FNA Member Update
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STATE UPDATE

<u>Step Up for Students Scholarships</u>
Step Up for Students has released new information about the school choice legislation, HB 1, signed early in the 2023 session. There is now no income threshold for individuals to apply. Through these programs, there are three ways to use the scholarship: tuition and fee assistance to an eligible private school, transportation assistance to a public school different than the one your student is assigned to, or to meet the educational needs of students who are not enrolled in full-time private or public school through the Personalized Education Program (PEP). Please share this information with your clients and/or constituents. The link to apply or renew a scholarship can be found here: https://www.stepupforstudents.org/ema/

<u>ALICE Report Updated for Florida</u>
ALICE is a United Way acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. Click here to view the *2023 ALICE in the Crosscurrent: COVID and Financial Hardship in Florida* dashboard and report: https://unitedwaynefl.org/get-involved/take-action/alice/

FEDERAL UPDATE

<u>The *Charitable Act*</u>
The House version of the *Charitable Act*, S. 566, was introduced on Wednesday, May 17. The bipartisan bill, already introduced in the Senate, would enable taxpayers who take the standard deduction (about 88% of taxpayers) to deduct charitable donations of up to one-third of the standard deduction, or about $4,600 for individuals and $9,200 for married couples based on the current standard deduction.

<u>Economic Recovery Corps Program</u>
The Economic Recovery Corps (ERC) program is now accepting applications from

organizations interested in hosting a full-time fellow for 2.5 years (30 months). Host organizations will have until June 30, 2023, to submit their expression of interest and initiate the application process. ERC Fellow applications will open in mid-June, with additional details on the process and criteria to be announced soon. There is no cost to an organization or community to host a fellow. Learn more about the Economic Recovery Corps program by visiting www.iedconline.org/ERC. If your organization is interested in being a host organization, submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) at www.iedconline.org/ERC by June 30, 2023, or register for the upcoming webinars on June 7th.

FNA RESEARCH RELEASE

2023 Nonprofit Economic Impact Release: Strength in Numbers
June 7, 10-11AM ET

Over the last three years, nonprofits have shown our communities across Florida that they are more important than ever, not only through their various health, human service, cultural, and education programs, but also in their significant contribution to the overall economy. It is vitally important for the sector to understand the contribution we make to statewide employment, annual revenue, and assets held in the state. The nonprofit sector is not just nice to have around; it is essential to the economic vitality of Florida.

This 2023 version of the Nonprofit Economic Impact research highlights the size and scope of the nonprofit sector and its importance to the state's economy. It also highlights how far our state needs to go. It includes county and regional level data, as well as statewide data through a report, infographic, and interactive dashboard. And for the first time, it also includes a step-by-step guide on how to use the data for maximum impact. at your organization level, the regional level, and the sector level.

Join us to learn more about what the numbers tell us and how to effectively use this information to support your nonprofit organization.

Click here to register.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Broadband Technical Assistance Program
DEADLINE: June 20, 2023
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced in April the availability of $20 million to deliver broadband technical assistance resources for rural communities, and to support the development and expansion of broadband cooperatives. USDA is offering the funding under the new Broadband Technical Assistance Program. The program supports technical assistance projects such as conducting feasibility studies, completing network designs and developing broadband financial assistance applications. Funding is also available to help organizations access federal resources, and to conduct data collection and reporting. Click here for more information: https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program

Environmental Justice
DEADLINE: June 30, 2023
The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program's Request for Applications (RFA) has extended the application to June 30, 2023. The entities eligible to apply under this RFA and serve as an Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaker fall into four categories. They include:

- A community-based nonprofit organization;

- A partnership of community-based nonprofit organizations;
- A partnership between a Tribal Nation and a community-based nonprofit organization; or,
- A partnership between an institution of higher education and a community-based nonprofit organization.

EPA will also host a pre-application assistance Webinar to review Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJTCGM) opportunity on May 30th – register here: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1611494883

To learn more about Environmental Justice grants and technical assistance, visit: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance

Tech Hubs Program
DEADLINE: August 15, 2023
The Tech Hubs Program will make place-based economic development investments to drive technology- and innovation-centric growth by strengthening a region's capacity to commercialize, manufacture, and deploy critical technologies. This program aims to invest in regions with the assets, resources, capacity, and potential to become globally competitive, within approximately ten years, in the technologies and industries of the future. The Phase 1 NOFO has two components: EDA will fund Strategy Development Grants and will Designate certain regions as Tech Hubs. Applicants can apply for (a) Designation only; (b) a Strategy Development Grant only; or (c) both Designation and a Strategy Development Grant.

Click here for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
DEADLINE: October 20, 2023
The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Hurricane Nicole DR-4680 has been published to the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) and is available on the state HMGP page. Click here to see it: https://www.floridadisaster.org/hmgp. Please read through the entire NOFA, as there are some changes for this event. The Division will continue to use the FDEM Portal for digital application submissions. The application deadline for this event is October 20, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (EDT). Do note that if you are submitting through the FDEM Portal, FDEM must receive your access request by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on October 20, 2023.

And a grant resource:

2023 State of Grantseeking Report
The 2023 State of Grantseeking Report spotlights recent developments in funding so that organizations can be more strategic in their grantseeking.

- The results serve as an analytics tool for organizations to review their grantseeking efforts, report on performance, and plan for the future.
- The benchmarks suggest reasonable levels of funding to expect for an organization based on median awards by organizational budget and mission.
- The free reports allow you to use the data to educate stakeholders and manage expectations within your world.

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