Grant Title: WILLIAM T. GRANT INVESTIGATOR INITIATED GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: William T. Grant Foundation.

Area of Research: The Foundation supports high-quality research that addresses enhancing the understanding of how youth settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved; and when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policy and practice that affect youth, and how its use can be improved.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Letter of inquiry deadline: January 5, 2012 at 3 pm EST. Letters of inquiry are accepted in early January, early April, and early September for investigator-initiated research grants.

Amount: The amount usually ranges from $100,000 to $600,000 for the duration of the award. Newly initiated experiments in which settings are randomly assigned to condition usually have higher awards ranging up to $1.5 million.

Length of Support: Investigator-initiated research grants usually last for two to three years.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for consideration, applicants must: (a) be employed at a nonprofit institution, either in the United States or abroad (this institution must have 501(c)(3) tax-exemption); (b) submit a project that is consistent with the Foundation’s Current Research Interests; (c) address issues that have compelling relevance for theory, policies, and/or practices affecting the settings of youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States or a vulnerable subpopulation of those youth; (d) reflect high standards of evidence and rigorous methods, commensurate with the proposal’s goals.

Summary: The majority of the funding supports research relevant to youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. William T. Grant Investigator Initiated Grants Current Research Interests focus on understanding how youth's settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved; and understanding when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policies and practices that affect youth, and how its use can be improved. Investigator Initiated Grants are interested in a range of settings that are important for youth development. Much of their grantmaking supports studies of youth programs, schools, neighborhoods, families, and peer groups. Grants also support research on other settings if an applicant can provide a strong rationale for their importance to youth development and outcomes. These might include studies of social welfare agencies or juvenile justice settings and their affects on youth.

Detailed Information:
http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/investigator_initiated_grants