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Michigan Health Endowment Fund	Health	Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles	3/23/2020		$500,000	Concept papers due 3/23, full proposals due 4/30.	This program is committed to improving health outcomes for Michiganders by reducing the barriers to living a healthy life. Poor nutrition and lack of physical activity contribute to the prevalence of childhood obesity. Low-income communities are often disproportionately affected. The grant supports programs that bring nutrition and physical activity into schools, create fresh food pipelines, and make healthy lifestyles more accessible to seniors, children, and their families. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	https://www.mihealthfund.org/grantmaking/nutrition-healthy-lifestyles-initiative
Organization for Autism Research	Health	Applied Research Competition	3/23/2020		$40,000	Pre-proposals are due 3/23, full proposals by June 2020.	Support for research with the potential to expand the body of knowledge related to autism intervention and treatment public policy, and provide outcomes that enhance quality of life for persons with autism and their families. Emphasis will be placed on research that addresses the following targeted areas: community-based assessment and interventions for challenging behavior; effectiveness of augmentative communications systems; improving access to and effectiveness of existing systems and services; integrated employment; intersectionality, equity, and diversity; mental health assessment and intervention; mid-life and older adults; and residential/community services and supports.	Online Application	https://researchautism.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2020_Applied_RFP-1.pdf
Health Effects Institute	Health	RFA 19-2 Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award	3/24/2020		$500,000	Preliminary applications are due 3/24/20 and full applications are due 9/2/20.	The award supports creative junior investigators with promise who are interested in the health effects of air pollution. Research projects may be interdisciplinary in nature and span a range of scientific fields, including atmospheric science, epidemiology, exposure science, statistics, and toxicology.	Email to funding@healtheffects.org	https://www.healtheffects.org/research/funding/rfa/rfa-19-2-walter-rosenblith-new-investigator-award
Craig H. Neilsen Foundation	Health	Psychosocial Research Grants	3/25/2020	$150,000	$400,000	There are 3 types of awards: PSR Postdoctoral Fellowships ($150,000), PSR Pilot Grants ($200,000) and PSR Studies and Demonstration Projects ($400,000)	Supports research that addresses the interrelation of behavioral, social, psychological and other quality-of-life factors that will benefit people living with spinal cord injury. Emphasis will be placed on research focused on increasing understanding of psychological and social factors that affect health, functioning and quality of life; testing the effectiveness and/or feasibility of rehabilitation and habilitation interventions to improve psychological and social functioning; improving measurements of psychological, social and environmental risk factors, protective factors, processes, and outcomes; and identifying critical service gaps, needed data, and/or new areas of exploration within a psychosocial or socioecological context as defined by or with input from people living with spinal cord injury.	Online Application	https://chnfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/PSR-2021-AG_FINAL.pdf
Facebook	Computer Science	Statistics for Improving Insights, Models, and Decisions Request for Proposals	3/25/2020		$50,000		Facebook is looking for proposals that address challenges in applied statistics with direct applications for producing more effective insights and decisions for data scientists and researchers. Facebook is interested in a varied set of statistical topics including experimentation, forecasting, predictive modeling, surveying, and ground truth modeling and sampling. The following topics are of particular interest: learning and evaluation under uncertainty; statistical models of complex social processes; casual inference with observational data; efficient sampling and prevalence measurement; design and analysis of experiments; anomaly detection; and interpretability techniques for AI models. Submissions must be coordinated with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://research.fb.com/programs/research-awards/proposals/statistics-for-improving-insights-models-and-decisions-request-for-proposals/
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Health	Clinical Pilot and Feasibility Award	3/27/2020		$80,000	LOI due 3/27, full application due 7/17.	Support for projects involving human subjects or samples that will develop and test new hypotheses and/or new methods in research areas relevant to cystic fibrosis. The intent is to enable investigators to collect sufficient preliminary data to determine the best strategies and methods for approaching a major question that ultimately will require assessment through a larger scale research and/or multi-center, collaborative clinical trial. Applications addressing the following areas are particularly encouraged: respiratory microorganism detection and treatment, gastrointestinal symptoms, CF-related diabetes, diet and nutrition, mental health, CF-related liver disease, exercise, sinus disease, allergies and asthma in CF, alternative/holistic treatments and therapies, sexual reproductive health, bone/joint health, pain management.	Online Application	https://www.cff.org/Research/Researcher-Resources/Awards-and-Grants/Research-Awards/Clinical-Pilot-and-Feasibility-Award/

