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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING RESOURCES

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## GUIDEBOOK

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## About this guidebook

This list of funding resources is provided as a resource to local governments, Chambers of Commerce, community/economic development organizations, downtown/main street organizations, and others involved in securing funding for community development activities.

While many other funding sources are available, these represent a collection of those with funding reserved for community development programs and initiatives that may be broad in scope. This list is not meant to be exhaustive and will be updated periodically.

While every effort is made to ensure availability of these funding opportunities, accuracy of the website addresses, etc., information may change without notice. This information should be used only as a guide. If you know of additional funding resources or changes to this information, please send us the information for review.

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# Federal government

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS CLEARINGHOUSE

The Web portal [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) is the source to find and apply for many federal government grants. Click on "Search Grants" to search by category, including "Community Development."

## APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)

Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred projects throughout the Appalachian Region in support of the goals identified in the Commission's strategic plan. Mississippi organizations seeking funding must be in one of the following counties: Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Itawamba, Kemper, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston, and Yalobusha. For more information on funding, visit [arc.gov](https://arc.gov) or contact ARC's Mississippi office at (662) 844-1184.

## DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY (DRA)

As a key part of its effort to improve the lives of Delta residents, the DRA operates a grant program in the eight states it serves. The DRA works closely with local development districts, which provide technical assistance to grant applicants. Visit [dra.gov](https://dra.gov) for a list of eligible counties in Mississippi or call (662) 624-8600.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

The EPA was created for the purpose of protecting human health and the environment by writing and enforcing regulations based on laws passed by the U.S. Congress. The EPA provides a variety of federal programs and funding to state and local governments, tribes, territories, public, quasi-public, and private and non-profit organizations and institutions, specialized groups, and individuals. Visit [epa.gov](https://epa.gov) for a list of grants and funding opportunities. For more information on these programs, contact EPA's Region 4 Office at [epa.gov/ms](https://epa.gov/ms) or call (404) 562-9900.

## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards. Visit [fema.gov](https://fema.gov) for a list of available grant and funding programs or call (770) 220-5200 for the regional office serving Mississippi.

## INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The Institute of Museum and Library Services' mission is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations. Visit [imls.gov](https://imls.gov) for a list of grant opportunities or call (202) 653-4657.

## National Center for Preservation technology and training

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) grants program provides funding for innovative research that develops new technologies or adapts existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. NCPTT funds projects within several overlapping disciplinary areas including archeology, architecture, collections management, engineering, historic landscapes, and materials conservation. Visit [nps.gov/ncptt](https://nps.gov/ncptt) to find grant and funding opportunities or call (318) 356-7444.

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)

The National Endowment for the Arts was established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. The NEA has awarded several billion dollars to support artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. In the past five years, the National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than \$11,170,000 in grants in Mississippi. Visit [arts.gov](https://arts.gov) to find grants or call (202) 682-5400.

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## Federal Government Grants Clearinghouse

The website [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) serves as an invaluable resource for identifying and applying for a wide range of federal government grants. By clicking on “Search Grants,” users can explore available options categorized by various fields, such as “Community Development.”

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In pursuit of its mission to enhance the quality of life for residents in the Delta region, the DRA administers a grant program across the eight states within its jurisdiction. The DRA collaborates closely with local development districts to offer technical assistance to grant applicants. For a list of eligible counties in Mississippi, please visit [dra.gov](https://www.dra.gov) or contact us at (662) 624-8600.

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Architecture

Collections management

Engineering

Historic landscapes

Materials conservation

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## National Endowment for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent agency of the United States government that provides grants to support research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. For a comprehensive list of available grants, visit [neh.gov](https://neh.gov) or call (202) 606-8400.

## National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) serves as the grant-making arm of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Grants are available for the collection, preservation, and publication of documents and archives. For more information on grant opportunities, visit [archives.gov](https://archives.gov) or call (866) 272-6272.

## National Science Foundation (NSF)

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## National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

The NTIA's Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications (NTIA) supports public and non-profit organizations in effectively utilizing telecommunications and information technologies. This effort aims to enhance public service delivery and promote various national objectives. Additionally, the office manages initiatives designed to ensure that high-speed (broadband) Internet access is available to all. For a list of grant opportunities, please visit [ntia.gov](https://www.ntia.gov).

## Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

TVA Economic Development provides a variety of financing services and options to support both new and existing businesses in securing the financial resources necessary for locating or expanding within the Tennessee Valley. For TVA regional representatives and contact details for Mississippi, please visit [tvasites.com/about-us-our-team](https://tvasites.com/about-us-our-team).

## U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The United States Chamber of Commerce stands as the largest business organization in the world. Its mission is to foster business growth and enhance America's prosperity by offering a range of funding opportunities. For more details on available options, visit [uschamber.com](https://uschamber.com) or call 202-659-6000.

## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The USDA's mission is to provide economic opportunities through innovation, enabling rural America to thrive, promoting agricultural production that nourishes Americans and supports global food needs, and preserving natural resources through conservation efforts. Numerous agencies within the USDA offer funding opportunities to communities and organizations. For details on available funding sources, visit [usda.gov](https://usda.gov) or call (202) 720-2791.

## U.S. Department of Energy

The Department of Energy is dedicated to safeguarding the future of human health and the environment by offering a range of funding resources, including grants, loans, and financing programs. For further details about funding opportunities, please visit [energy.gov](https://energy.gov) or call (202) 586-5000.

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) serves as the primary agency of the United States government dedicated to safeguarding the health of all Americans and delivering essential human services, particularly for those who are most in need. For additional details about funding opportunities, please visit [hhs.gov](https://hhs.gov) or call (877) 696-6775.

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## U.S. Department of the Interior/National Park Services (NPS)

The National Park Service (NPS) offers guidance, technical assistance, funding, and recognition to help communities preserve their heritage and expand access to local recreation. For grant and financial assistance opportunities, visit [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov) or contact the Region 4 office serving Mississippi at (402) 661-1736.

## U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) plays a vital role in improving public safety and upholding the rule of law by funding research, supporting law enforcement agencies, providing specialized training, and enhancing the overall effectiveness of the criminal justice system. To explore available grant opportunities or learn more about DOJ programs and resources, visit [justice.gov](https://www.justice.gov) or call (202) 514-2000.

## U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) supports workforce development across the country by overseeing job training programs, services for displaced workers, employment assistance, and unemployment benefits through state and local systems. To learn more about available programs, resources, and funding opportunities, visit [dol.gov/agencies/eta](https://dol.gov/agencies/eta) or call (866) 487-2365.

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## U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

The mission of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is to serve the nation by providing a fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system that supports America's vital interests and improves the quality of life for all citizens—now and for future generations. To explore available funding and grant opportunities, visit [transportation.gov](https://www.transportation.gov) or call (855) 368-4200.

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The HUD strives to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination. Visit [hud.gov](http://hud.gov) for available opportunities or call (202) 708-1112.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

The NPS provides advice, technical assistance, recognition, and funds to help communities across the country preserve their own history and create close-to-home recreation opportunities. Visit [nps.gov](http://nps.gov) for grant and financial assistance opportunities or call the region 4 office service Mississippi at (402) 661-1736.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)

The DOJ offers funding opportunities to conduct research, to support law enforcement activities in state and local jurisdictions, to provide training and technical assistance, and to implement programs that improve the criminal justice system. For more information, visit [justice.gov](http://justice.gov) for a listing of grant opportunities or call (202) 514-2000.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems. Visit [dol.gov/agencies/eta](http://dol.gov/agencies/eta) for available opportunities or call (866) 487-2365.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

The mission of the Department is to serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future. Visit [transportation.gov](http://transportation.gov) for links to funding and grant opportunities or call (855) 368-4200.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, or CDFI Fund, is a program within the U.S. Department of the Treasury that awards money and tax credits to community-based organizations that work in low-income urban and rural communities across America. These organizations, known as CDFIs, all have a common mission of working toward revitalizing economically depressed communities or communities underserved by mainstream financial institutions and improving the quality of life of those that live and work in these communities. Visit [cdfifund.gov](http://cdfifund.gov) for a list of funding opportunities or call (202) 653-0300.

## U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

The EDA targets its investment assistance on attracting private capital investment and creating higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in those communities and regions suffering from economic distress. Visit [eda.gov](http://eda.gov) for current programs, investment policies, and funding opportunities or call (404) 730-3002 for the Atlanta regional office serving Mississippi.

## U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Information is available for financial assistance available from the U.S. Fire Administration and other federal agencies for fire departments and other first responders. Visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) for more information regarding financial assistance opportunities or call (301) 447-1000.

