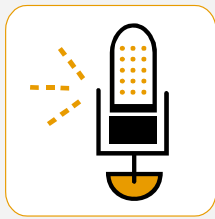


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## Research Administration

### Golden LEAF Offers Outreach Sessions

Golden LEAF, a nonprofit devoted to the economic well being of NC, announced it will be holding outreach sessions for its new Open Grants Program.

Replacing the Foundations Annual Grants Cycle, the Open Grants Program will allow the acceptance of proposals year-round. The outreach sessions will explain the Foundations funding priorities, new grants making processes, and grant management procedures.

The free sessions are open to nonprofit organizations and

governmental entities. Applicants are encouraged to review funding priorities and guidelines for the Open Grants Program.

Funding requests will be accepted beginning July 1, 2009.

The schedule for the outreach sessions can be found at the Golden LEAF Foundation's website, along with announcements, other upcoming events, and grant information.

Golden LEAF is also

available to discuss and give feedback on proposal ideas or potential projects.

<http://www.goldenleaf.org>

Contact The Golden LEAF Foundation:

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Or via email at  
[info@goldenleaf.org](mailto:info@goldenleaf.org)

### Changing Application Guidelines



NIH (National Institutes of Health) hopes to reduce their page limits on their standard grant applications from 25 pages to 12 pages. A state level Cross/Blue Shield grant program recently reduces their page limit from 15 to 10 pages. The reduction in page limits poses some interesting challenges for grant writers and reviewers alike.

Grant reviewers generally like the idea of shorter proposals. One consequence, of course, is that fewer proposal details can be presented by

proposal writers. We fear that many proposals will be criticized for "insufficient details" when guidelines don't permit them.

As we watch this trend towards shorter proposals, we do not see a corresponding trend of shorter application guidelines or reviewer evaluation forms. The three elements are interrelated: application guidelines, page limits, and reviewer evaluation forms. Changes in one element affect the other two.

In our ideal world, we

would like to see shorter proposals **AND** reduced application guidelines and condensed evaluation forms.

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## Funding Opportunities



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find and apply for federal  
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Closing Date	Opportunity Title	Agency	Funding Number
6/22/2009	Demonstration and Training Braille Program CFDA 84.235E	U.S Dept. Education	ED-GRANTS-050709-001
6/23/09	Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Expansion	Administration for Children and Families	HHS-2009-ACF-OHS-CM-0099
6/23/09	American Indian And Alaska Native Head Start Expansion	Administration for Children and Families	HHS-2009-ACF-OHS-CI-0097
6/23/2009	Service Area Competition	Health Resources and Services Administration	HRSA-10-011
6/25/09	DHS Scientific Leadership Awards For Minority Serving Institutions Granting Bachelor Degrees	Office of Procurement Operations-Grants Division	DHS-09-ST-062-002
6/30/09	Recovery Act- Demonstration of Integrated Biorefinery Operations	Golden Field Office	DE-FOA-0000096
6/30/09	Region 2 Wetland Program Development Grants	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-R2-09WPDG
7/6/09	Alzheimer's Disease Innovation	Administration on Aging	HHS-2009-AOA-AI-0910
7/6/09	Value-Added Producer Grant Program	Business and Cooperative Programs	RDBCP-09-VAPG
7/6/09	Kosovo Activity For Supporting School (KASS) Program	Hungary USAID-Budapest	167-09-13
7/6/09	Family Connection Discretionary Grants	Administration for Children and Family	HHS-2009-ACF-ACYF-CF-0078
7/6/09	Alzheimer's Disease Evidence Based	Administration on Aging	HHS-2009-AOA-AE-0909
7/7/09	ARRA of 2009 Strengthening Communities Fund	Administration for Children Families	HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SI-0091
7/20/09	Service Area Competitions	Health Resources And Services Administration	HRSA-10-012

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# NC Biotechnology Center

## NC Biotechnology Center Grant Deadlines Set for 2009-2010

The deadlines for all Biotechnology Center grant programs have been set for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. See the list of “Upcoming Deadlines” below for programs with deadlines in July and August. Updated guidelines and application instructions will be posted on the program-specific web pages in the coming months.

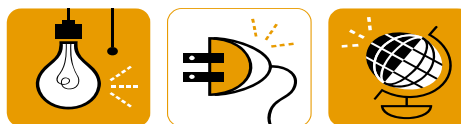
## Summer Workshops for Teachers for 2009

For the 23rd consecutive year, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center will sponsor its popular Summer Workshops for Educators. These workshops offer teachers at the middle school, high school and college levels training in a variety of biotechnology topics, featuring hands-on activities that will engage students and improve learning. More information is located at <http://www.ncbiotech.org/summerworkshops/>.

