

October 2025



Grant Opportunities

DEADLINE SOON:

**Eddie Bernice Johnson Inclusion
across the Nation of Communities
of Learners of Underrepresented
Discoverers in Engineering and
Science (INCLUDES) Initiative**

National Science Foundation

Program seeks to motivate and accelerate collaborative infrastructure building to sustain systemic change to broaden participation in STEM fields at scale. NSF offers support for five project types: (1) Design and Development Launch Pilots, (2) Collaborative Change Consortia, (3) Alliances, (4) Network Connectors, and (5) Conferences.



Deadline: October 28, 2025



Archival Projects

National Archives and Records Administration

Program supports archival projects that will significantly improve online public discovery and use of historical records collections, including projects that engage the public, expand civic education, and promote understanding of the nation's history, democracy, and culture from the founding era to the present day.

Deadline: Nov. 5, 2025

Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation

National Science Foundation

Program invests in the Nation's colleges and universities to aid student success to create a new generation of STEM discoverers for the national STEM enterprise. The program takes a comprehensive approach to the STEM Learning Ecosystem to impact STEM student development and retention.

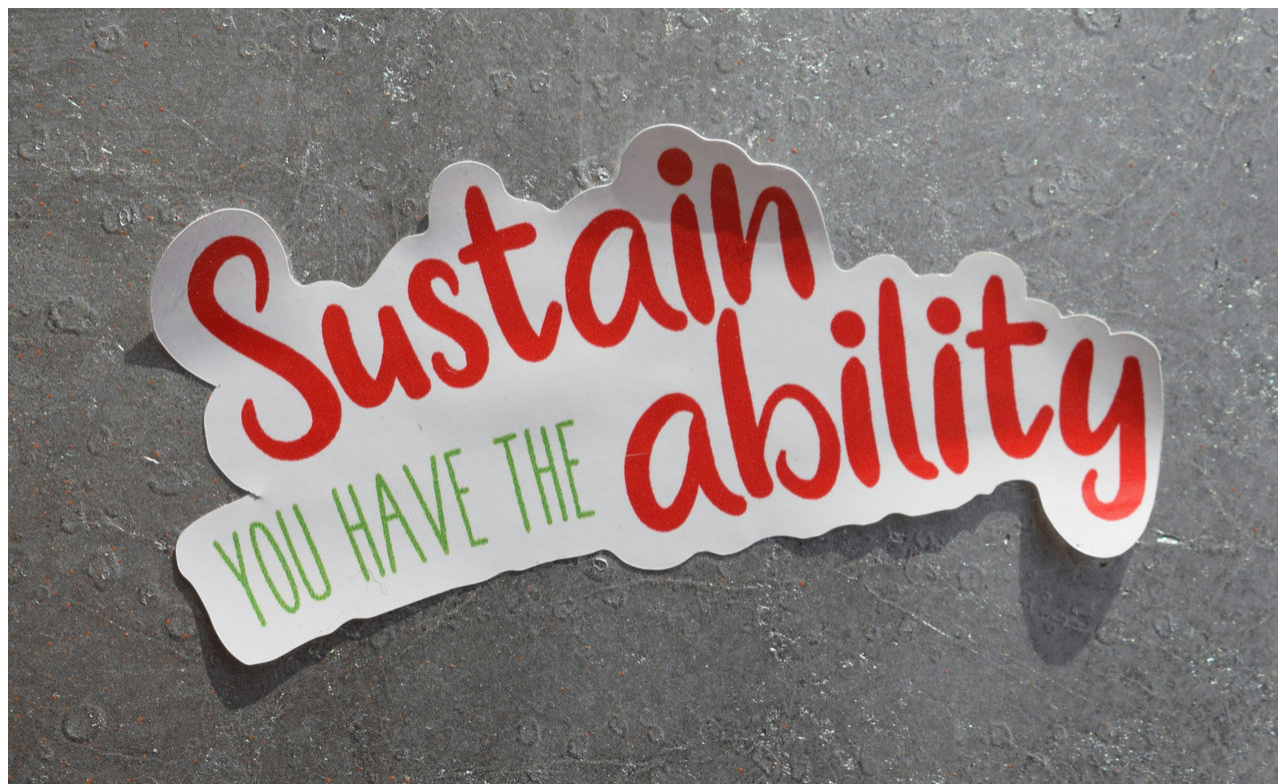
Deadline: Nov. 21, 2025



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.

Sustainability Planning for Federal Grants



Sustainability planning for federal grants is the process of ensuring a project's goals, principles, and activities endure after the award period ends. Federal funders increasingly prioritize long-term impact; grant applications and performance reports should demonstrate a credible plan for lasting success. In this month's [blog post](#), SEG principal Patricia Moore Shaffer shares guidance on sustainability planning to support your federal grant.