## U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. Visit [sba.gov](http://sba.gov) for a listing of available financial resources and other services or call (601) 965-4378 for the Mississippi District Office.

# State government

## Keep Mississippi Beautiful

[Keep Mississippi Beautiful](#) works to inspire and educate Mississippians to improve their communities by preventing litter, promoting recycling and beautification. We encourage all citizens to be responsible for improving the state's scenic beauty and quality of life. These efforts boost civic pride, livability and local economies. These grants help municipalities implement litter prevention and beautification programs. Programs should include but not be limited to planning and organizing communications, cleanup, household hazardous waste amnesty projects, programming materials, education, law enforcement, recycling, composting and waste reduction at the source. Visit [keepmsbeautiful.com](http://keepmsbeautiful.com) for information on grants available to counties and municipalities or call (601) 853-4441.

## Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC)

In 1968, the Mississippi Legislature created the MAC as the official grants-making and service agency for the arts. Since then, the Commission has broadened its role as an active supporter and promoter of the arts in community life and arts education. Visit [arts.ms.gov](http://arts.ms.gov) for a listing of individual and organizational grant opportunities or call (601) 359-6030.

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History Historic Preservation Division provides expert technical assistance and grants for preservation projects, maintains extensive lists of the state's archaeological sites and historic places, and oversees the State Historical Marker, Mississippi Landmark, and National Register of Historic Places programs. Visit [mdah.ms.gov](http://mdah.ms.gov) for a link to available grant opportunities or call (601) 576-6850.

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for protecting the state's air, land, and water. Visit [mdeq.ms.gov](http://mdeq.ms.gov) to find a listing of grant opportunities or call (888) 786-0661.

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (MDPS)

Mississippi Department of Public Safety's mission is to make Mississippi a safer place for the state's three million residents. The purpose of this funding is to provide drug court programs with the funds to underwrite projects to assist certified drug court programs with the most pressing needs of their agency. These funds can be used for a wide variety of purposes including salaries, fringe benefits, training, equipment, travel, and supplies. Visit [dps.ms.gov](http://dps.ms.gov) or call (601)-987-1212.

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

The mission of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is to conserve and enhance Mississippi's wildlife, fisheries, and parks, provide quality outdoor recreation, and engage the public in natural resource conservation. Mississippi's legislative leadership recognized the need for wildlife conservation in our state and founded the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission in 1932. The MDWFP is a large state agency charged by state statute to conserve, develop, and protect Mississippi's natural resources and provide continuing outdoor recreation opportunities. Visit [mdwfp.com](http://mdwfp.com) for a list of funding opportunities or call (601)-432-2400.

## Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

MDOT provides Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities that are federally funded, community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Visit [mdot.ms.gov/gms](http://mdot.ms.gov/gms) to access MDOT's grant management system to apply for federal grant funds for transportation services within the state.

# State and national organizations

## MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MDA)

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is Mississippi's lead economic and community development agency engaged in providing services to businesses, communities, and workers throughout Mississippi. The agency works to recruit new business to the state and retain and expand existing Mississippi industry and business. MDA also provides technical assistance to the state's entrepreneurs and small businessmen and women and oversees programs that support Mississippi's minority and women-owned businesses. For a listing of grant programs, loan programs, tax incentives, and other funding available through MDA, visit [mississippi.org](https://mississippi.org) or call (601) 359-3449.

## MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION

The Mississippi Forestry Commission helps fund several grant programs that advance forestry education, the growth of healthy forests, and provide firefighters with equipment and supplies. Visit [mfc.ms.gov](https://mfc.ms.gov) for a listing of funding opportunities or call (601) 359-1386.

## Mississippi Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Mississippi Planning and Development Districts provide regional community and economic development services to ten regions across the state. PDDs secure and administer grants and other funding for its member governments and provide other technical and socioeconomic services. Visit [mspdds.org](https://mspdds.org) for a directory of local PDD districts and technical assistance information or call (601)-981-1511.

## Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency mission is to safeguard Mississippi and her citizens by fostering a culture of preparedness, executing timely response during disaster, and quickly restoring quality of life post event. Emergency Management is a comprehensive approach for administering and governing efforts in mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Visit [msema.org](https://msema.org) for available aid programs or call (601) 933-MEMA.