## New Guidelines for Regional Development Grant (RDG) Pre-proposals

The [Regional Development Grant](#) program supports early stage life science economic development initiatives statewide. New program guidelines for 2009-2010 will be posted soon, which include project focus areas and revised application instructions. The next deadline for RDG pre-proposals is August 12, 2009.

**Important note:** For all NC Biotechnology Center funding programs, applicants are encouraged to contact [Center staff](#) to discuss your proposal ideas.



## UPCOMING DEADLINES

(see [www.ncbiotech.org/grants](http://www.ncbiotech.org/grants) for other deadlines)

Program	Description	Deadline
<a href="#">Multidisciplinary Research Grants</a> New guidelines now posted.	The Multidisciplinary Research Grant Program is designed to encourage collaboration between North Carolina scientists from at least three distinct fields of study working together for advancement of the state of the art in biotechnology.	July 15, 2009 Noon
<a href="#">Collaborative Funding Grants</a>	Collaborative Funding Grants support a postdoctoral fellow or technician in a university research laboratory who will perform a project of commercial interest under the guidance of a principal investigator.	July 29, 2009 Noon (1 <sup>st</sup> cycle)
<a href="#">Regional Development Grants</a>	The goal of the Regional Development Grant Program is to build capacity through collaborative projects, providing a foundational resource for biotechnology development in the community. Pre-proposals are required.	Pre-proposal deadline Aug. 12, 2009 Noon (1 <sup>st</sup> cycle)
<a href="#">Education Enhancement Grants</a>	Education Enhancement Grants assist with the development of activities, programs, resources and personnel necessary to enhance biotechnology education and work force training.	Aug. 19, 2009 Noon
<a href="#">Institutional Development Grants</a>	The purpose of the Institutional Development Grant Program is to provide research equipment or core facilities that serve multiple investigators.	Sept. 2, 2009 Noon

## Federal Grants

*What to Expect*

A common grant workshop question is often, "If I get a grant, does it come with strings?"

With constant talk about accountability and transparency, dealing with bureaucracy should be expected at the federal level involving grants. A few common types of "strings" are:

- **Cost Sharing/Matching Funds:** some grants require that you share a portion of the costs. Those costs must be documented in a separate account. Does your organization have the capability to track separate expenditures?
- **Financial Reports:** Most federal grants require that you file a financial status report, one that indicates how you have spent your dollars. Google "Standard Form 269", print it out, and take it to your institutional fiscal officer. Does your organization have the capability to complete this form?
- **Record Keeping:** Most federal grants require that you keep fiscal and programmatic records for up to three years after the grant is over. Does your organization have the capability to retain records over three years?
- **Programmatic Records:** Most federal grants require that you submit a brief programmatic report indicating the progress you are making towards your project goals and objectives. If you've written your objectives in measurable times, satisfying this requirement should be no problem.

For most nonprofit organizations, the concern over government grant string is overrated, once they see what the specific requirements are. In most instances, well run organizations do these things already. Be sure to find out the post award requirements before submitting a grant proposal.

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## Letters of Inquiry and Intent

### Inquiry Letter

Some foundations and funding sources prefer initial requests for funding in the form of a letter instead of a full proposal.

The inquiry should be brief, three pages or less, but detailed enough to identify the need or problem, your proposed solution and your organizations qualifications for carrying out the solution.

Include in the inquiry an introduction, a description of your organization, a statement of need, your methodology, a brief discussion of other funding, and a final summary.

Be sure the letter is addressed to the appropriate contact person for the foundation or to its CEO.

### Intent Letter

Some government agencies request or require a **letter of intent** from any organization that plans to respond to an RFP so that they have some idea of the number and geographical distribution of applicants.

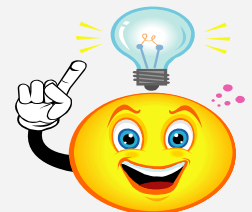
Letters of intent can also be used to encourage interested groups to form a coalition. For example, the first step for groups interested in obtaining technical assistance grants from the Environmental Protection Agency is to submit a letter of intent to the nearest EPA regional office.

Be sure to follow the funder's instructions exactly and include no more than what they request.

