

**Weak economy upside?**

**“Both public and private grant makers will have fewer dollars to distribute. But the situation is not as grim as it might appear.**

**We’ve watched grant funding cycles ebb and flow before. One thing we have consistently noted.**

**When available dollars decrease, the number of applications for those dollars also decreases, often at a greater rate than the dollar drop.**

**The ironic outcome is that your mathematical odds of funding may actually increase.”**

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**Range of Grants: Basic and Clinical Studies** – up to three years in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per year. **Clinical Studies** - up to three years in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year.

**Deadline(s):** December 1, 2008 for Letters of Intent - Clinical Studies  
January 16, 2009 for Letters of Intent – Basic and Clinical Studies

**BASIC AND CLINICAL RESEARCH** : Autism Speaks invites grant applications in all areas of basic and clinical research that will advance its biomedical and behavioral research mission, including but not limited to: human behavior (language, communication, social interaction) neurosciences (anatomy, pathology, development, imaging, cognition), human genetics/genomics, immunology, endocrinology, molecular and cellular mechanisms; and studies employing model organisms.

Proposals on the following topics are particularly encouraged: Gene discovery and genetic risk assessment; gene-environment interactions, environmental risk factors; animal models and other model systems; in vivo methods for defining pathophysiology; synaptic function and neuroplasticity; signaling pathways; biomarkers or clinical phenotypes that potentially index autism subtypes/response to treatment; translational research; early detection/screening (including studies in low-income regions); underrepresented and underserved populations; diagnosis of ASD in adults and the developmental course of ASD with aging; development of efficient and valid diagnostic instruments; pilot prevalence studies; and services and dissemination science research.

**CLINICAL STUDIES:** Autism Speaks invites grant applications to conduct clinical studies of evidence-based therapies and novel treatment approaches for children and adults with ASD. These may include complementary and alternative forms of health care; pharmacological and/or behavioral treatments; and evaluation of the efficacy, safety or therapeutic benefits of interventions.

Proposals on the following topics are particularly encouraged: Mediators and moderators of response to treatment; biomarkers that are linked to response to treatment; studies that incorporate biological outcome measures, such as EEG/ERP, fMRI; translational efforts derived from animal models of recovery; novel treatments that target core autism symptoms; infant/ toddler interventions; treatments for adolescents and adults; commonly used treatments that lack efficacy/safety data; treatments that address associated medical conditions, such as sleep, metabolic, and GI problems; service delivery and dissemination research aimed at identifying factors that promote or impede adoption of evidence-based clinical practices.

**Note:** The relevance of the proposed research to ASD must be explicitly stated.

**THE BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB FOUNDATION**[HTTP://WWW.BMS.COM/SR/FOUNDATION/DATA/INDEX.HTML](http://www.bms.com/sr/foundation/data/index.html)

**Range of Grants:** high: \$7,000,000; low: \$1,000

**Deadline(s):** None

The mission of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation is to reduce health disparities around the world.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has set public health goals for the nation through a program called Healthy People 2010. The two overriding goals are to help individuals of all ages increase life expectancy and improve their quality of life; and to eliminate health disparities among minority populations, the poor and Americans living in rural areas. Mental health is one of the 10 key indicators listed.

Following these goals, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation is focusing its programs and support in the U.S. on helping reduce mental health disparities by building health care worker capacity and support services for patients at the community level.

Among efforts being supported is an expanded emphasis on developing model programs that focus on rural areas in the U.S., where mental health resources are limited and the need remains significant. Stigma remains a problem for those affected by the disease and community-based integration of primary and mental health care remains a challenge.

Another area of focus is on finding new, more efficient and cost effective ways to transition the significant numbers of schizophrenia patients who may no longer need high levels of intensive outpatient treatment and care in order to better integrate those patients into the community.

Initial approach submit proposal, no longer than 5 pages, to nearest company facility.

**THE CITI FOUNDATION**[HTTP://WWW.CITIGROUPFOUNDATION.ORG](http://www.citigroupfoundation.org)

**Range of Grants:** Education Grants – US high: \$50,000; low: \$10,000

**Deadline(s):** None

The Citi Foundation is conscious of today’s knowledge-based global economy. As such, we support programs that focus on basic elementary and secondary education, as well as higher education programs that enrich the educational offerings at undergraduate and graduate schools of business.

**“Building Bridges to College and Career” Initiative**

Citi Foundation is committed to address a critical challenge in American education – how to generate a dramatic and sustainable increase in the number of low-income and first-generation students who enroll and succeed in postsecondary education.

This new focus on college access and success closely aligns with the Citi Foundation’s mission of economic empowerment. Helping low-income and first-generation students earn a college degree is one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and future generations.

Through the *Building Bridges to College and Careers* initiative, Citi Foundation will support efforts that reduce the multiple barriers to postsecondary education faced by low-income and first generation students. Citi Foundation will support programs that build awareness of postsecondary education and career options, increase academic readiness for college level work, assist students through the college search, application and financial aid process, and provide financial education to families about saving for college and options for financing a college education.