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Accesslex	Law	Diversity Pipeline Research Grant Program	3/31/2020			LOI due 3/31/20, full proposals are due 6/30/20.	The Diversity Pipeline Research Grant Program provides funding to programs and initiatives aimed at helping college students and/or graduates from historically underrepresented groups successfully matriculate into law school and the legal profession. The goal of the program is to increase the knowledge base around effective methods for increasing the enrollment and success of law students from historically underrepresented racial and socioeconomic backgrounds. The institute seeks to fund collaborative programs that provide participants with meaningful content and experiences as well as holistic support.	Online Application	https://www.accesslex.org/diversity-pipeline-research-grant-program
American Cancer Society	Health	Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services	4/1/2020		$200,000		Support for research on the role of health policy and health insurance in improving access to and the performance of cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment services. Proposals will be accepted for research projects focused on changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to those changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients. They are interested in evaluating the impact of the many changes now occurring in the healthcare system, with a particular focus on cancer prevention, control, and treatment.	Online Application	https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/rfa-role-healthcare-insurance-cancer.html
American Psychological Foundation	Mental Health	2020 Visionary Grant	4/1/2020		$20,000		The program seeks to seed innovation in the field through supporting research, education, and intervention projects and programs that use psychology to solve social problems in the following priority areas: applying psychology to vulnerable, at-risk populations; preventing violence; understanding the connection between behavior and health; and understanding and eliminating stigma and prejudice.	Online Application	https://www.apa.org/apf/funding/visionary?tab=3
Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation	Health	Faculty/Post-Doctoral Research Grant Program	4/1/2020		$20,000		Grants are awarded in support of faculty or postdoctoral research. Areas of interest identified by the fund include studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or studies that have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about such problems.	Send to: Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experiment c/o The New York Community Trust 909 Third Avenue, 22nd floor New York, NY 10022	https://www.fahsbeckfund.org/pdf_files/Post_Doctoral_Guidelines.pdf
Facebook	Computer Science	Foundational Integrity Research: Misinformation and Polarization	4/1/2020	$50,000	$150,000		Facebook is offering awards to researchers interested in exploring the societal issues of misinformation and polarization related to social communication technologies. Priority research areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: health misinformation; quantifying harms of misinformation; information processing of sensational, hateful, divisive, or provocative problematic content; affective polarization; dangerous speech, conflict, and violence; misinformation, multimedia, and formats; news, trust, and information quality; cross-platform information ecosystem understanding; digital literacy, demographics, and misinformation. Submission must be coordinated with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://research.fb.com/programs/research-awards/proposals/foundational-integrity-research-misinformation-and-polarization-request-for-proposals/
IBM Center for The Business of Government	Computer Science	Research Report Stipends	4/1/2020		$20,000		The aim of this program is to tap into the best minds in academe and the nonprofit sector who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. They are looking for practical findings and actionable recommendations in order to assist executives and managers to more effectively respond to mission and management challenges. Individuals receiving a stipend should produce a 10,000- to 12,000-word report. Submission must be coordinated with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	http://www.businessofgovernment.org/node/2688
Imagine Futures, Lumina Foundation for Education, Omidyar Group	Education	The Rise Prize	4/6/2020	$50,000	$200,000		This competition is designed to increase the number of innovative solutions driving postsecondary success for student-parents. Ten awards totaling $1 million will be awarded in support of solutions that drive economic mobility and well-being for student-parents. Three types of awards will be available through a single application process: Early stage - new ideas and solutions anchored in initial customer validation, will be awarded $50,000; Mature stage - defined solutions provided by organizations that have strong conviction about their ability to serve student parents and are looking to take that work to scale, awarded $200,000; "Riser's Choice" prize - $100,000 awarded by the competition's student-parent judges to one winner from either the Early Stage or Mature Stage.	Online Application	https://theriseprize.com/

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The Donaghue Foundation	Health	**Another Look 2020 Grant Program**	4/6/2020			**The Foundation will invest around $750,000 in the program and expects to make 4 or 5 awards.** **LOI due 4/6.**	Support for health-related research projects with the potential to improve the quality of care and life for adults age 65 or older who are long-term residents living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other congregate care facilities. They are particularly interested in the following topics: increasing the availability and use of palliative, end of life, and hospice care; assessing the role of family members and informal caregivers on resident quality of life; understanding and reducing the impact of ageism on resident health and well-being; reducing isolation and loneliness and their negative impact on resident health and well-being; addressing racial, ethnic, gender or income disparities in care quality or health outcomes; and enhancing understanding of the specialized care needs of resident populations with developmental disabilities or with serious mental illness.	**Submit electronically to cloud@donaghue.org**	https://donaghue.org/grant-opportunities/another-look/
Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation	Health	**Prevention Beyond the Pipeline Program**	4/10/2020	$50,000	$100,000	**LOI due 4/10, full proposal due 5/8.**	This program supports comparative effectiveness research, prevention-focused clinical trials, and epidemiological studies that probe whether the use or choice of drugs alters the risk for dementia or cognitive decline. Funding priorities identified include: Consortium of Cohorts for Alzheimer's Prevention Action - epidemiological studies contribute unmatched information on whether the risk of dementia or cognitive decline may be influenced by long-term exposure to specific foods or supplements; Comparative Effectiveness Research - research that generates an evidence base on whether choices in the routine clinical care of pre-existing conditions could protect individuals from dementia; Cognitive Decline and Cognitive Reserve - cognitive decline through aging and health conditions have been linked to an increased risk of dementia.	**Online Application**	https://www.alzdiscovery.org/research-and-grants/funding-opportunities/prevention-beyond-the-pipeline
Facebook	Computer Science	AI System Hardware/Software Co-Design	4/15/2020		$50,000		Facebook is inviting research proposals on AI System Hardware/Software Co-Design. Facebook AI teams have been using co-design to develop high-performance AI solutions for both existing as well as future AI hardware, and we are currently looking to further explore co-design opportunities across a number of new dimensions. Facebook is especially interested in soliciting proposals for the wide range of AI hardware/algorithm co-design research areas, including but not limited to: recommendation models; hardware/software co-design for deep learning; distributed training; performance, programmability, and efficiency at data center scale. **Submission must be coordinated with Corporate Relations**.	**Online Application**	**https://research.fb.com/programs/research-awards/proposals/ai-systems-hardware-software-co-design-request-for-proposals/**
Microsoft	Computer Science	**Microsoft Security AI**	4/20/2020		$150,000		The goal of this proposal is to spark new AI research that will expand our understanding of the enterprise, the threat landscape, and how to secure our customer's assets in the face of increasingly sophisticated attacks. Microsoft will fund one or more projects in new collaborative research efforts with university partners so that we can invent the future of security. The goal is to develop new knowledge and capabilities that can provide a robust defense against future attacks. Proposals are invited on all areas of computing related to security and AI, particularly in the following areas of interest: understanding the enterprise; trustworthy machine learning for industry; understanding the threat landscape; AI in supporting defenders. **Submission must be coordinated with Corporate Relations.**	**Online Application**	**https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/academic-program/microsoft-security-ai-rfp/**
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Health	**Research on Housing Policies That Promote Equity**	4/29/2020		$250,000	**LOI only, full proposals invited. Two-year grant period**	To investigate the effectiveness of state, county, and city public policies aimed at increasing housing affordability and stability; addressing racial segregation and isolation from opportunity; and increasing access to opportunity-rich neighborhoods and place-based resources. We are particularly interested in understanding how such policies affect racial equity in housing and neighborhood conditions—especially in small- and medium-sized cities having populations between 50,000 and 500,000. **Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.**	**Online application**	https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/policies-for-action-research-on-housing-policies-that-promote-equity.html
William T. Grant Foundation	Social Science	Research Grants on Reducing Inequality	5/6/2020	$100,000	$500,000	LOI only, full proposals invited Two or three-year grants	The Foundation's mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. One way that we pursue this mission is by investing in high-quality field-initiated studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality

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Flagstar Foundation	Various	Flagstar Foundation Grants	6/30/2020				Flagstar provides grants to nonprofit organizations that align with their charitable giving priorities and have measureable outcomes. Special emphasis is placed on nonprofits that serve racial and ethnic groups, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, women, and veterans. Their charitable giving priorities include: apprenticeship and workforce readiness, arts and culture, financial capability. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://www.flagstar.com/about-flagstar/flagstar-foundation.html
Lockheed Martin	Education	STEM education and military and veteran causes	Rolling			One-year grants.	Lockheed Martin is committed to a program of philanthropy that supports the Corporation's strategic business goals and invests in the quality of life in the communities where our employees work and live. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy.html
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Health	Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health	Rolling	$185,000	$440,000	Grant period is up to 36 months.	Supports rigorous, high-impact, creative research projects to build and disseminate information for evidence-based approaches to building a Culture of Health. The program will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, and on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	https://anr.rwjf.org/viewCfp.do?cfpId=1224&cfpOverviewId=