REMEMBER: To ensure that the best possible proposal package is submitted for funding, it must be received by Research Administration **at least 5 days** before it is due to the sponsor.

Special thanks go to those researchers that met the deadline and helped us help them succeed!

Proposals received by RA the day they are due to the sponsor run a **risk of not being submitted**.



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<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Opportunity Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Funding Number</b>
8/10/09	Major Research Instrumentation Program	National Science Foundation	09-561
8/13/09	Sciences Addressing Asymmetric Explosive Threats	Office of Naval Research	ONRBAA09-022
8/18/09	Service Area Competitions	Health Resources and Services Administration	HRSA-10-013
8/20/09	Fellowship Programs At Independent Research Institutions	National Endowment for the Humanities	20090820-RA
8/24/09	Academic Research Infrastructure Program Recovery and Reinvestment	National Science Foundation	09-562
8/30/09	Public Housing Capital Fund Capital Recovery Competition Grants	—	FR-5311-N-01
9/1/09	Tribal Wildlife Grants	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	15-639-2010
9/3/09	NEA Arts on Radio And Television, FY 2010	National Endowment for the Arts	2009NEA01ARTV
9/17/09	Recovery Act Limited Competition Core Facility Renovation, Repair And Improvement	National Institutes of Health	RFA-RR-09-007
9/17/09	Service Area Competitions	Health Resources and Services Administration	HRSA-10-014
10/19/09	Service Area Competitions	Health Resources and Services Administration	HRSA-10-015
11/17/09	Service Area Competitions	Health Resources and Services Administration	HRSA-10-016

(Find complete listings of these grants and others at [grants.gov](http://grants.gov))



## Stimulus News

President Obama's new stimulus plan includes billions of dollars in new funding for grants for children, seniors and minority populations -- including grants for social services, education and healthcare!

To reflect this revolutionary change, *CD Publications* has totally revamped and widened the focus of *Children & Youth Funding Report*, one of our continually-updated, interactive news services!

Here are excerpts from three recently posted funding opportunities on *Children & Youth Funding Report*:

- Education Dept. Still Developing \$100M ARRA Teacher Partnerships Grants, Agency:** Education Dept (DoEd); **Program:** ARRA Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnerships (CFDA Number: 84.405); **Eligibility:** The partnerships must include, at a minimum: (1) A high-need local educational agency (LEA); (2) A high-need school or a consortium of high-need schools served by the high-need LEA and/or, as applicable, a high-need early childhood education program.
- Best Buy Children's Foundation, Deadline:** June 15. Best Buy Children's Foundation supports local communities with the Community Grants Program that is led by employee committees in each of its eight territories across the United States. Employees select non-profit organizations that support programs and services that provide opportunities for young teens related to education, life skills, leadership skills or relationship development.
- Nike Inc. Cash Grants, Deadline:** Eligible proposals are reviewed throughout the year. Nike Inc. envisions a world where the power of sport builds valuable skills: leadership, conflict resolution, equity and trauma relief. The corporation works with experienced partners in youth and education to address needs of vulnerable populations by linking experts with low-income youth, minorities, young women, and youth living in conflict situations.

*Children and Youth Fund Report* <http://www.trycdpubs.com>

## NIH ARRA Challenge Grants

More than 15,000 applications were submitted under the National Institutes of Health (NIH) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Challenge Grants competition.

According to NIH, that number "nearly matches the total number of applications NIH receives in a regular Council round." Between 10,000 and 15,000

reviewers will be needed to evaluate the applications. Some challenge areas listed in the grant solicitation were behavior, behavior change and prevention, clinical research, enhancing clinical trials, genomics, and health disparities.

More than 400 awards are expected between the NIH Office of the Director and NIH institutes and centers.

Summary statements and scores will be available by August, and awards will be issued by September 30, 2009.

-The Grants Resource Center

## Find Funding For Research

Look for funding in a wide range of fields at the following websites.

**Grants.gov**: This is one of the largest sites on the Internet for finding government sponsored grants and can be a great place to search for assistance.

**Foundation Center**: On this site you'll find links to hundreds of charitable foundations that can be sources of funding for research of all kinds.

**GrantsNet**: This site allows you to search through thousands of funding opportunities in nearly all of the science and medical fields.

**Community of Science**: The Community of Science site provides loads of resources for the world's researchers including links to funding opportunities.

**Chronicle of Philanthropy**: This publication is focused on philanthropic groups and foundations and provides a list of grants and awards that are available.