Contact nearest company facility for application form.

**THE DANA FOUNDATION**[WWW.DANA.ORG](http://www.dana.org)

**Range of Grants:** **Arts Education Rural Initiative** - The monetary amounts of the Foundation's grants vary in size. The largest award is \$50,000. The Foundation prioritizes the \$50,000 awards for two-year grants (\$50K total, not per year). **Clinical Neuroscience Research Grant Program** - Grant studies can receive up to \$300,000 payable over three years.

**Deadline(s):** Rural Arts - June 2009 - Neuroscience Research – no deadlines

**Arts Education Rural Initiative** - The Dana Foundation grants professional development programs for arts educators in rural areas of the United States. The Foundation is interested primarily in training for in-school arts specialists and professional artists who teach the performing arts to students pre-K-12 in the public schools.

The Foundation's interests include the following:

- ♣ Training for artists or in-school arts specialists to teach dance, music, or theatre based on a specific pedagogy
- ♣ Training for artists or in-school arts specialists to teach arts curricula integrated into a school's standard curriculum

Dana supports projects in various stages of development and approach including:

- ♣ Pilot programs
- ♣ Evaluated pilot programs ready for expansion locally
- ♣ Programs ready to be exported to other communities

To be considered, complete the **Letter of Intent** in which you must describe why the proposed service area is considered to be rural, what challenges this presents and how the proposed project addresses these challenges.

The deadline for submission of Letters of Intent for the 2010 Art Education Rural Initiative grants will be in June, 2009.

**Clinical Neuroscience Research Grant Program** - Research on brain diseases often proceeds from taking promising results produced in studying an animal model of a disease and applying these results to the first studies in human patients who have that disease.

In 2003, The Dana Foundation began inviting grant proposals for these "first in man" studies of patients with devastating brain diseases for which there currently is no effective treatment. Funded researchers set up "controlled clinical studies" in patients with a specific brain disease, based on promising animal studies suggesting that a specific therapy either treated the condition or prevented it from getting worse. Through this process, clinical researchers determine whether the tested new therapy shows initial promise beyond currently available treatment.

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**How to Apply** - Researchers interested in being considered to receive an invitation to apply for a Clinical Neuroscience Research grant are welcome to send a brief (maximum two-page, 11-point font), description of the proposed research along with an NIH-style abbreviated CV to Angie Marin at [amarin@dana.org](mailto:amarin@dana.org). Requests will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Those investigators chosen to submit full proposals will be notified and provided with further instructions.

**THE EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION**[WWW.KAUFFMAN.ORG](http://www.kauffman.org)

**Range of Grants:** Wide-ranging

**Deadline(s):** None

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation believes that investments in education should lead students on a path to self-sufficiency, preparing them to hold good-paying jobs, raise their families, and become productive citizens. Their youth education programs focus on: advancing student achievement in math, engineering, technology and science, introducing students to entrepreneurship; and exploring the future of learning.

Ewing Kauffman advised his associates to invest in people and be willing to take risks as they look for opportunities to promote positive education and accelerate entrepreneurship in America. The Foundation consider its grants to be investments, and look for a return on the grant investments we make.

The Kauffman Foundation does not use a grant application form or formal application process. They do not have proposal deadlines or established funding limits. Grant size ranges from a few thousand to several million dollars, depending on the size of the organization and the scope of the project. After reviewing the Foundation website and funding priorities, if you feel there is a **strong match** with your request, you may submit a letter of inquiry, preferably less than three pages long.

**Note:** All grant funds are required to be used for direct project/program expenses. No portion may be used for indirect expenses.

**NEXT STEPS:**

1. Determine if the prospect is a good fit for your project by reading the information provided and visiting the organization’s website.
2. Complete the attached Project Concept Form.
3. E-mail the Project Concept Form to Sharon Hamilton, CFR Director at [hamiltons@ecu.edu](mailto:hamiltons@ecu.edu) and Patricia Reidinger, CFR Associate Director at [reidingerp@ecu.edu](mailto:reidingerp@ecu.edu).

We will contact you to arrange a strategy meeting to discuss your project in detail and assist you with the proposal development process.

**Are you searching for a funder for your project? Make an appointment to explore the G.I.F.T. Center. E-mail [reidingerp@ecu.edu](mailto:reidingerp@ecu.edu) or call 737-1820.**

**The G.I.F.T. Center**

Grants Information – Funding for Tomorrow

The mission of the G.I.F.T. Center is to provide access to research, training, and editing services to support and enhance the efforts of ECU faculty and staff members in obtaining corporate, foundation and other non-governmental grants.

The G.I.F.T. Center is located in the Greenville Centre. Appointments are required. Please call 737-1820 or email [reidingerp@ecu.edu](mailto:reidingerp@ecu.edu) to schedule a convenient time for individual instruction.

Please forward this issue of CFR Connections to colleagues who may be interested in pursuing the grant opportunities listed above.

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