Thrasher Research Foundation	Health	E.W. Al Thrasher Award	Rolling	$100,000	$500,000	Awards grants two times per year, with no fixed number of awards given in each funding cycle or in each year.	Funds to improve children's health through medical research, with an emphasis on projects that have the potential to translate into clinically meaningful results within a few years. Open to applications that address a variety of significant pediatric problems. Both incidence and severity are considered when determining the significance of the proposed topic.	Email LOI	https://www.thrasherresearch.org/SitePages/al-thrasher-award.aspx
Autism Speaks	Health	Suzanne and Bob Wright Trailblazer Award Program	Rolling		$100,000	Applicants must have a track record of research experience.	Funding is restricted to projects that identify risk factors for ASD that can lead to prevention and improved diagnosis and treatment; lower the age at which ASD is detected and improve access to early intervention for children with ASD; enhance quality of and access to medical care for individuals with ASD; promote the development of safe, effective interventions and medicines to reduce core and associated symptoms of ASD throughout an individual's lifespan; and improve the health and outcomes of adults with ASD from a lifetime perspective.	Online Application	http://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/docs/sciencedocs/grants/trailblazer_rfa_2013_4-2-13.pdf
Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	Health	Rapid Response Innovation Awards	Rolling		$75,000		Supports innovative, high-risk, high-reward projects tackling critical scientific and therapeutic roadblocks that, if successful, open new avenues for PD therapy development. The program is well suited to projects with little-to-no existing preliminary data, but where hypothetical rationale is highly compelling and study results can make the case for continuing (or discontinuing) a line of research. Applicants may submit on any PD-relevant area of basic, preclinical and/or clinical research with a clear, achievable one-year goal.	Online Application	https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=3
Public Welfare Foundation	Social Science	Juvenile Justice	Rolling	$10,000	$800,000	Does not fund scholarships.	Supports groups working to end the criminalization and over incarceration of youth in the United States. In particular, the Program makes grants to groups that are working to (1) Advance state policies that restrict the juvenile justice system's use of incarceration and expand the use of community-based programs for youth, (2) End the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youth in the adult criminal justice system; and (3) Promote the fair and equitable treatment of youth of color who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	http://www.publicwelfare.org/grants-process/

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Wish You Well Foundation	Education	Grant Program	Rolling	$200	$10,000		Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs.	Online or Mail Application	http://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding/
The Nathan Cummings Foundation	Science	Climate Program	Rolling	$3,000	$950,000		Supports promising work that addresses climate change by increasing access to modern energy for the world's poor; stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a low level; and improving resilience for those most vulnerable to the negative consequences of climate variability and change.	Online Application	http://ncf.org/what-we-fund/our-focus/climate
Merck	Health	Patient Advocacy Grants	Rolling	$25,000	$100,000	Applications must be submitted online a minimum of 60 days prior to the activity start date	Patient Advocacy grants are provided to non-profit organizations to support non-accredited independent education and related advocacy activities that seek to improve consumer/patient disease and treatment awareness in specific disease categories. Examples of activities that may be eligible for support include disease awareness campaigns and public service announcements.	Online Application	https://www.mercksupport.com/cme/(S(ah1rai45mlsfx355ci02co2b))/Portal/PatientAdvo.aspx#
Merck	Health	Public Policy Grants	Rolling	$25,000	$100,000	Applications must be submitted online a minimum of 60 days prior to the activity start date	Public Policy grants support independent events or activities that (1) promote public policies that foster an environment for innovation in the bioscience industry or improve patient access to medicines or health care in general; or (2) facilitate opportunities to engage in constructive discussions on policy issues with organizations representing state or federal officials. Eligible organizations are 501c(3), 501c(4), or 501c(6) organizations and include groups representing federal officials, biotechnology associations, think tanks, policy advocacy	Online Application	https://www.mercksupport.com/cme/(S(uegyx33re0bcykfpslhnkb55))/Portal/Support.aspx
Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative	Health	Explorer Awards RFA	Rolling		$60,000	Grant period is for 1 year (non renewable)	Grants for a deeper understanding of the mechanisms underlying autism spectrum disorders or potential therapeutic approaches will require investigation at multiple levels, including but not limited to studies focused on gene discovery, molecular mechanisms, circuits, anatomy, and cognition and behavior. The Foundation will consider proposals at all of these levels.	Online Application	http://sfari.org/funding/grants/explorer-awards-rfa

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Public Welfare Foundation	Social Science	Criminal Justice	Rolling		$750,000	Most grants are 1 or 2 years in length.	Supports groups working to end over incarceration of adult offenders in the United States, also aiming to reduce racial disparity. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	http://www.publicwelfare.org/grants-process/program-guidelines/
The Commonwealth Fund	Health	Grant Program	Rolling		$200,000	Strictly LOI submission. Proposals are invitation only. Award amount based on previous grants.	To promote a high performing healthcare system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	http://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants-and-fellowships/applicant-resources