Private Foundations - Request for Proposals & Letters of Intent
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**Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR)** can assist you in applying for non-governmental, institutional grant opportunities at the $25,000 level or greater. For all grant opportunities when funders require submitting as a 501c3 organization, we can arrange applying through the University of Massachusetts Foundation. This 501c3 process requires that all the finalized application materials (draft of the narrative is sufficient) be given to our CFR office four business days prior to the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration deadline. Most of the funding opportunities below are offered annually. If time does not permit applying now, we recommend putting them on your proposal schedule for next year.

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To request addition to or removal from this notice and for general questions, please contact Dot Morua-Fernandes, dot@admin.umass.edu. For additional assistance and referrals, contact Linda Sopp, lsopp@admin.umass.edu.

Please share widely. Thank you!

Funding opportunities within:

I. Education  
II. Art & Music  
III. Public Health and Public Policy  
IV. Sustainability

### I. EDUCATION

#### New England Research Center for Higher Education – Lynton Award for Early Career Faculty
**Deadline:** May 16, 2014  
**Amount:** Unlisted  

The Lynton Award emphasizes community-based scholarly work across faculty roles. The scholarship of engagement (also known as outreach scholarship, public scholarship, scholarship for the common good, community-based scholarship, and community-engaged scholarship) represents an integrated view of faculty roles in which teaching, research/creative activity, and service overlap and are mutually reinforcing, is characterized by scholarly work tied to a faculty member’s expertise, is of benefit to the external community, is visible and shared with community stakeholders, and reflects the mission of the institution. In addition, NERCHE and CED conceptualize scholarly engagement in terms of social justice in a diverse democracy.

#### The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation – Secondary Education Grant  
*Please contact Linda Sopp before applying.*
**Deadline:** Rolling deadline  
**Amount:** $25,000 - $200,000  

A key philanthropic goal of the secondary education program is to fund initiatives with the capacity for expansion or replication to the state, regional or national levels. Requests should target professional development of high school teachers and offer best-in-class training to address a significant issue(s) facing teachers. Efforts to assist either in-service teachers or new teacher preparation are welcome. Encouraging the use of technology to promote improved teaching and outreach efforts to connect colleges and universities with school districts are invited. Curricular improvement should be aligned with relevant standards and include both content and pedagogy. Requests to support well-established programs should have the potential to improve quality significantly.

#### Entertainment Software Association Foundation – Youth-Oriented Technology
**Deadline:** May 28, 2014  
**Amount:** Up to $50,000  

The Entertainment Software Association Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Entertainment Software Association, is seeking proposals for projects that use innovative technology and/or computer and video games to positively shape the lives of youth in the United States. The foundation supports geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit boys and girls of all races and religions. Eligible projects must be implemented or available in a minimum of two states (preferably nationwide) and serve American youth between the ages 7 and 18. In addition, projects must provide programs and services that utilize technology and/or computer and video games for education purposes.

### II. ART AND MUSIC
**Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation** – French-American Jazz Exchange  
Deadline: May 30, 2014  
Amount: Up to $25,000  
FAJE supports projects jointly conceived by French and American professional musicians that encourage artistic exploration, foster intercultural dialogue, and contribute to the dynamism of jazz. FAJE awards grants through an open, competitive application process to support projects that take place either in France or the United States and their respective territories or both, within a 16-month period. The program supports activities that may result in the creation of original work, establishment of new creative and professional partnerships, and development of new audiences for the participating artists. Projects may include jazz artists investigating forms other than jazz with artists who work in different music genres.

### III. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC POLICY

**William T. Grant Foundation** – LOI - Reducing Inequality  
Deadline: May 6, 2014  
Amount: Up to $600,000  
Through its new Understanding Inequality program, the foundation will award grants in support of research that focuses on ways to reduce disparities in the academic, behavioral, social, and economic outcomes among youth. Priority will be given to projects related to inequality on the basis of economic, racial/ethnic, and language backgrounds; research that explores other areas of inequality will be considered based on a compelling case for its impact.

**Retirement Research Foundation** – Responsive Grants  
Deadline: May 1, 2014  
Amount: Up to $200,000 for 2 years  
The Retirement Research Foundation is one of the first private foundations in the nation devoted exclusively to aging and retirement issues. The Responsive Grants program supports projects in the following four major areas: advocacy, direct service, professional education and training, and research.

**Spencer Foundation** – New Civics Initiative  
Deadline: April 29, 2014  
Amount: $50,000 - $350,000  
The foundation is accepting research proposals that ask critical questions about how education can more effectively contribute to the civic development of young people. Of special interest are projects designed to improve understanding of the avenues for and impediments to civic learning and civic action among young people who do not attend college, who reside in marginalized communities, who are recent immigrants or immigrants of different legal statuses, or who are less economically privileged.

