

August 2025



Grant Opportunities

DEADLINE SOON:

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Assistance for Arts Education

U.S. Department of Education

Program promotes arts education for students through activities such as (a) professional development for arts educators, teachers, and principals; (b) development and dissemination of accessible instructional materials and arts-based educational programming, including online resources; and (c) community and national outreach activities that strengthen and expand partnerships among schools, local educational agencies, communities, or centers for the arts.

Deadline: August 25, 2025





Translation to Practice

National Science Foundation

Program supports use-inspired research and translational activities enabling a continuum from foundational research to practice; the development of partnerships and collaborations between institutions of higher education and other entities; the education and training of students and postdoctoral researchers, encouraging the participation of all Americans in STEM including innovation and entrepreneurship; and the identification of future customer needs and opportunities.

Deadline: September 16, 2025

Rediscovering Our Revolutionary Tradition

National Endowment for the Humanities

Program supports activities to preserve and improve access to primary source materials—including archival records; documents and rare publications; art and material culture; and photographs and sound recordings that document 1) the history of American independence and establishment and/or expansion of the nation; or 2) the history of American government.

Deadline: September 2, 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.

The Headline in Federal Funding this Year: Workforce Development



DAcross federal agencies this year, Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) and Federal Register notices explicitly tie dollars to apprenticeships, work-based learning, and training pipelines through dedicated set-asides or invitational priorities. The signal is clear: the Administration plans to use grants to implement its workforce development strategy to Make America Skilled Again. To that end, the U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce, and Education released on August 12 their blueprint to revamp the federal government's approach to workforce development. Read this month's [blog](#) by Patricia Moore Shaffer on the new federal workforce development strategy.

Project Closeout: OSU Institute of Technology

In 2022, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT) contracted SEG to evaluate its Title III grant project to develop and implement a Virtual Learning Environment that integrated VR-related content into courses. Like many colleges, OSUIT was searching for innovative ways to respond to enrollment and retention issues compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through an innovative public-private partnership, OSUIT engaged in XR/VR content development and acquired VR headsets, ultimately integrating VR modules in 15 courses across six programs, including culinary arts. OSUIT also launched Metaversity that serves as a single deployment platform for all VR modules, VR experiences and other Metaverse-related tasks for students, faculty and staff. SEG submitted its final evaluation report to OSUIT in August 2025.



New Grantwriting and Evaluation Projects

SEG's grant writers have had a full summer working with our partners in the **Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (Alaska)**, **Christopher Newport University**, **The College of William and Mary**, and the **University of Alaska Fairbanks** to submit eight grant applications to U.S. Department of Education and private foundation-funded grant programs. SEG provided a range of services including consulting on logic models and project outcomes, drafting evaluation narratives, and authoring full applications.



Last month, we kicked off an evaluation of a Title V grant project implemented by **Valencia College**. *Project Validando e Impulsando el Talento de Adultos Latinos (VITAL): Advancing Upward Mobility for Adult Learners* focuses on increasing the enrollment, retention, and success of adult learners, particularly those from low-

income communities. This five-year grant provides infrastructure and capacity building to implement key strategies to support adults aged 25 and older who may have some college credit but no degree, and who are unaware of the opportunities, requirements, and process for re-enrolling in college.

Notes from the Nation's Capitol

We continue to bring you the latest news on federal support for K-12 and higher education.



[U.S. Department of Education Announces Negotiated Rulemaking to Implement President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill \(U.S. Department of Education, July 24, 2025\).](#)

[Trump Administration Unfreezes Billions in Federal Education Funds after Outcry \(EdSource, July 25, 2025\).](#)

[Federal Judge Declares Education Department's Attempt to Bar Diversity Programs Unlawful \(Politico, August 14, 2025\).](#)

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Grant Opportunity

Research Experiences for Undergraduates

This program supports intensive research by undergraduate students in any NSF-funded area of research. REU Sites engage a cohort of students in research projects related to a theme. REU Supplements engage students in research related to a new or ongoing NSF research award.

Deadline: August 20, 2025

AGREE

Unlocking the Impact:

Arts Program Evaluation Strategies

Check out Arts Insight's latest blog post at [ArtsInsight.net/blog](https://artsinsight.net/blog)

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Community Consultation Report Delivered to New Horizons Regional Education Centers

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