state of Alaska, allowing opportunities for collaboration between campuses and identifying areas for growth in pursuit of their goal to advance place-based Alaska Native Food and Energy Sovereignty through equitable education. At the gathering, Amanda discussed data collection and reporting, and different ways to measure the program's impact across multiple stakeholder groups.

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## Shaffer Evaluation Group is pleased to work on these new projects



### University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Indigenous Studies

Evaluation of "Drumbeats Alaska: Place-Based Solutions for Alaska Native Food & Energy Sovereignty 2024-27," a USDA grant.



## University of Alaska Fairbanks Community & Technical College

Evaluation of US Department of Education Title III Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH) Program Grant: "PASS: Pathways to Student Success." SEG also prepared the grant application for this \$4.3 million grant award.



## St. Petersburg College, Florida

Writing support and evaluator for National Science Foundation (NSF) Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) grant application.



## It's a Wrap!

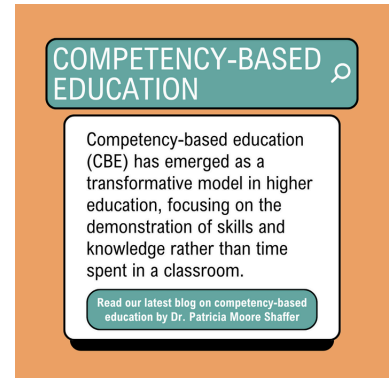
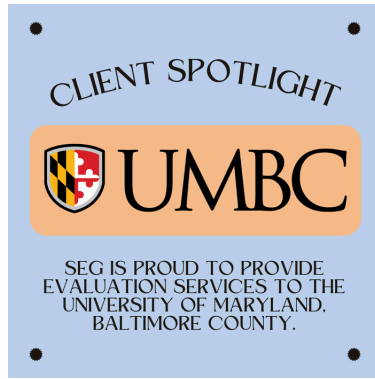
During the last month, SEG completed a 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant evaluation for **Love Lived Charity** in Prince George's County, Maryland; and a strategic planning community consultation project for **Guilford Technical Community College** in Guilford County, North Carolina.



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