**ResearchResearch**: Search through all kinds of sources of federal funding in the U.S. using this easy-to-use interface.

**Council on Foundations**: This organization represents thousands of foundations, which you can search through to see if any match your funding needs.

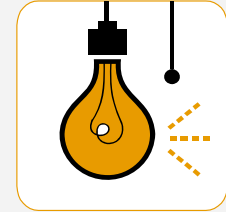
**The Grantsmanship Center**: Use this site to find grants, learn to write them and more.

**GrantSelect**: This pay site provides an easy to search list of grants and funding options to ensure you get the assistance you need for any research project.

**National Endowment for Democracy**: Those working on projects that focus on bringing democracy to all areas of the world can find support through the resources supplied on this site.

**William T. Grant Foundation**: This foundation is dedicated to research that helps improve the lives of young people, and encompasses a variety of fields.

**Russell Sage Foundation**: Here you will find funding that is directly exclusively at research in the social sciences.



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### Stimulus Funding Update: NSF

Many National Science Foundation (NSF) programs are receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Specifically, NSF says their current budget has been increased by \$3.0 billion.

Since NSF currently has many highly rated proposals that it has not been able to fund, it is planning to use the majority of the \$2 billion available in Research and Related Activities for proposals that are already in house and will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.

NSF said recently that it also expects to expeditiously award ARRA funds for the following programs.

- The Math and Science Partnership program (funded at \$25 million);
- The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (funded at \$60 million);
- The Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction Account (funded at \$400 million);
- The Academic Research Infrastructure (ARI) program (funded at \$200 million);
- The Science Masters program, (funded at \$15 million).

Solicitations for these latter two programs will be posted this spring.

NSF will post a solicitation this spring for the Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) in order to make a sufficient number of awards to utilize the \$300 million provided in the legislation. The Foundation currently anticipates that no other solicitations will be posted that are solely in response to the Recovery Act.



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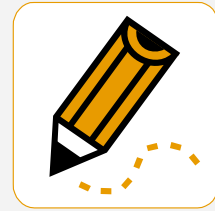
## Proposals and Awards April/May 2009

### Proposals Submitted April 2009

Primary Investigator	Project Title	Requested
Peter C. Tay	Database of Digital Mammography and computer Aided Diagnosis of Breast Cancer Software	\$458,758.00
Julia Barnes	Visiting Faculty Program—The US Air Force Academy	\$105,098.00
Jane Eastman	Yellow Creek Archaeological Project	\$7,000.00
Ronald Davis	Wildlife Studies at Balsam Mountain Preserve	\$3250.00
Mary Adams	NC Humanities Council Collaborative Grant with Asheville Citizen Time	\$9000.00
Phillip Sanger	Accelerating Economic Development through Innovation for Western North Carolina and the Piedmont Megalopolis	\$560,226.46
Cheryl Clark	NC AHEC Clinical Site Development	\$10,000.00
Kimberly Crawford	Scripted Storybook Reading: Effects on Young Children and Families	\$5000.00
Wanda Ashe	NCDPI- Principal Scholars Initiative	\$30,000.00
Meagan Karvonen	Longitudinal Examination of Assessment Progression in Portfolio-based AA-AAAS (LEAPP)	\$85,408.40

### Awards Accepted April/May 2009 (as of May 13, 2009)

Primary Investigator	Project Title/Funding Agency	Awarded Amount
Hartwell Francis	Cherokee Language Revitalization Project	\$199,540.00
Elaine Franklin	Mentoring for Meaning in Math and Science	\$299,593.00
Cheryl Johnson	Advanced Education Nurse Anesthesia Traineeship	\$9,825.00
Andy Coburn	Promoting sustainable Coastal Management through a Strategic Retreat Strategy	\$130,000.00
Vincent Hall	(Awarded by UNC-GA)	\$12,000.00
David Westling	(Awarded by Dept. of Education)	\$200,000.00
Ben Tanner	Determination of Carbon Sequestration Rates...	\$5,000.00
Julia Barnes	Visiting Faculty Program—The U.S. Air Force Academy	\$105,098.00
Jane Eastman	Yellow Creek Archaeological Project	\$6,300.00
Jerry Miller	(Awarded by USDA Forest Service)	\$20,000.00
Mary McDuffie	(Awarded by Dept. of Public Instruction)	\$30,000.00
Jayne Zanglein	(Awarded by USDA)	\$89,967.00
Jean Hill	(Awarded by Cummings Foundation)	\$10,000.00



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