

Libraries may not be able to benefit from some grants, but what about Friends Groups?

The following list is just a small portion of grants available out there right now.

Grants101

“A Short Summary of Federal Grants”

<https://www.grants.gov/learn-grants/grants-101.html>

Help a Library Worker Out - HALO Fund

“Donate to ‘Help a Library Worker Out’ through the EveryLibrary Institute. Donations help librarians, library staff, and library workers who need help with housing expenses, child care, groceries, or other expenses during this crisis. We are all in it together.”

<https://www.everylibraryinstitute.org/halo>

IMLS Announces New Stimulus Funding for Communities Across America

\$30 Million Infusion to Provide Emergency Relief Through State Libraries

“States and territories will be able to use the funds to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services to citizens to address digital inclusion efforts and related technical support, using the following types of data to prioritize efforts:

Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);

Unemployment; and

Broadband availability”

<https://www.ims.gov/news/ims-announces-new-stimulus-funding-communities-across-america>

Michigan Humanities

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan Humanities is providing emergency CARES Act funding to museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, and other humanities-focused nonprofits impacted by the pandemic throughout Michigan. Michigan H.O.P.E. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to provide general operating support with an emphasis on maintaining personnel.

<https://www.michiganhumanities.org/michigan-humanities-organizations-pandemic-emergency-grants-h-o-p-e/>

OCLC Community Engagement Award

Deadline: extended to May 31, 2020

“The OCLC Community Engagement Award recognizes and celebrates projects that help public libraries extend their reach, build strong partnerships, and create programs that transform lives.

Submissions should highlight a current project or one completed within the past year that innovates, impacts and extends a public library's reach by connecting with community members. Three libraries will be recognized with an award and each will receive \$5,000 for their significant community engagement initiatives.

Nominations are open to all public libraries in the Americas (North and South America, all countries). Only one entry per public library system will be accepted. OCLC membership not required.

<https://www.oclc.org/en/about/awards/community-engagement-award.html>

Council of Michigan Foundations

COVID-19 Relief and Response Funds in MI

<https://www.michiganfoundations.org/covid-19-resource-central/funds>

MCACA Grants

“Michigan’s vibrant arts and cultural scene are important to the state’s communities, excellent quality-of-life and thriving economy. MCACA is the state’s key conduit for arts and cultural information, grant funding and more.”

<https://www.michiganbusiness.org/industries/mcaca/mcaca-grants/>

Library Census Equity Fund

“The American Library Association (ALA) and Capital One announced the names of 13 additional libraries receiving [Library Census Equity Fund mini-grants](#) of \$2,000 to bolster their service to hard-to-count communities and help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census.”

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2020/04/ala-awards-additional-13-library-census-equity-fund-grantees>

Freedom to Read Foundation

Each year FTRF distributes grants to non-profit organizations to support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Week celebration (September 27 - October 3, 2020). Libraries, schools and universities are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded at two levels, \$1,000 and \$2,500. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must not have been a recipient of an FTRF grant within the past five years.

https://www.ftrf.org/page/Krug_BBW

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

“Want to help youth learn about the environment? Start a library garden project, recycling program, or other hands-on environmental education programming. The Captain Planet Foundation™ invests in high-quality, solution-based programs that embrace STEM learning and empower youth to become local & global environmental change-makers.

The Captain Planet Foundation has three grant programs; ecoSolution™ Grants support youth-led solution-oriented projects; ecoTech™ Grants support projects that utilize technology as part of an environmental solution.ecoSTEM™; and Kits are ready-to-go environmental Project Based Learning activities in a box.

<https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/>

NEH CARES Act Cultural Organizations Grants

Deadline: May 11, 2020

“The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced new grant guidelines designed to rapidly distribute CARES Act funding to cultural nonprofits affected by the coronavirus pandemic. This new funding opportunity, [NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations](#), will provide grants of up to \$300,000 to sustain humanities organizations and preserve jobs in the cultural sector. An estimated 300-600 grants will be awarded for a total of \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

These emergency funds will help strengthen the nation’s museums, archives, libraries, historic sites, universities, and other educational institutions, and support the communities and economies that rely

on them. [NEH CARES](https://www.neh.gov/program/neh-cares-cultural-organizations) emergency relief grants provide up to \$300,000 to cultural nonprofits to support a range of humanities activities across the fields of education, preservation and access, public programming, digital humanities, and scholarly research through December 31, 2020. Funding may be used for short-term activities that emphasize retaining or hiring humanities staff at cultural organizations across the country to maintain or adapt critical programs during the pandemic.”

<https://www.neh.gov/program/neh-cares-cultural-organizations>

Dollar General Literacy Foundation

“[Youth Literacy Grants](https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/) are due May 21, 2020. Awards go up to \$4,000 for implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.”

<https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/>

Capital Improvement Grant

“Capital Improvement is a competitive program for nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and municipalities that provide funding assistance for the expansion, renovation, or construction of arts and cultural facilities; upgrade of equipment and furnishings to provide an up-to-date environment; provide or increase accessibility to persons with disabilities, or integrate energy efficient products and technologies. Improvements from Capital grants should enhance arts and cultural practices, as well as, achieve direct artistic and cultural outcomes within their communities.

The FY21 Capital Improvement Grant Program is now accepting applications. Deadline to apply: 5pm EST June 1, 2020. [Find the grant guidelines here.](https://medc.app.box.com/v/FY21MCACA-CI)

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Additional Funding Opportunities via Library of Michigan

https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88855_89739_90015---,00.html

GrantWatch

“Coronavirus COVID-19 grants, loans, funding opportunities and financial assistance to respond to the corona pandemic crisis that has impacted individuals, artists, communities, nonprofit organizations and businesses.”

<https://www.grantwatch.com/cat/56/coronavirus-covid-grants.html>

GrantSpace

“Where can I find emergency financial resources to help with COVID-19 hardships?”

<https://grantspace.org/resources/knowledge-base/covid-19-emergency-financial-resources/>

GrantStation

“Grant Opportunities Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Here you'll find the latest coronavirus grant funding opportunities for nonprofits, small businesses, journalists, and artists, updated each business day and listed by deadline date.”

<https://grantstation.com/covid-19-related-funding>