**PhRMA Foundation** – Research Starter Grant  
Deadline: May 16, 2014  
Amount: $100,000  
The grant will be awarded to candidates who establish a sound and innovative research project focused on developing a novel way of quantifying or describing the social, patient-centered, and economic benefits of innovation in cancer treatment. Relevant research goals may include developing new methods to define and measure the societal benefits from cancer care innovation (for example, contributing to an understanding of value across a wider range of outputs that can be more difficult to assess, capturing heterogeneity in patient values (such as quality of life, productivity, etc.) within and among populations, and accounting for variability in value over time and its relationship to long-term aggregate clinical gains against cancer).

**The Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation** – Another Look: Better Health for Elders in Care Facilities  
Deadline: May 12, 2014  
Amount: $50,000 a year for 2 years  
The program will provide funding for health-related research projects that can improve the quality of care and the quality of life for the elderly population in nursing homes or other care facilities. Specifically, this program invites researchers interested in addressing a particular problem affecting the elderly population in care facilities to analyze data that already exist to address their research question. New data collection will not be allowed in this program.

**Tufts Health Plan Foundation** – Health & Wellness  
Deadline: May 9, 2014  
Amount: $50,000  
1. Evidence Based Programs: Evidence-based programs are supported by reputable and reliable research establishing program effectiveness. Evidence-based programs provide older adults with information, support active interventions
and often facilitate social interaction. The programs help participants self-assess and manage their health issues through goal setting, problem solving, group support and education.

b. Case Management: Case management programs provide independent older adults with one-on-one assistance to coordinate wellness goals. Case management programs help older adults develop self-management goals by connecting participants to community health-related programs and providing appropriate follow-up to ensure that programs best fit their needs.

c. Other Wellness & Fitness Programs: Healthy eating and physical activity are important for overall health and wellness. Proper nutrition and adequate physical activity can help older adults maintain healthy lives for longer. Eligible programs in this area will demonstrate their contribution to one or more of these desired outcomes: Better physical health, for example increased strength and balance, higher energy levels; Increased engagement in active living; Improved nutrition; Reduced isolation; or Improved well-being and behavioral health.

Fall Prevention Programs: One in three adults age 65 and older falls each year according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the Massachusetts Medical Society, falls are the No. 1 cause of injury among older adults in Massachusetts. Our funding in this area supports programs that prevent injury from falls.

**Cambia Health Foundation** – Various Funding Opportunities

**Deadline:** May 9, 2014

**Amount:** $50,000

a. Transforming Health Care: Transforming Health Care focuses on improving quality and creating an economically sustainable health care system through two strategic funding areas: 1. Explore innovative models of care delivery and provider reimbursement that promote patient activation and a focus on outcomes; and 2. Support collaborative groups that engage in proactive responses to health reform efforts at national, state and local levels.

b. Sojurns Funding: They seek to accomplish these goals with four key funding priorities: Increase access to palliative care, particularly in rural areas; Increase access to palliative care along the continuum and across our region. Promote innovative strategies to deliver palliative care in hospital, outpatient and all other settings including culturally sensitive palliative care programs; Improve the quality of palliative care through workforce development by training the healthcare workforce in palliative care; and Promote patients’ and families’ understanding of palliative care to drive demand and create an open dialogue in the community about options for care.

**Millbank Foundation for Rehabilitation** – Funding for Health Policy, Palliative Care, & Leadership Around Disability

**Deadline:** Rolling deadline

**Amount:** $25,000

The Foundation’s current priorities include consumer-oriented projects that enable people with disabilities to lead fulfilling, independent lives; innovative policy research and education on market-based approaches to health care and rehabilitation; improving and expanding quality health services, especially palliative care; and education and training of health and rehabilitation professional.

**Institute of Medicine of the National Academies** – Awards

**Deadline:** May 5, 2014

**Amount:** $20,000 - $40,000

a. **Gustav O. Lienhard Award**: The award recognizes individuals for outstanding achievement in improving health care services in the United States.

b. **Rhoda and Bernard Sarnat**: International Prize in Mental Health: The Rhoda and Bernard Sarnat International Prize in Mental Health is awarded annually to individuals, groups, or organizations in order to recognize outstanding achievement in improving mental health services, research, or public policy.

**IV. SUSTAINABILITY**

**Organic Farming Research Foundation** – Research Grant

**Deadline:** May 15, 2014

**Amount:** $15,000

One-year grants are available for research projects related to agricultural production or other social, economic, or policy-related topics of concern to organic farmers and/or ranchers. The foundation supports research that is relevant to and takes place in certified organic systems. OFRF does not normally fund studies that compare conventional with organic systems as a primary objective.
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