



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
PROMISE ZONE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES  
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Grant/Program Title	Agency	Due Date	Contact	Notes
<p><b>Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program:</b> The program aims to increase resilience to natural disasters and strengthen the economy while protecting human health and the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bikeshare planning</li><li>• Equitable development</li><li>• Infill development for distressed cities</li><li>• Sustainable strategies for small cities and rural areas</li></ul>	EPA	Applications will be accepted between October 23, 2014 and November 20, 2014		
<p><b>Brady Education Foundation-School Readiness:</b> The purpose of this program is to close the achievement gap by increasing the school readiness of at-risk children living in poverty. Funding can be used for two types of projects: evaluating existing model programs, and innovative research/new program development, including both efficacy and effectiveness studies.</p> <p>Preference is given to projects that bring researchers and service providers together, leverage other funds, have the potential to guide policy, and/or support collaboration between researchers and evaluators.</p>	Brady Education Foundation	December 15, 2014		

<p><b>Improving Undergraduate STEM Education - FY 2015:</b> to address immediate challenges and opportunities facing undergraduates of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Funding will support projects that anticipate new structures (such as organizational changes, new methods for certification or credentialing, course reconception, or cyber learning) and anticipate new functions of the undergraduate learning and teaching enterprise. Projects may work to overcome discipline-specific challenges and opportunities facing STEM faculty as they work to incorporate results from educational research into classroom practice, and as they work to advance the understanding of effective teaching and learning.</p> <p>Program objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve STEM learning, and improve learning environments</li> <li>• Broaden participation and institutional capacity in STEM learning</li> <li>• Build the professional STEM workforce for the future</li> </ul>	<p>U.S. National Science Foundation</p>	<p>January, 13, 2015</p>		
<p><b>Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation- Lowe's Toolbox for Education - FY 2014/2015:</b> to provide funding for improvements at public K-12 schools. Projects must either support technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations, or safety improvements. The funding agency seeks projects that provide tools to help educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority.</p> <p>Projects that have a permanent impact, such as facility enhancement and landscaping/cleanup-</p>	<p>Lowe's</p>	<p>February 13, 2015</p>		

	<p>type projects, will receive preference. In addition, projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored.</p> <p>Examples of eligible projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading garden</li> <li>• Vegetable garden</li> <li>• Physical fitness area</li> <li>• School landscaping project</li> <li>• School nature trail</li> <li>• Parent involvement center</li> <li>• Peer tutoring center</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Rotating student art exhibit</li> </ul>				
	<p><b>EDA FY14 Regional Innovation Grants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The i6 Challenge, with up to \$8 million available, aims to commercialize innovations, ideas, intellectual property and research into viable companies</li> <li>• Science and Research Park Development Grants, with up to \$5 million available, seek to provide research hubs and increase regional competitiveness in the field of energy efficient building technologies, renewable energy, and cogeneration.</li> <li>• Cluster Grants for Seed Capital Funds, with up to \$2 million available, are intended to create sustainable financing institutions for innovation-based start-ups</li> </ul>	EDA	Nov. 3, 2014		
	<b>Technical Assistance Scholarship Program: TASP</b>	<b>Center for Community</b>	Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at		

	<p>recipients each receive up to 200 hours of direct technical assistance. A team of experts will work with recipients to assess, reform, develop, and/or implement systems to address large-scale vacancy and abandonment in their respective communities.</p> <p><a href="#">Download the Technical Assistance Scholarship Program RFA</a></p>	<b>Progress</b>	4:00pm EST		
	<p><b>Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning:</b> helps support FTA’s mission of improving public transportation for America’s communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a New Starts, Core Capacity or fixed-guideway Small Starts project that will seek funding through the CIG Program. MAP-21 establishes that any comprehensive planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.</p>	<b>DOT-FTA</b>	November 3, 2014		