## Mississippi state Department of Health

Public health protection takes a wide variety of forms, from ensuring the safety of your food and water to setting standards for health and care facilities. Mississippi's State Board of Health was established in 1877 to protect and advance health throughout Mississippi and became the Mississippi State Department of Health in 1982. Visit [msdh.ms.gov](https://msdh.ms.gov) for a listing of grant opportunities or call (866) HLTHY4U.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### KABOOM!

Kaboom's mission is to create great play spaces through the participation and leadership of communities. Ultimately, they envision a place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Visit [kaboom.org](https://kaboom.org) for grant opportunities or call (202) 659-0215.

### LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC)

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is dedicated to helping community residents transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity—good places to work, do business and raise children. With 38 offices across the country, visit [lisc.org](https://lisc.org) to find information on available loan and grant programs or call (212) 455-9800.

### NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

The Firewise Communities program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters, and others in the effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire. Visit [nfpa.org](https://nfpa.org) or call (800) 344-3555.

# National and regional organizations

## NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Program (housed within the National Sheriffs' Association) works to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens in a nation-wide effort to reduce crime and improve local communities. The success of the program has established Neighborhood Watch as the nation's premier crime prevention and community mobilization program. Visit [nnw.org](http://nnw.org) for detailed information or call (800) 424-7827.

## NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities. Visit [savingplaces.org](http://savingplaces.org) or call (800) 944-6847 for information on historic tax credits and other resources.

## RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONSERVANCY (RTC)

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy seeks to transform communities by creating safe ways for people to walk, bike and be active outdoors. Visit [railstotrails.org](http://railstotrails.org) or call (202) 331-9696 for information on grants, advocacy and more resources.

## REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### FOUNDATION FOR THE MID SOUTH

The mission of the Foundation for the Mid South is to invest in people and strategies that build philanthropy and promote racial, social, and economic equity in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Education, Wealth Building, Health, and Communities are the foundation's broad focus areas. Visit [fndmidsouth.org](http://fndmidsouth.org) for information on the grant application process or call (601) 355-8167.

### HOPE ENTERPRISE CORPORATION

HOPE is a private, nonprofit community development financial institution (CDFI), that provides commercial financing, mortgage loans and technical assistance to support businesses, entrepreneurs, home buyers and community development projects in the delta regions of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and the Greater Memphis area of Tennessee. For more information, visit [hopecu.org](http://hopecu.org) or call (866) 321-HOPE.

### SOUTHERN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SRDC)

The Southern Rural Development Center seeks to strengthen the capacity of the region's 29 land-grant institutions to address critical contemporary rural development issues impacting the well-being of people and communities in the rural South. For more information on grant postings, visit [srdc.msstate.edu](http://srdc.msstate.edu) or call (662) 325-3207.

### Southern Regional Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program (SARE)

The goal of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) program has been to support farmers, researchers, and educators as they explore practices that improve stewardship, profitability, and the social and economic health of farm communities. Visit [southern.sare.org](http://southern.sare.org) for grant opportunities or call (770) 412-4787.

# Mississippi foundations & nonprofit associations

Mississippi has a host of foundations and non-profit associations that provide grant opportunities for a wide range of interests and often play a key leadership role in communities. Funds are generally managed by a board of directors that broadly represents the public interest. The following Mississippi foundations and non-profit associations are known to support community development activities and initiatives.

[Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation](#)

[Calhoun County Endowment Foundation](#)

[Community Development Foundation Tupelo/Lee County Mississippi \(CDF\)](#)

[Community Foundation of East Mississippi, Inc.](#)

[Community Foundation of Greater Memphis](#)

[Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi](#)

[Corinth/Alcorn Reaching for Excellence \(CARE\)](#)

[CREATE Foundation](#)

[Gilmore Foundation](#)

[Gulf Coast Community Foundation](#)

[Itawamba First Foundation \(FIRST\)](#)

[Lafayette/Oxford Foundation for Tomorrow \(LOFT\)](#)

[North Monroe County Community Foundation](#)

[South Monroe County Community Foundation](#)

[Partners in Achieving Community Excellence \(PACE\)](#)

[Pinebelt Foundation](#)

[Starkville Community Foundation](#)

[The Chilsolm Foundation](#)

[The Community Foundation for Mississippi](#)

[The Phil Hardin Foundation](#)

