

## **Loan and Grant Opportunities**

### **St. Louis County Funding for the Promise Zone**

**URL:**

<http://www.stlouisco.com/PropertyandRoads/CommunityDevelopment/Section108LoanGuaranteeProgram>

St. Louis County is soliciting applications for Section 108 loan funds. In 2015, HUD authorized St. Louis County to borrow up to \$24 million under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. This loan program provides communities in St. Louis County with a source of financing for business development, mixed use development, transit oriented development, and infrastructure and public facilities. Under the Section 108 Program, St. Louis County has the ability to make loans large enough to help revitalize entire neighborhoods and also incentivize private entities to invest in distressed communities. Depending on the scale of the project, loans may range from \$500,000 to \$10 million. Section 108 loans allow project costs to be spread over time with flexible repayment terms, and borrowers can take advantage of lower interest rates than may be obtained from private financing.

There are additional resources available for borrowers in the Promise Zone. The County was awarded a \$2.4 million disaster recovery grant for communities impacted by the tornadoes and severe storms of May 2013. This area generally aligns with the HUD designated St. Louis Promise Zone. These funds will be used in conjunction with Section 108 funding to make grants or loans to eligible entities. Additionally, funds may be used to reduce interest rates for Section 108 borrowers.

If you have an interest in these programs and need more information about eligible activities or the application process, please contact Farris A. Watson at 314-615-4427 or [fwatson@stlouisco.com](mailto:fwatson@stlouisco.com).

### **BALSA Foundation Grant**

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2018**

**URL:** <http://www.balsafoundation.org/balsa-grant/>

The Balsa Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in cash awards and \$30,000 of in-kind donations for professional services to first-time St. Louis entrepreneurs. Winners will join the Balsa Foundation finalist community and receive one-on-one mentoring as well as other resources to help them launch and grow their business.

### **AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY2018**

**Application Deadline: January 17, 2018**

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. [Applications](#) are due January 17, 2018.

### **PeopleForBikes Community Grant**

**Application Deadline: January 19, 2017**

**URL:** <http://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/>

PeopleForBikes is accepting Letters of Interest through **January 19** for its [Community Grant Program](#), which provides grants of up to \$10,000 for influential infrastructure and advocacy projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities.

### **CDBG NOFA**

**Proposal Deadline: January 31, 2018**

**URL:**<https://www.stlouisco.com/PropertyandRoads/CommunityDevelopment/NonmunicipalApplication>

The St. Louis County Office of Community Development has issued a Notice of Funding Availability for CDBG funds for nonmunicipal applicants. Proposals are due January 31<sup>st</sup> by 4 pm. Funding for successful applicants will be available late spring and must be expended by October 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. For questions, contact Shannon Koenig at [skoenig@stlouisco.com](mailto:skoenig@stlouisco.com).

### **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Invites Letters of Intent**

**Application Deadline: January 31, 2018**

**URL:** <http://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/>

Grants will be awarded in support of creative, innovative projects and programs with potential to significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, and/or quality of life for children from infancy through five years of age.

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) supports pediatricians seeking to collaborate in their communities to ensure all children have access to health services. CATCH is accepting applications for [Planning and Implementation Grants](#) and [Resident Grants](#) through **January 31**.

### **Investopedia Grants for Financial Empowerment**

**Application Deadline: January 31, 2018**

**URL:** <https://www.investopedia.com/charity/investopediaorg-2018-funding-guidelines/>

Investopedia.org [provides one-year grants of \\$10,000-\\$25,000](#) to support programs that boost financial empowerment among low-income individuals and communities. 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible to apply by **January 31**.

### **Clif Bar Family Foundation Accepting Applications for Small Grants Program**

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2018**

**URL:** <http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants>

The foundation will award general support grants of up to \$7,000 as well as funding for specific projects in one or more of its five focus areas — promoting Earth's beauty and bounty; creating robust, healthy food systems; increasing opportunities for outdoor activity; reducing environmental health hazards; and building stronger communities....

