



# Rubén Hinojosa

The 15th Congressional District of Texas



## Grants Alert

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### HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE MUSEUM

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the Economic Development Administration has awarded a \$1 million grant to the Cuero's Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. This investment will support the renovation of a historical building and construction of a new two-story building to house a museum and library for Cuero's Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum.

draw people into the town and into the area," noted John Hildebrand, who also sits on the museum's board. "We appreciate the efforts of Rep. Hinojosa and his staff for making this all possible. He has been a tireless advocate of the museum and all his efforts are very much appreciated."

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum began development in 2000 with a small group of concerned citizens interested in preserving the region's ranching and agricultural heritage. Its mission is to tell the story of South Central Texas' contribution to the twin legends of the Texas cowboy and the Longhorn and aims to make a significant cultural, social and educational contribution by interpreting the historical events. In 2002, the museum purchased the historic Knights of Pythias Hall for the purpose of establishing the Museum. Later that year, the organization hired renowned preservation architect, David Hoffman, to create a seven-phase master plan for the rehabilitation of the building.

"The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum project is a great model for other communities who wish to expand their economies and attract tourist by preserving local architectural assets and strengthening their local educational opportunities," said Hinojosa. "I commend the dedication and work the community has shown so far and look forward to visiting the museum when it is completed."

"The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum offers an enriching glimpse into a little known piece of Texas history, and this investment will go a long way toward preserving this heritage for generations to come," said Hinojosa. "Not only that, but it provides a wonderful opportunity to boost the local economy by attracting tourists interested in Texan and American heritage sites."

"I would like to thank the multitude of people in Cuero who have faithfully supported this project through the years," added Robert Oliver, Chairman of the Board of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. "I especially want to thank Rep. Hinojosa for all the faith he has shown in our project and the work that he has done to help us garner this investment."

"This grant will allow us to create a cultural center that celebrates the rich ranching and agricultural heritage of this area. But just as important is the economic value of having a museum of regional significance that will



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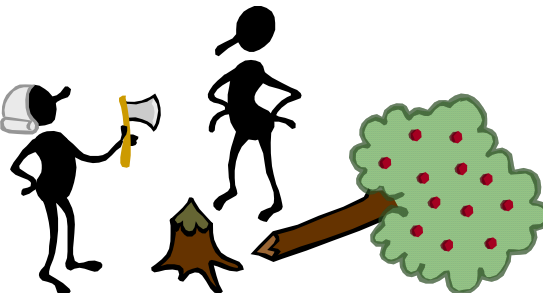
### Keep cool!



## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$1.9 MILLION GRANT FOR REGION ONE EDUCATION CENTER

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded the Region One Education Service Center in Edinburg a \$1,999,999 grant for three years to improve the quality of American history education. The grant is one of 122 new grants awarded to school districts in 40 states nationwide.

“Students require a strong foundation in American history so that they can become informed, contributing members of our nation’s great democracy,” said Hinojosa. “This grant allows for the improvement of the quality of American history education in our schools, which will aid in reaching this important goal.”



The Teaching American History grant program supports three-year projects to improve teachers’ knowledge of tra-

ditional American history through intensive, on-going professional development. Grantees must work in partnership with one or more organizations that have extensive knowledge of American history, including libraries, museums, nonprofit history or humanities organizations, and higher education institutions.

History is one of the core academic subjects under the landmark No Child Left Behind Act; however the National Assessment of Educational Progress, which is commonly known as the “Nation’s Report Card,” shows that less than one-quarter of America’s students in grades 4, 8, and 12 are proficient in

American history. To improve student achievement, the Teaching American History grant program will immerse history teachers in American history content and research-based teaching strategies, to help them teach in an exciting and engaging way.

## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$11.7 MILLION IN HUD GRANTS FOR HIDALGO COUNTY

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded various organizations in the district with grants.

“Housing options are limited for people living on a fixed income or from paycheck to paycheck,” said Hinojosa. “These grants will help families find new, quality housing that is affordable and safe.” Hidalgo County has been awarded the following grants:

\$16,282 in American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) grants, which will help promote homeownership opportunities by providing necessary resources for down-payment and closing cost assistance to low-income and minority households.

\$8,632,714 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which provides annual grants to states in local units of government to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environ-

ment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

\$372,645 in Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), which provide annual grants to state, local, and private entities to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters.

