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Obesity Research & Community-Based Grants Available to Vermont

Obesity research and community-based grants are available through a wide array of government agencies and private foundations with significant funders including the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Research on obesity prevention, early detection, and community based programs that actively seek to reduce obesity rates are funded through these grants. State and local governments as well as other research entities and organizations are eligible to apply for the grants identified in this report. The description of the grants are provided below using the exact wording of the granting organizations (usually taken from the granting organization's internet sites) in order to keep the intent of the organization clear.

“Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control: Research to Inform Policy”

Description

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is providing grants to enhance childhood obesity research. This will be done by fostering the formation of local, state, or regional teams consisting of researchers, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders in order to identify research questions and hypotheses, design and implement the relevant research, and translate the research into evidence relevant to potential policy efforts in this area. This grant supports projects such as pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)

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- Faith-based or Community-based Organizations.

Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: February 16

Cycle 2: July 16

Cycle 3: November 16

Expires: May 8, 2012

Amount

Award amount of \$50,000 per year. A project duration of up to two years can request a maximum of \$100,000 for direct costs over the two-year project period.

Internet Link

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-140.html#SectionII>

“Development and Validation of Disease Biomarkers”

Description

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) of the National Institutes of Health, will provide grants

for research to validate biomarkers for obesity. A biomarker is an indicator of a disease process, and could replace hard clinical end points as a measure of the effect of new therapies.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education
- Hispanic-serving Institutions
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Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: February 5

Cycle 2: June 5

Cycle 3: October 5

Expires: September 8, 2012

Amount

Varies up to and exceeding \$250,000 depending on the nature and scope of the proposal.

Internet Link

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-204.html>

“Health Disparities in NIDDK Diseases”

Description

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) seek to understand and mitigate concerns of health disparities in high priority disease that fall within their realm, such as obesity. Different approaches can be taken to this research, and some may include but are not limited to genetic, metabolic, or clinical studies. Acceptable research topics could include studies on the impact of medical treatment of obesity in ethnic and or minority groups, understanding racial and ethnic differences in the prevalence of these diseases and whether there are differences among sub-groups in rates of progression, and studies to investigate environmental or behavioral factors, such as lifestyle, and socioeconomic status that may contribute to risk for development and advancement of obesity and its difficulties.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education
- Hispanic-serving Institutions
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Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: January 25

Cycle 2: May 25

Cycle 3: September 25

Expires: September 8, 2012

Amount:

Due to the nature and the scope of the proposed research each award will vary in size and duration and is dependent on the availability of funds.

Internet Link:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-262.html>

“Home and Family Based Approaches for the Prevention or Management of Overweight or Obesity in Early Childhood”

Description

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), and the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR), and National Institutes of Health is soliciting grant applications that propose clinical trials testing home or family-based interventions for the prevention or management of overweight in infancy and early childhood. Tested interventions can use behavioral environmental or other relevant approaches. The direct goal of this initiative is to fund research that will advance knowledge for innovative approaches to the prevention or management of overweight in children less than 6 years of age, with potential for future translation to applications either in the home or linked to a community setting.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
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Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: February 5
 Cycle2: June 5
 Cycle 3: October 5
 Expires: January 8, 2013

Amount

Because of the nature and scope of the proposed research the size and duration of awards will vary and are contingent upon the availability of funds.

Internet Link

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-127.html#SectionIV3A>

“Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment”

Description

This grant is issued by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director (OD) Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS). This grant promotes research to increase the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. Examples of research under this grant could include, new assessment approaches, assessment tools for culturally diverse populations or age cohorts, and integrating environmental factors with dietary and physical activity habits.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education

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Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: February 16, 2011

Cycle 2: October 16, 2011

Cycle 3: June 16, 2011

Internet Link

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-225.html>

“Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures”

Description

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), NIH, and the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and CDC, are providing research grants to (1) conduct evaluation

research on obesity-related “natural experiments” (defined here as community and other population-level public policy interventions that may affect diet and physical activity behavior), and/or (2) develop and/or validate relevant community-level measures (instruments and methodologies to assess the food and physical activity environments at the community level). The overarching goal of this grant opportunity is to inform public policy and research relevant to diet, physical activity behavior, weight and health outcomes of Americans.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
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Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: February 5

Cycle 2: June 5

Cycle 3: October 5

Expires: January 8, 2013

Amount

Varies up to and exceeding \$250,000 depending on the nature and scope of the proposal.