### **Invest STL Pilot RFP for Funding and Technical Assistance**

**Application Deadline: February 2, 2018**

**URL:** <http://investl.org/rfpapplication/>

Invest STL has [launched its pilot round of request for proposals](#) to grant funding and technical assistance that supports community organizations in efforts to accelerate neighborhood revitalization and reduce inequity. Organizations in St. Louis City and County can apply by **February 2**.

### **EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program**

**Application Deadline: February 16, 2018**

**URL:** <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-0>

This EPA-funded program provides grants of up to \$120,000 to organizations working on or planning projects to address local environmental and/or public health issues in their communities (using EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model). Apply by **February 16**.

### **Fannie Mae Sustainable Communities Innovation Challenge**

**Application Deadline: February 23, 2018**

**URL:** [www.fanniemae.com/thechallenge](http://www.fanniemae.com/thechallenge)

Fannie Mae's Sustainable Communities Innovation Challenge will invest \$10 million over the next two years in innovative ideas that advance access to sustainable communities, quality affordable housing, and economic educational opportunities. Submit a proposal for Phase I by February 23.

### **Spring 2018 National Cohort of Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses***

Any interested business owner can go to [www.10ksbapply.com](http://www.10ksbapply.com) to submit their application. Those applying for the National Cohort should make sure to select “Other Region/ National Cohort at Babson College” from the drop down menu. A copy of the upcoming class schedule can be found [here](#).

### **Brady Education Foundation Seeks Applications for Program Development and Evaluation**

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2018 (Stage-One Applications)**

**URL:** <http://www.bradyeducationfoundation.org/applicationguidelines.html>

Grants will be awarded for the development and evaluation of programs/projects designed to close the achievement/opportunity gap for children at risk for poor school outcomes.

### **National Endowment for the Arts: Challenge America Fast-Track Grants**

**Application Deadline: April 12, 2018**

**URL:** <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america/grant-program-description>

The Challenge America Fast-Track Grant program from the National Endowment for the Arts supports projects at small- to mid-sized organizations that help connect underserved populations with the arts. Grants are for \$10,000 and require a \$10,000 match.

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### **Placemaking Funding Opportunities from the Kresge Foundation**

[The Kresge Foundation](#) accepts ongoing proposals for arts and culture projects and programs that support their goal of expanding opportunities in America's cities. Find a listing of the opportunities [here](#).

### **Wells Fargo Foundation Grants**

The Wells Fargo Foundation welcomes applications year-round from qualified nonprofits and educational programs. The foundation seeks to support organizations that provide social, economic and environmental programs that strengthen local communities. To learn more about Wells Fargo giving priorities in the St. Louis Metro Area and how to apply for funding, contact Desiree Coleman at [desiree.s.coleman@wellsfargoadvisors.com](mailto:desiree.s.coleman@wellsfargoadvisors.com) to request an invitation to attend an upcoming WFGives: STL session. WFGives: STL is a short information session focusing on local giving strategy, how to initiate requests and how to apply for funding.

### **The Pollination Project Seed Grants for Social Change**

[The Pollination Project](#) provides early-stage social entrepreneurs with [seed grants of up to \\$1,000](#) to fund projects related to arts and culture, community health and wellness, the environment, and justice. The project funds both individuals and community groups. Apply [here](#).

### **Elevation One-To-One Dollar Match for Web Design**

[Elevation](#), a socially conscious web media solution firm, [offers nonprofits a one-to-one match](#) on dollars spent on web design or other media-related work. Clients can access high-quality web design, programming, and other media solutions. Funds for 2018 total \$900,000 and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply [here](#).

### **Deaconess Foundation Responsive Grants**

Deaconess Foundation recognizes that significant gaps in civic infrastructure, resources and power inhibit the health and well-being of children and families in the St. Louis region. Our Just for Kids strategy is designed to address these gaps by strengthening the region, system, and community's capability to achieve positive outcomes through collaborative engagement and investment with diverse partners. Apply [here](#).