\$2,764,988 under the HOME program that helps to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing to low- and very low-income families by providing grants to states and local governments to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities.

“A key ingredient to community development is providing affordable housing to families,” Hinojosa continued. “To meet these needs, we must provide communities with resources to help manage smart growth and expansion.”

## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES WINNER OF OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) Only one individual — Melodie Cuate — received the Lin- den Heck Howell Outstanding Teaching of Texas History Award. announced that Melodie Cuate, who teaches at Canter- den Heck Howell Outstanding Teaching of Texas History Award. bury Elementary in Edinburg, is the winner of the 2006-2007 Outstanding Teaching of Texas History Award from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“I commend Melodie Cuate on such a wonderful achievement,” Hinojosa said. “Education is fundamental to the overall quality of life of our children.

We need more committed, caring, qualified teachers such as Ms. Cuate who can guide our students toward academic success and fulfilling careers.”

Humanities Texas offers several award programs to recognize excellence in teaching the humanities in Texas schools. This year, the organization received a total of 144 nominees for various awards.



The award was established in memory of Ms. Howell, former chair of the Humanities Texas Board of Directors, as a lasting tribute to her service to the organization and her commitment to the study of Texas history. Cuate will receive a \$1,000 cash award, with \$500 payable to her school for the purchase of instructional materials.

Humanities Texas creates and sponsors an array of educational programs around the state, including teacher institutes and teaching awards that support excellence among K-12 educators. Established by the Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research, education, and public programs in the humanities.

## FCC DIRECTS USAC TO CARRY FORWARD \$650 MILLION FROM PRIOR YEARS TO SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM FUNDING YEAR 2007

On June 11, 2007, the FCC issued a Public Notice in which it announced that \$650 million in unused Schools and Libraries funds will be carried forward from Funding Years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. As a result of carrying forward this funding, disbursements to schools and libraries in Funding Year 2007 will increase and support will be provided in excess of the annual \$2.25 billion cap.

The notice reads as:

Pursuant to section 54.709(a)(3) of the Commission's rules, on May 2, 2007, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) submitted projections of demand and administrative expenses for the Federal Universal Service Fund for the Third Quarter of 2007. According to USAC's projections,

\$650 million in unused funds from Funding Years 2001 through 2004 is available to carry forward to increase disbursements to schools and libraries via the schools and libraries universal service mechanism. Section 54.507(a)(2)



of the Commission's rules states, in pertinent part, that “all funds that are collected

and that are unused from prior years shall be available for use in the next full funding year of the schools and libraries mechanism in accordance with the public interest and notwithstanding the annual cap.”<sup>4</sup> Consistent with the Commission's rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that \$650 million in unused funds will be carried forward from

Funding Years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 to increase disbursements to schools and libraries in Funding Year 2007 in excess of the annual cap.<sup>5</sup> For further information, please contact Randy Clarke, Wireline Competition Bureau at 202-418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

Website: <http://www.usac.org/sl/>

## CONGRESS PASSES HINOJOSA BILLS IMPROVING RURAL HOUSING IN AMERICA

Washington, DC – The House of Representatives passed two bills that will greatly help the livelihoods of millions of Americans living in rural areas of the United States. The two measures, H.R. 1980, the Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act, and H.R. 1982, the Rural Housing and Economic Development Improvement Act, were both authored and sponsored by Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX). They will authorize more than \$95 million over the next several years to help rural housing conditions.

“Far too many of our families in rural America reside in conditions that are poor, inadequate, or run-down,” said Hinojosa, who is also the co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Rural Caucus. “These two bills will help improve overall quality of life by providing much needed resources to address the chronic problem of substandard housing in the less populated areas of this nation.”

