July Funding Opportunities Highlights

1. **Sponsor:** Spencer Foundation  
**Title:** Small Research Grants  
**Deadline:** August 28, 2014  
**URL:** [http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/budgets-50000-or-less](http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/budgets-50000-or-less)  
**Description:** The Small Research Grants program currently accepts proposals with a total budget of $50,000 or fewer. This program is organized under four areas of inquiry that identify broad topics the foundation believes have fundamental and abiding importance for educational improvement: Education and Social Opportunity, Organizational Learning, Purposes and Values of Education, and Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources (see link above for further detail on each area). Together these areas cover the range of contemporary research questions about education, including educational outcomes, purposes, practices, policies and enabling (or constraint) organizational contexts and processes. There are occasionally proposals that don’t fit within one of these broad areas; for those submissions, the foundation welcomes the proposal as a field-initiated Small Research Grant.

2. **Sponsor:** Engineering Information Foundation  
**Title:** Engineering Information Foundation Grant Programs  
**Application deadline:** August 31, 2014  
**URL:** [http://www.eifgrants.org/info/progareas.html](http://www.eifgrants.org/info/progareas.html)  
[http://www.eifgrants.org/info/apply.html](http://www.eifgrants.org/info/apply.html)  
**Description:** Our grant activity supports developmental projects, instructional projects, and training programs in engineering education and research that fit our fields of interest. These currently include the availability and use of published information, women in engineering, and information access in developing countries. You may want to review our recent grants to give you a better idea of the kinds of projects that interest us. We may infrequently sponsor proposals that do not fit strictly within our guidelines.
We'd really like to see: innovative projects, with measurable results; projects that promote significant and lasting change; projects that can be successfully replicated elsewhere; and methodologies that are specific, well defined and cost-effective. Request a grant amount between $5,000 and $25,000. Sponsor encourages researchers to attract a matching grant from another source, if necessary. Requests for multi-year grants are discouraged.

3. **Sponsor: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**  
   **Title:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Health Services Research Projects  
   **Funding number:** PA-13-045  
   **Application deadline:** October 5, 2014  
   **Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement solicits Large Research (R01) Projects, and expresses AHRQ portfolio priority areas of interest for ongoing extramural health services research grants.  
   AHRQ seeks a wide range of research projects. However, all grant applications must contain projects that fit within the current AHRQ Research Portfolio areas. AHRQ Research Portfolios include:  
   - Comparative Effectiveness  
   - Health Information Technology  
   - Patient Safety  
   - Prevention and Care Management  
   - Value  
   Specific information about current priority areas of focus for AHRQ Research Portfolios are articulated at [http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/foaguidance.htm](http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/foaguidance.htm)

4. **Sponsor: National Science Foundation**  
   **Title:** Air Pollution Monitoring for Communities  
   **Deadline:** October 10, 2014  
   **Description:** The goal of the Smart and Connected Health (SCH) Program is to accelerate the development and use of innovative approaches that would support the much needed transformation of healthcare from reactive and hospital-centered to preventive, proactive, evidence-based, person-centered and focused on well-being rather than disease. Approaches that partner technology-based solutions with bio-behavioral health research are supported by multiple agencies of the federal
government including the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The purpose of this program is to develop next generation health care solutions and encourage existing and new research communities to focus on breakthrough ideas in a variety of areas of value to health, such as sensor technology, networking, information and machine learning technology, decision support systems, modeling of behavioral and cognitive processes, as well as system and process modeling.