[The Pontotoc Achieving Community for Tomorrow \(PACT\)](#)

[The Prentiss Realizing Opportunities for Prosperity, Excellence, and Leadership \(PROPEL\)](#)

[The Riley Foundation](#)

[Tippah County Development Foundation](#)

[Union County/New Albany Initiative to Excel \(UNITE\)](#)

[West Point Community Foundation](#)

## MISSISSIPPI HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The MHC grants program seeks to fund projects that stimulate meaningful community dialogue, attract diverse audiences, are participatory and engaging, and apply the humanities to our everyday lives. Grants may be used to support public humanities programs, exhibits, the planning of larger projects, and the development of original productions in film, television, radio, or online resources. Visit [mshumanities.org](http://mshumanities.org) or call (601) 432-6752.

## MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

MMSA has been successful in reinvesting more than \$5 Billion in public/private investment and assisting with the creation of more than 4,000 new businesses and 30,000 new jobs, and more than 2,000 buildings have been improved in the central business districts of towns and cities in Mississippi. The Main Street Approach™ is concentrated in four broad areas known collectively as the Four Points: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization. Visit [msmainstreet.com](http://msmainstreet.com) for available funding opportunities. Call (601) 339-2042 with questions.

# Other foundations

## ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

The Casey Foundation's approach to grant making focuses on making multi-year, multi-site commitments that enable us to invest in long-term strategies and partnerships that strengthen families and communities. Visit [aecf.org](http://aecf.org) for grant information or call (410) 547-6600.

## FANNIE MAE

Fannie Mae works with affordable housing partners to restore economic life to neighborhoods, so they become places that people truly want to call home. Through multiple community development investment funds, Fannie Mae is working hard to tear down barriers, lower costs, and increase the opportunities for homeownership and affordable rental housing for all Americans. Visit [fanniemae.com](http://fanniemae.com) for information on affordable housing and community development or call (800) 2FANNIE.

## GOLDEN SHOVEL AGENCY

Golden Shovel Agency strives to help economic developers improve the overall lives of people in their community. Golden Shovel Agency helps fund initiatives through a variety of grants and other funding opportunities. Visit [goldenshovelayency.com](http://goldenshovelayency.com) for more information or call (888)-266-4778.

## JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION

The Knight Foundation supports equitable, inclusive engagement in communities where the Knight Brothers owned and operated newspapers including Biloxi, Mississippi. Visit [knightfoundation.org](http://knightfoundation.org) for information on grants and how to proceed with a request for funding or call (305) 908-2600.

## THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION

The Mellon Foundation provide funding related to the humanities in four core program areas: arts and culture, higher learning, humanities in place, and public knowledge. Visit [mellon.org](http://mellon.org) for access to the grants database or call (212) 838-8400.

## THE EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION

The Kauffman Foundation makes grants in their interest areas of education and entrepreneurship as well as other support. Visit [kauffman.org](http://kauffman.org) for access to grant information or call (816) 932-1000.

## THE FORD FOUNDATION

The Ford Foundation encourages initiatives by those living and working closest to where problems are located; to promote collaboration among the nonprofit, government and business sectors; and to ensure participation by men and women from diverse communities and all levels of society. Such activities help build common understanding, enhance excellence, enable people to improve their lives and reinforce their commitment to society. Visit [fordfoundation.org](http://fordfoundation.org) for access to grant opportunities and a grants database or call (212) 573-5000.

## THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

The Kresge Foundation was founded in 1924 and works to promote human progress in cities in broad areas such as arts and culture, environment, health, education, and human services. Visit [kresge.org](http://kresge.org) for current funding opportunities or call (248) 643-9630.

## THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION

Sam and Helen Walton's philosophy of giving is based on life-long experiences in small town Northwest Arkansas that teach the value of personal engagement and involvement, the power of education in society, and that making philanthropic investments should make an appreciable difference in communities. The Walton Family Foundation funding areas include k-12 Education Reform, Environment, Delta Region of Arkansas and Mississippi, and Northwest Arkansas. Visit [waltonfamilyfoundation.org](http://waltonfamilyfoundation.org) or call (479) 464-1570.

## THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Priority geographic areas for funding include Michigan, Mississippi, and New Mexico. Visit [wkkf.org](http://wkkf.org) or call (269) 968-1611 for more information.

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