Specifically, H.R. 1980 will authorize \$10 million for FY08 and \$15 million for FY09-14 to the Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a nonprofit group working to create more affordable housing throughout rural United States. Since 1971, HAC has made almost \$220 million in loans to almost 1,900 organizations to create more than 60,000 homes. **In the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, HAC loans have helped McAllen Affordable Homes and Proyecto Azteca.**

HAC will use some of the funds authorized in H.R. 1980 for below-market lending to local community- and faith-based homebuilders, with an emphasis on first-time low-income homeownership, particularly for minorities. When repaid, HAC will lend the funds again to new borrowers. The new capital will be used throughout rural America, including in five high-need areas: Appalachia, the Lower Mississippi Delta and Southeast, the Southwest border region, Native American areas, and migrant farmworker regions. This funding also will help enable HAC to continue providing financial and other aid to its national network of

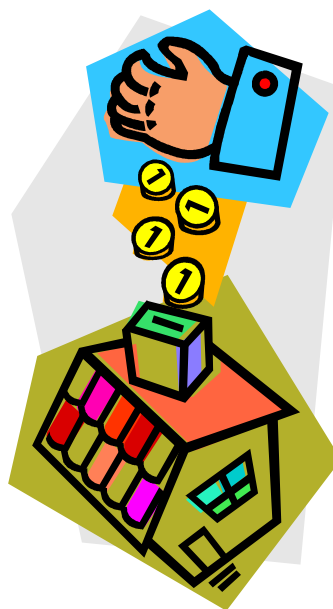
hundreds of rural nonprofit builders.

H.R. 1982 will authorize \$30 million for the Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program for FY08 and \$40 million for FY09-13. This bill will provide RHED the additional funding needed to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas.

RHED provides capacity building at the state and local level for rural housing and economic development. Funds made available under this program are awarded competitively on an annual basis through a selection process conducted by HUD.

In its budget for FY08, the Administration proposed to eliminate many rural housing programs, including HAC and RHED. The proposed budget also called for the significant reduction of funding for the construction or preservation of affordable housing in rural communities.

“These critical programs directly impact the lives of people in areas where housing needs are very high, the development capacity is low, and conventional financing tools do not always work,” said Hinojosa. “These two initiatives will help improve the availability of affordable housing in rural America and make sure this area of our nation is no longer ignored.”



## VALLEY ORGANIZATIONS LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES AT FEDERAL GRANTS WORKSHOP

More than 120 community members were able to learn more about the acquisition of federal grants June 14 at a Federal Grants Workshop hosted by The University of Texas-Pan American's Office of Research and Sponsored Projects and the American Association of Grant Professionals (AAGP) RGV Chapter in conjunction with the Offices of Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) and Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28).

Participants representing more than 35 organizations including small private non-profits, municipal and county government, local education agencies, higher education institutions and individual grant professionals were welcomed by UTPA President Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, by Hinojosa and Cuellar via videotaped messages and by AAGP-RGV Chapter President Lucila Lagace, principal with Lagace Consulting.

Cárdenas, an experienced grants writer herself, recalled how the disbursement of federal monies had evolved over the years and told attendees that as grants professionals they will play an important role in the growth of the region in the next 20 years.

"To fulfill the needs or to develop the access of our region, we have to become very adept at acquiring grants and for the right purpose," she said. "You will also have to operate with a very high standard of accountability."

The full day workshop included federal informational panels, workshop sessions and a networking lunch. The panels included representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development, U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Education, and the National Endowment of the Arts.

The workshop learning sessions included presentations on UTPA research capabilities; finding federal funding; preparing for the grant professional certification exam; preparing to approach federal agencies; and grant program evaluation. Presenters included Jacquelyn Michel, UTPA director of Innovation and Intellectual Property; Desirée Mendez, Office of Congressman Ruben Hinojosa; Jeremiah Rigsby, Office of Congressman Henry Cuellar; Dr. Al Borrego, director of the UTPA Public Administration Program; and Lagace.

Michel and Theresa Baily, director, UTPA Office of Research and Sponsored Research, who helped organize the workshop, said the event supported the University's goal to inform others of its knowledge, research capabilities and expertise in order to identify collaborative partners for proposals.

"Developing research partnerships and collaborations create a win-win for the Rio Grande Valley," Michel said.

Workshop attendee and AAGP member Estella De Anda, executive director of the Rio Grande Valley Mujeres Unidas (Women Together), said federal grants and collaborations with other community organizations were very important in the operation of her nonprofit organization.

"We do a lot of fundraising and we're always writing grants so I came to learn about anything new and to meet some of the people at the federal and state level," she said.

Lagace said she was pleased with the turnout and the interest shown by area grants professionals in developing their skills and capacity to successfully compete to bring more federal funding to the area.

"The diverse group of presenters and participants gained valuable knowledge in how to obtain funding for local projects that help alleviate the many social and economic needs of our region," said Lagace, who indicated a Part II Federal Grants Workshop is already being planned for September 2007.

