MacArthur Foundation Names $100 Million Grant-winner
Sesame Workshop and the International Rescue Committee have won the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's 100&Change competition, which promised $100 million to "a single proposal that promises real and measurable progress in solving a critical problem of our time." The grant will fund a five-year joint project to address the "toxic stress" experienced by Syrian refugee children in the four countries — Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Syria — most directly affected by the crisis. Among the three runners-up, Rice University's Institute for Global Health won $15 million for their NEST initiative to reduce infant mortality. >>Read more

Barr Foundation Awards $23.8 Million in New Grants
The Boston-based Barr Foundation has announced Q4 grants of more than $23 million in the areas of arts & creativity, education, climate change, and cross-program initiatives. These grants include a $300,000 grant to Waltham Public Schools to enable a high school redesign planning process to transform the student experience at Waltham High School. >>Read more

W.T. Grant Foundation Awards $3.3 Million in Research Grants
The William T. Grant Foundation in New York City has announced six grants totaling more than $3.3 million in support of research on ways to reduce inequality in youth outcomes and efforts to improve the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people, including $582,150 over three years to Suffolk University, UMASS Boston, and Boston University for research that examines whether mentoring improves academic outcomes for first-generation minority and low-income college students. >>Read more

Lilly Endowment Launches Effort to Help Clergy Thrive in Ministry
The Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment announced twenty-four grants totaling more than $20 million in support of seminaries, universities, denominational judicatories, and a retreat center, as part of its Thriving in Ministry Initiative. The grants will enable organizations to create or strengthen programs that help pastors build relationships with experienced clergy who can serve as role models and mentors and guide them through key leadership challenges in congregational ministry. >>Read more

McKnight Foundation Announces 2018 Memory and Cognitive Disorders Awards
The McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience has announced 2018 Memory and Cognitive Disorders Awards in support of research on the biology of brain diseases. Four grants of $300,000 each will support studies of genes, genetic mutations, and areas of the brain involved in memory formation and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, autism, and post-traumatic stress disorder. >>Read more

Boston Foundation Awards $2.6 Million in New Grants
The Boston Foundation has announced grants totaling nearly $2.6 million to Boston-area nonprofits. These grants include a grant of $175,000 over two years to the College for Social Innovation, which partners with New England colleges to diversity nonprofit leadership in the region. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Bionedical Sciences
The Human Frontier Science Program is awarding grants for teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories. Emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring together scientists preferably from different disciplines (e.g. from chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering) to focus on problems in the life sciences. Young Investigators' Grants are awarded to teams of researchers, all of whom are within the first five years after obtaining an independent laboratory (e.g. assistant professor, lecturer or equivalent), while Program Grants are awarded to teams of independent researchers at any stage of their careers. Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams will receive up to $450,000 per year. The deadline for LOIs is March 28. >> Read more

The Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program is designed to support postdoctoral fellows and physician-scientists. Each applicant must be working under the supervision of an established scientist who is the designated mentor. Two-year grants ranging from $87,400 to $106,350, inclusive of a $2,000 expense allowance, will be awarded. Proposals focused on cancer, blindness (not visual impairment) or child health are highly encouraged. The deadline for applications is Feb. 9. >> Read more

Child Health
The Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund is awarding one-year grants of up to $80,000 to support improvements in the quality of life for children with disabilities. The deadline for applications is March 15. >> Read more

Neuroscience
The Klingenstein-Simon Fellowship Awards, sponsored by the Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund and the Simons Foundation, support, in the early stages of their careers, young investigators engaged in basic or clinical research that may lead to a better understanding of neurological and psychiatric disorders. The awards provide $225,000 over three years. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15. >> Read more

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