



# Relief Opportunities Update

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# Government Updates - Federal

- Mobilizing and Empowering the Nation and Technology to Address Loneliness & Social Isolation (MENTAL) Health Innovation Challenge
  - Develop a software platform that increases awareness of, access to and use of social engagement technologies and programming to help curtail the impact of loneliness and social isolation.
  - Focus on elderly, persons with disabilities, vets

# Government Updates - Federal

- Three phases: Phase 1 up to three awards \$50k each; Phase 2 one award \$450k, one award \$100K. Initial application 9/8.
- <https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/MENTAL-health-social-isolation-challenge/>
- PPP resources on how to ensure loan forgiveness:  
<https://fmaonline.net/ppptoolbox/>

# Government Updates - State

- Department of Housing and Community Development, Round II NORI funding
  - Support for operating costs due to impact of COVID 19 for organizations in economic development/recovery, housing, health and human services.
  - \$9 million total, awards \$5K to \$50K, due 9/1
  - <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/MarylandNonprofitRecoveryInitiative.aspx>

*NOTE: Eligibility has been expanded to include organizations with budgets greater than \$5 million and more than 50 employees*

# Government Updates - State

- MD Energy Administration Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural Grant Program
  - Grants to nonprofit enterprises in the commercial and industrial sector for projects to reduce energy consumption by at least 18%
  - Up to 50% of project costs, maximum is \$200K
  - Three rounds of applications: 7/10/20 -9/10/20, 9/11/20 – 11/11/20, 11/12/20 – 1/12/21
  - <https://energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives/empowermdcigp.aspx>

# Government Updates - State

- MD Energy Administration Low-to-Moderate Income Energy Efficiency Grant
  - Grants for energy efficient projects that reduce energy use and pass on savings to low-to-moderate income residents
  - Awards announced spring 2021, projects to be completed by 8/1/22.
  - No specific grant amount listed, Due 10/1
  - <https://energy.maryland.gov/govt/Pages/CleanEnergyLMI.aspx>

# Government Updates - County

- Arts and Humanities Covid 19 Relief Fund
  - Support day-to-day operating costs of arts organizations impacted by COVID 19 eg program or administration costs, such as rent, utilities, and employee salaries.
  - Organization must have offered at least one public program/event in Montgomery County, must be at least one year old.
  - Organization must have a board and an office in the County
  - Grants from \$3K to \$100K, depending on organization size, Due 9/14
  - <https://www.creativemoco.com/grant/covid-19-relief-funds/>

# Government Updates - City

- City of Rockville Community Block Development Grants
  - grants to housing providers for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods. Focus on capital and physical improvements
  - Minimum request is \$15k, anticipated total available funding is \$263K. Due 10/5. Funding not available till October 2021.
  - <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/942/Community-Development-Block-Grant>



# Private Funder Updates

- Cigna Foundation
  - Grants to support children's mental health and food insecurity
  - Food Insecurity: projects that augment school-based programs to deliver food and nutritional education to children
  - Mental Health: collaborative projects between schools, clinicians, and nonprofits that address gaps in mental health support, supplement existing mental health programs
  - No amount listed, deadline is 9/30
  - <https://www.cigna.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/healthier-kids-for-our-future/>

# Private Funder Updates

- RWJF green spaces
  - Funds to create a plan for a national initiative that would increase equitable access to parks and green spaces in small and midsize cities across the country.
  - Applicant should have experience and expertise in elevating equity in communities where low income/people of color live.
  - One grant of \$400K, Deadline 9/9
  - [https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/equitable-parks-and-green-spaces-in-small-and-midsize-cities-planning-grant.html?rid=0032S000029g9CQQAY&et\\_cid=2174199](https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/equitable-parks-and-green-spaces-in-small-and-midsize-cities-planning-grant.html?rid=0032S000029g9CQQAY&et_cid=2174199)

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- Center for Sharing Public Health Services small grants
  - To support work on cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) arrangements to advance health equity by addressing social determinants of health (e.g., affordable housing, jobs with fair pay, quality education, affordable healthy food), the public health response to COVID-19, structural racism or other related issues.
  - Five grants of up to \$10K, due 9/11
  - <https://phsharing.org/small-grant-opportunities/>

# Private Funder Updates

- William T Grant Foundation
  - Support research-practice institutional partnerships to conduct research that reduces inequality in youth outcomes.
  - Applicant must be research institute, proposal must include partnership with public agency or nonprofit organization
  - \$650K over three years, 9/10 deadline
  - <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/library/uploads/2020/04/2020-Guidelines-Institutional-Challenge-Grant.pdf>

# Private Funder Updates

- Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation
  - Support to help youth with disabilities develop leadership/employment skills or create tools for employers to increase employment opportunities for youth and veterans with disabilities.
  - Looking for innovative approaches with measurable outcomes that are national in scope or replicable
  - \$10K to \$100k per year for up to three years, open 7/15 – 10/15
  - [https://www.meaf.org/how\\_to\\_apply/priorities\\_guidelines/#meaf\\_support](https://www.meaf.org/how_to_apply/priorities_guidelines/#meaf_support)