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<http://www.utpa.edu/2000/news/index.cfm?newsid=3329&curtyp e=release&curbar=news>

**If you have any questions regarding the next workshop, please contact Desirée Mendez at the Office of Congressman Hinojosa: 956-682-5545 or [desiree.mendez@mail.house.gov](mailto:desiree.mendez@mail.house.gov)**

**Federal Grants Workshop II**

**TSTC Harlingen**

**September 20, 2007**

**8:00 am to 3:30 pm**



## TOP 5 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FOUNDATION FUNDING

When non-profit directors or development staff are looking for help in the world of foundations, the first thing I usually have to do is dispel the most common myths surrounding foundation funding.

- Myth #1: Foundation funding is easy.
- Myth #2: Foundations are anxious to give money to organizations like mine.
- Myth #3: Foundations just require a good grant proposal.

While each of these myths has some basis in reality, None are the whole story.

There are essentially five principles I take organizations through in our quest for the holy grail of foundation funding.

**1. Research** -Imagine for a moment that you plan to buy a home. You want something modest, a one-level and it must have a garage. Well, your realtor just doesn't get it. Every house he shows you is over priced, or a bi-level and none have garages!

Foundations publish their interests much like you do when you search for a home. The key is tapping into the database. If you don't have a subscription to the Foundation Center or Foundation Search, try the local library. Often the library has a subscription and you can log on free. Once on one of these databases, match the following criteria:

- Geographic
- Programmatic
- Type of Support

**2. Relationship**—Private foundations are a formal way for giving to the things the founders care about, long after they are gone.

With more than 70,000 private foundations in the U.S., it is hard to know where to begin. However, foundations reflect the personality of their primary donor. Learn to see them as people, not entities. A few things to consider in relationship building:

1. Start where you are, local, statewide, then national. This lets you know the foundations in your area.
2. Join local chapters of non-profits. There is untapped knowledge and networking there.
3. Treat foundations like people and you'll be ahead of the game.

**3. Writing**—Ok, you've done the research, you've built a relationship and now it's time to write. But I'm not a writer you say. I don't know anything about writing a grant!

Step away from the keyboard. Relax. If you have grant-o-phobia, there are freelance writers to help. But, if you have the time, give it a shot, you may surprise yourself. Good grant proposals contain:

- Language that echoes the foundation's interests and mission.
- A history of achievement, however brief.
- Your ability to do what you say.
- A laser focus on your organization's mission.
- A good proposal shows success and outcomes, not just the potential.

**4. Reporting**—If you can't measure it, you can't market it. I know that's lingo from the for profit world. But if you want to be successful in foundation funding, you'd better be able to measure your outcomes. With nearly every successful grant I've seen, a letter of agreement outlines what the foundation expects from your organization. That typically includes some kind of report as to the success or failure of your proposal. A successful report is:

- Honest and even if you didn't achieve what you said you would.
- On time.
- Thankful.

**5. Resilience and Persistence** -The pursuit of foundation funding isn't for the faint of heart! Some foundations get three times the number of proposals as they actually fund. The key is to not give up!

This is a competitive process. Nevertheless, I believe every non-profit can develop a solid foundation funding department. Armed with the right attitude, tools and information, any development professional, even volunteers, can succeed in pursuing foundations.

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# Funding Opportunities

## AGRICULTURE

### Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)*

**Deadline: 10/11/2007**

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of approximately \$7 million in block grant funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. State departments of agriculture interested in obtaining grant program funds are invited to submit applications to USDA. State departments of agriculture, meaning agencies, commissions, or departments of a State government responsible for agriculture within the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, are eligible to apply. State departments of agriculture are encouraged to involve industry groups, academia, and community-based organizations in the development of applications and the administration of projects.

Total Funding Available: \$7,000,000

Eligible Applicants: State departments of agriculture, meaning agencies, commissions, or departments of a State government responsible for agriculture within the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, are eligible to apply.

