

Basics of Grant Writing  
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Helpful places to look for grant funding opportunities for public libraries:

### **Federal Grant Sources**

- [Institute of Museum & Library Services \(IMLS\)](#)
- [Federal Funding Opportunities](#) - <https://www.grants.gov/>
- National Library of Medicine- [Mid Atlantic Region](#)
- [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

### **State**

- NY State Aid for Library Construction - <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construc/>
- NY State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials - <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/>
- Humanities New York <http://humanitiesny.org/>
  - [Action Grants](#)
  - [Vision Grants](#)
  - [Quick Grants](#)

### **STLS**

- Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries <http://foundationforsoutherntierlibraries.org/>
- COSAC Outreach Mini-Grants <https://www.stls.org/outreach/>

## **Regional Non-Profit Grants Community Foundations**

- Allegany County Area Foundation (Allegany County only) - <http://alleganycountyareafoundation.org/>
- Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. (Various grant programs support different geographical regions including Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, Yates Counties) <http://www.communityfund.org/>
- Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo (Allegany County) - <https://www.cfgb.org/>
- Western New York Foundation (serves Allegany County) <http://wnyfoundation.org/>
- Kelly for Kids Foundation (Western NY) <http://www.kellyforkids.com/>
- East Hill Foundation (Allegany County) <http://www.easthillfdn.com/what-we-fund/western-new-york-grants/>

## **Arts Councils (Decentralization Aid)**

**Note: Every county in the state is served by an organization selected by the NY State Council on the Arts to administer cultural decentralization grant programs. Three NYSCA organizations serve different counties in the STLS region.**

- The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, & Tioga)- <https://earts.org/>
- Tri-County Arts Council (Allegany) - <https://www.myartscouncil.net/>
- Auburn Public Theater (Yates) - <https://auburnpublictheater.org/grants/>

## **Professional Organizations and Others**

- Library Grants Blog <http://librarygrants.blogspot.com/>
- American Library Association Grants - note that you may have to be an individual member or organizational member of ALA or one of its Divisions to apply for some of these grants
  - <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/browse/grnt?showfilter=no>
- ALA Division Grants
  - ALCTS - <http://www.ala.org/alcts/awards>

- ALSC Professional Awards - <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards>
- PLA - <http://www.ala.org/pla/awards>
- YALSA - <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants>

## **Corporation and National Foundation Grants**

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grants

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/>

Awesome Foundation Library Grants <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en>

Dollar General Literacy Foundation -

[http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant\\_programs.aspx#youth\\_literacy](http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx#youth_literacy)

Best Buy Community Grants <https://corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page/>

Wal Mart Foundation Community Grants – <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving-guidelines>

Home Depot Foundation - <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

Newman's Own Foundation

<http://newmansownfoundation.org/what-we-support/funding-guidelines/>

Sony USA Foundation

[https://www.sony.com/en\\_us/SCA/social-responsibility/giving-guidelines.html](https://www.sony.com/en_us/SCA/social-responsibility/giving-guidelines.html)

Stanley Black & Decker <http://www.stanleyblackanddecker.com/sustainability/social-responsibility>

M & T Bank Charitable Foundation

<https://www.mtb.com/about-mt/community-involvement/charitable-contributions>

Better World Books Literacy Grants for Libraries <https://cares.betterworldbooks.com/grants/literacy-grants-for-libraries/>

Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services, and More <http://librariesandautism.org/grant/>

Pilcrow Foundation Rural Public Library Grants <https://thepilcrowfoundation.org/childrens-book-project/>

Judith Krug Fund Banned Books Week Event Grants

[https://www.ftrf.org/page/Krug\\_BBW#:~:text=Each%20year%20FTRF%20distributes%20grants,universities%20are%20encouraged%20to%20apply.](https://www.ftrf.org/page/Krug_BBW#:~:text=Each%20year%20FTRF%20distributes%20grants,universities%20are%20encouraged%20to%20apply.)

Penguin Random House Library Awards for Innovation

<http://foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/libraryawards/guidelines-and-application/>

Sisters in Crime “Doris Ann Norris We Love Libraries Prize”

<https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/WeLoveLibraries>

Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes Literacy Grant

<https://www.beaconsociety.com/apply-for-a-grant.html>

American Honda Foundation – STEM Grants

<https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant>

Dr. Scholl Foundation

<https://www.drschollfoundation.com/application-procedures/procedures/>

Reiman Foundation

<http://www.reimanfoundation.org/grantapplicationinformation/>

Gladys Brooks Foundation

<http://www.gladysbrooksfoundation.org/guidelines.html>

I Love My Librarian Award

<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovelibrarian>

Wish You Well Foundation

<https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding>

**Other suggestions:**

Local banks and credit unions in your area or local corporations in your area