Site Visit Spotlight: UAF Community & Technical College, Fairbanks, Alaska



Dr. Shaffer conducted a site visit during September to the University of Alaska Fairbanks Community & Technical College (UAF CTC). UAF CTC offers more than 50 one-year certificate programs, two-year associate degree programs and occupational endorsements in high demand career fields. *PASS: Pathways to Student Success* is UAF CTC's Title III Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions grant project to increase enrollment through strategic investments in workforce programs in some of Alaska's high-demand fields, online education, and enrollment management; improve retention and graduation by retooling existing advising and student services; and develop CTC's first strategic plan.

During her visit last month, Dr. Shaffer learned about the expansion of high-demand programs, such as American Sign Language (ASL) and Computer IT Support (CITS). The ASL program has scaled with ASL I–III courses now offered in online and hybrid formats. Similarly, CITS expanded its capacity to deliver customized virtual labs, expanding access to authentic practice without physical labs.

The site visit included interviews with staff and faculty, the project director, and campus director, and a tour of the main campus. The first-year evaluation report will be written later this year.

American Sign Language 1 (ASL) 2025 Fall Courses

American Sign Language I Courses
CRN: 74068 ASLG F10IX 901 (In Person) TR 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
CRN: 74069 ASLG F10IX 902 (In Person) MW 6:00–7:30 p.m.
CRN: 72247 ASLG F10IX 001 (Online)
CRN: 72737 ASLG F10IX 002 (Online)

American Sign Language I Accelerated 7 weeks Course
CRN: 76206 ASLG F10IX 701 (Online) MTWR 5:30–7:00 p.m.





**American Sign Language Practice I Courses
(Strongly recommended to take with ASL I class)**
CRN: 74070 ASLG F110 901 (In Person) TR 3:30–4:00 p.m.
CRN: 74319 ASLG F110 903 (In Person) F 4:00–5:00 p.m.
CRN: 74317 ASLG F110 701 (Online) M 5:00–6:00 p.m.
CRN: 76857 ASLG F110-708 (Online) T 1:52–2:52 p.m.
CRN: 74318 ASLG F110 702 (Online) T 6:00–7:00 p.m.
CRN: 76237 ASLG F110 706 (Online) W 3:00–4:00 p.m.
CRN: 74331 ASLG F110 703 (Online) W 5:00–6:00 p.m.
CRN: 74320 ASLG F110 704 (Online) R 6:00–7:00 p.m.
CRN: 76236 ASLG F110 705 (Online) R 5:00–6:00 p.m.



ASL I Practice Accelerated 7 Week Course
CRN: 76238 ASLG F110 707 (Online) TR 6:00–7:00 p.m.



For more information, contact Laurel Keyer at 907-455-2891 or email: lakeyer@alaska.edu
Or contact CTC Student Service 907-455-2800

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Project Closeouts

During the last month, SEG submitted its final evaluation report for a few projects we've worked on for the past three to five years. Congratulations to these institutions on closing out their grant projects to build community and institutional capacity, increase access to education, and improve the lives of underserved students and communities.

Aleut Community of St. Paul
Island/University of Alaska
Anchorage

BRAIDED Food Security Project (2022-2025)
(2022-2025), supported by the USDA

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Buena Vista University

Title III Strengthening Institutions grant project
(2023-2025), supported by the U.S. Department of
Education

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Eastern Oregon University

Title III Strengthening Institutions grant project
(2022-2025), supported by the U.S. Department of
Education

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Northeast Iowa Community
College

Title III Strengthening Institutions grant project
(2020-2025), supported by the U.S. Department of
Education



Notes from the Nation's Capitol

During the federal shutdown, the Department of Education has been subject to reductions in force. Catch up on this and other important news stories out of Washington, DC.

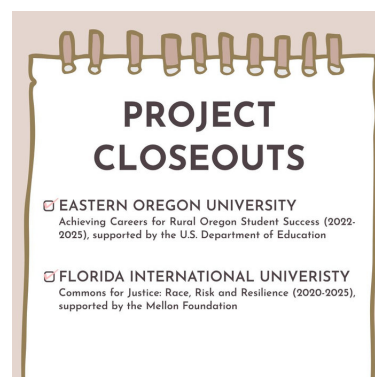


[Education Department layoffs would affect dozens of programs. See which ones](#)
(Education Week, Oct. 17, 2025)

[Trump bypasses Congress and slashes hundreds of education grants](#) (Education Week, Sept. 24, 2025)

[ED kicks off negotiated rulemaking to implement changes to federal student loan system](#) (Institute for College Access and Success, Oct. 8, 2025)

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