Contact: Trista Etzig, Phone: 202-690-4942, Email: [Scblockgrants@usda.gov](mailto:Scblockgrants@usda.gov)

Website: [www.ams.usda.gov](http://www.ams.usda.gov)

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### National Assembly Leadership Award

*National Assembly of State Art Agencies (NASAA)*

**Deadline: 08/31/2007**

The NASAA awards program recognizes exemplary leadership and showcases the best practices of state and regional arts organizations. Nominations are invited for the following awards: National Accessibility Leadership Award: Co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and NASAA, this annual award (and accompanying \$30,000 cash prize) recognizes exceptional and effective initiatives or programs that make the arts accessible and inclusive to individuals with disabilities and/or older adults. All state arts agencies and regional arts organizations are eligible. Nominations may be made by any state arts agency or regional arts organization staff or council member, or individuals/organizations that work on accessibility issues in partnership with an SAA or RAO.

Eligible Applicants: Exceptional and effective initiatives or programs that make the arts accessible and inclusive to individuals with disabilities and/or older adults. All state arts agencies and regional arts organizations are eligible.

Contact: Laura Smith, Phone: 202-347-6352, ext. 120, Email: [laura.smith@nasaa-arts.org](mailto:laura.smith@nasaa-arts.org)

Website: [http://www.nasaa-arts.org/nasaanews/2007\\_award\\_forms.shtml](http://www.nasaa-arts.org/nasaanews/2007_award_forms.shtml)

### Interpreting America's Historic Places: Planning Grants

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 09/05/2007**

Public humanities programs promote the experience of lifelong learning in American and world history, literature, comparative religion, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities for broad public audiences. They invite reflection and conversation about important humanities ideas and questions. They offer new insights into familiar subjects and introduce us to unfamiliar ideas. As part of its We the People program, NEH supports public humanities projects that exploit the evocative power of historic places to address themes and issues central to American history and culture, including those that advance knowledge of how the founding principles of the United States have shaped American history and culture for more than two hundred years. Interpreting America's Historic Places projects may interpret a single historic site or house, a series of sites, an entire neighborhood, a town or community, or a larger geographical region. The place taken as a whole must be significant to American history, and the project must convey its historic importance to visitors. The audience for Interpreting America's Historic Places projects is the general public. (For other public humanities projects that may not focus so closely on historic places, refer to the planning grant guidelines for America's Historic and Cultural Organizations.)

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

## Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies.

Contact: Division of Public Programs, Phone: 202-606-8269, Email: [publicpgms@neh.gov](mailto:publicpgms@neh.gov)

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### The Arts on Radio and Television

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 09/07/2007**

Through this category the National Endowment for the Arts seeks to make the excellence and diversity of the arts widely available to the American public through nationally distributed television and radio programs. Grants are available to support the development, production, and national distribution of radio and television programs on the arts. Priority will be given to artistically excellent programs that have the potential to reach a significant national audience, regardless of the size or geographic location of the applicant organization. Only programs of artistic excellence and merit, in both the media production and the subject, will be funded. Projects may include high profile multi-part television and radio series, single documentaries, performance programs, or arts segments for use within an existing series. Programs may deal with any art form (e.g., visual arts, music, dance, literature, design, theater, musical theater, opera, film/video/audio art, folk & traditional arts). Programs targeted to children and youth are welcome.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply.

Contact: Staff, Phone: 202-682-5738, Website: [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov)

### Guidelines Available for Creative Capital/Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers' Grant Program

**Deadline: 09/12/2007**

The Creative Capital/Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program is a three-year program designed to support writers working on contemporary art. The program was launched in 2006 by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and is administered by Creative Capital. The program aims to promote critical discourse that is both rigorous and accessible, foster innovation in arts writing, and encourage writing that nurtures connections between art and the public at large. In its first year, the Arts Writers Grant Program issued awards for books, articles, and experiments in new and alternative media. This round will include a new grant category for short-form writing (texts of a thousand words or less). In addition, the program seeks an increased engagement in the coming grant round with article-based projects and with art of the current moment.

Eligible Applicants: must be an art historian, artist, critic, curator, journalist, or practitioner in an outside field who is strongly engaged with the contemporary visual arts; a U.S. citizen, permanent resident of the United States, or possessor of an O-1 visa; at least 25 years of age; and a published author (specific publication requirements vary depending on grant category).