Internet Link

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-027.html#SectionII>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Active Learning Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity"

Description

Rapid-response grants will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Special emphasis is placed on reaching youths ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. Grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key policy decisions. Detailed results of these studies, including methodologies and data analyses, along with the outcome of the efforts to reach policy audiences, also should be subsequently reported in peer-reviewed publications.

Eligibility

- Preference will be given to those applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. The focus of this program is the United States; studies in other countries will be considered only to the extent that they may directly inform U.S. policy.

Application Deadlines

Letters of intent may be submitted at any time until July 1, 2011 (5 p.m. EST)

Amount

\$150,000, with a funding period not to exceed 18 months

Internet Link

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s “Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research”

Description

This grant supports highly qualified individuals who want to research America’s most challenging policy issues with regards to health and healthcare.

Eligibility

- Applications must be submitted by an educational institution or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, located in the United States or its territories, with which the proposed investigator is affiliated.
- Applications from investigators in the health, social and behavioral sciences, as well as other fields are encouraged to apply; including minorities, early career researchers and individuals who work in non-academic settings.
- Past Investigator Awardees and teams of more than two researchers are not eligible.

Application Deadline

January 19, 2011, 3:00 PM EST

Amount

Grants of up to \$335,000 can be rewarded to the most qualified applicants.

Internet Link:

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21242>

“School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes”

Description

The National Institutes of Health’s National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDC) are providing grants for research that will evaluate the influence of federal, state, and school district policies on school physical activity and student nutrition. Applications aimed towards understanding the synergistic or counteractive effect of school nutrition and physical activity polices on the home and community environment and body weight are encouraged.

Eligibility

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
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Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: February 5

Cycle 2: June 5

Cycle 3: October 5

Expires: January 8, 2013

Amount

Varies up to and exceeding \$250,000 depending on the nature and scope of the proposal.

Internet Link

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-052.html#SectionII>

“Summer Food for Children Demonstrations”

Description

The Summer Food for Children Demonstration is a series of plans, authorized by Congress under the 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Act. The purpose of the project is to test methods of providing access to food for low-income children in both urban and rural settings during the summer when school is not in regular

session. The goal of this grant is to eliminate food insecurity and hungry for children and increase their nutritional status.

Eligibility

- Any State is eligible to propose a Summer Food for Children project.

Application Deadlines

December 15, 2010 (Projects are planned for future summers)

Internet Link

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/ora/menu/DemoProjects/SummerFood/Announcements.htm>

“Youth Garden Grants Program”

Description

The National Garden Association (NGA) allocates grants to school and community organizations that have children-centered garden programs. The NGA will give priority to applications that incorporate an educational focus, nutrition connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship, and social aspects of gardening, such as leadership skills, community building and service learning.

Eligibility

- Schools
- Youth groups
- Community centers
- Camps
- Clubs
- Treatment facilities
- Intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible
- Applicants must plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years.
- Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year.

Application Deadline

March 1, 2011

Amount

There are 100 grants available for the 2011 cycle. Five programs will be awarded gift cards valued at \$1000 (a \$500 gift card to The Home Depot and a \$500 gift

card to Gardening with Kids). They will also receive educational materials from the National Gardening Association. Ninety-five programs will receive a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot, as well as educational materials from the NGA. All Home Depot gift cards must be used in person.

Internet Link:

<http://assoc.garden.org/grants/>

“Building Health Communities Grant Program”

Description

The Home Depot rewards grants to those who use the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. The Home Depot understands the importance of volunteering and physical labor in order to improve neighborhoods, through activities such as developing green spaces, planting gardens, and fixing up school and community centers.

Eligibility

- Registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Public schools
- Tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S.

Application Deadlines

Cycle 1: January 10, 2011 – March 1, 2011

Cycle 2: May 10, 2011 – July 1, 2011

Cycle 3: September 15, 2011 – November 1, 2011

Amount

The maximum amount given is \$2,500. Grants are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials.

Internet Link:

<http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

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