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Number of Awards: 15 – 20

Website: <http://www.artswriters.org/>

### Faculty Humanities Workshops

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 09/13/2007**

Grants for Faculty Humanities Workshops support local and regional professional development programs for K-12 teachers and faculty at post-secondary institutions by providing such faculty with the opportunity to engage in vigorous intellectual inquiry with visiting scholars on significant topics in the humanities. For school teachers, these intellectual enrichment projects typically respond to or align with humanities topics and subjects identified in state or other appropriate frameworks for learning. Such projects involve a series of meetings over periods of up to 18 months to pursue a well-defined, cohesive course of study. Participants will have opportunities to work with visiting humanities scholars as they carry out a collaborative program of readings, discussions, and other activities. Projects can involve teachers from a single school, a cluster of schools, or a school district, and draw upon humanities resources in the wider community, such as libraries, museums, historical organizations, and other educational institutions. Projects for college and university faculty members should reflect and respond to institutional priorities and initiatives. These workshops enable a core group of faculty to pursue collaborative humanistic inquiry at a level that could not be accomplished with existing institutional resources. As the core group pursues its common course of study, it will draw upon expertise from within the institution(s) as well as from appropriate visiting scholars. Projects typically involve a cohesive series of meetings on a well-defined topic over a period of up to 18 months.



## Funding Opportunities

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments.

Contact: Division of Education Programs, Phone: 202-606-8380, Email: [education@neh.gov](mailto:education@neh.gov).

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### Grants for Scholarly Investigations of Ancient Mesoamerican Cultures

**Deadline: 09/15/2007**

The Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies is giving grants for scholarly investigations of ancient cultures of Mesoamerica (limited to Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador).

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: those working in such fields as Anthropology, Archaeology, Art History, Epigraphy, Ethnohistory, History, Linguistics, or Multidisciplinary Studies involving combinations of these classifications.

Website: <http://www.famsi.org/grants/apply.htm>

### Grants to Increase Public Understanding of the Humanities

**Deadline: 10/02/2007**

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the public's understanding of the humanities. Recipients usually produce scholarly articles, monographs on specialized subjects, books on broad topics, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools.

Maximum Award: \$6,000.

Eligibility: faculty or staff members of colleges or universities, primary or secondary schools, or independent scholars or writers.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do>

### Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 10/16/2007**

The application period has opened for the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program. This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively low-dollar grants during the planning stages, the goal is to identify projects that are particularly innovative and have the potential to make a positive impact on the humanities. In an effort to foster new collaborations and advance the role of cultural repositories in online teaching, learning, and research, this program is co-sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). NEH and IMLS encourage library and museum officials as well as scholars, scientists, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations to apply for these grants and to collaborate when appropriate. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve: 1) research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities; 2) planning and prototyping new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets; 3) scholarship that examines the philosophical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies; innovative uses of technology for public programming and education utilizing both traditional and/or new media; and 4) new digital modes of publication facilitating the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Maximum Grant Size: \$50,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization or institution with IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status; State and local governmental agencies and Native American tribal organizations; and U.S. citizens or foreign nationals who have been living in the United States or its jurisdictions for at least the three years immediately prior to the application deadline.

Contact: Digital Humanities Initiative Staff, Email: [dhi@neh.gov](mailto:dhi@neh.gov)

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

## Funding Opportunities

### Challenge Grants #2

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 11/01/2007**

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Challenge grants most commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Institutions may use the income from invested funds to meet ongoing humanities-related costs. Examples include: faculty and staff positions, fellowships, lecture or exhibition series, visiting scholars or consultants, publishing subventions, maintenance of facilities, faculty and staff development, acquisitions, preservation/conservation programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools or school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency, private nonprofit organization, or tribal government) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (e.g., university museums) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: [challenge@neh.gov](mailto:challenge@neh.gov).

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### Grants to Help Low-Income Schools Purchase Books for School Libraries

**Deadline: 11/12/2007**

The NEA Foundation will make awards to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries.

Maximum Award: \$1000.

Eligibility: practicing preK-12 school librarians, teachers, or education support professionals in a U.S. public school in which at least 70 percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

Website: [http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/BAA\\_2007.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/BAA_2007.htm)

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### JP Morgan Chase Grants

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

JP Morgan Chase seeks grant applications in these areas related to workforce development: 1) *Community asset development*: The grants can be used for: affordable and special needs housing, workforce training programs, economic and commercial revitalization of communities, and financial education for low-income adults and 2) *Youth education*: The grants can be used for: early childhood literacy and school readiness, capacity building in public schools, financial literacy for young people, and programs that help nontraditional and underserved students prepare for and enter college. JP Morgan Chase serves the following regions in Texas: Austin, San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley, Houston, El Paso, Arlington, Ft. Worth, and Dallas.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, charitable 501 (c) (3) organizations. *NOTE*: JP Morgan Chase does not fund public agencies.

Website: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community/grants>

### Economic Development Assistance Programs -FY 2007 National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation Program

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)*

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Through its National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation program (NTA Program), EDA works towards fulfilling its mission by funding research and technical assistance projects to promote competitiveness and innovation in distressed rural and urban regions throughout the United States and its territories. By working in conjunction with its research partners, EDA will help states, local governments and community-based organizations to achieve their highest economic potential. EDA is soliciting applications to provide technical assistance in connection with the following projects: 1) Regional Training Curriculum Implementation, 2) Economic Development

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Research Projects, 3) Information Dissemination and National Symposium.

Website: [www.doc.gov](http://www.doc.gov)

### Rural Community Development Initiative

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)*

**Deadline: 09/06/2007**

This Notice announces the availability of \$6,286,500 of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area herein referred to as the Agency. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. This Notice lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Eligible Applicants: Qualified private, nonprofit including faith-based and community organizations

Contact: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>

### American Academy of Dermatology Announces 2008 Shade Structure Grant Program

**Deadline: 03/05/2008**

To assist organizations in creating sun-safe outdoor areas, the American Academy of Dermatology has announced the availability of grant applications for its Shade Structure Program. The program is open to United States nonprofit organizations or educational institutions for permanent shade structures over outdoor locations which are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools, eating areas, and other locations. The 2008 program will have a longer grant cycle in order to allow AAD members to work with local schools and organizations to develop sun-safety programs and initiatives, one of the criteria for application.

Eligible Applicants: the 2008 program is only open to schools and organizations that serve children and teenagers, ages 18 and younger.

Website: <http://www.aad.org/public/News/2008+Shade+Structure+Program.htm>

## EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

### Lego Systems Establishes Lego Children's Fund to Support Youth Creativity Programs

**Deadline: Quarterly**

Lego Systems Inc., the Americas (North America and Latin America) division of the Lego Group, a privately-held, family-owned firm based in Billund, Denmark, has announced the formation of the Lego Children's Fund, a nonprofit foundation established to support organizations and programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity, thereby improving their quality of life and preparing them for the future. The Lego Children's Fund was incorporated with an initial corporate contribution of \$1.2 million dollars. The fund will make cash grants to nonprofit organizations in the United States with programs dedicated to a child's exploration of creativity that cater to children ages birth to 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth. The fund's cash grants will generally range between \$500 and \$5,000 each. Additionally, the fund aims to make one \$100,000 grant per year to a single organization identified and selected by the fund's board of directors. The fund will provide grants quarterly. Applicants are invited to submit proposals any-time throughout the year; however, to ensure that a request is considered for a particular trustee meeting, proposals must be received by the following dates: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Eligible Applicants: The fund will award grants to qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations including educational organizations with specific, identifiable needs primarily in these areas of support: early childhood education and development; technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities; and sport or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth.

Website: <http://www.legochildrensfund.org/>

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### Do Something Offering Weekly Grants for Young Social Entrepreneurs

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

Do Something is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization is accepting applications for the following grant programs: 1) Do Something and GameStop are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly and 2) Do Something and Plum TV are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out weekly.

Website: <http://www.dosomething.org/>

### National Geographic Society Offers Young Explorer Grants

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The National Geographic Society's Young Explorers Grants offer opportunities to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 to pursue research, exploration, and conservation-related projects consistent with National Geographic's existing grant programs, including the Committee for Research and Exploration, the Expeditions Council, and the Conservation Trust. The Young Explorers Grants Program supports a variety of projects and an age-range of applicants generally not covered by other sources of funding. Applicants are not required to have advanced degrees. However, a record of prior experience in the fields of research, conservation, or exploration should be submitted as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to citizens of the United States, and foreign nationals are invited to apply. Researchers planning work in countries abroad should make great effort to include at least one local collaborator as part of their team. Young Explorers Grants vary in amount depending on the significance of the project, though most will range between \$2,000 and \$5,000 each. Because National Geographic Society funds often serve as complementary support, the program encourages applicants to seek additional funding from other sources.

Website: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/yeg/apply-for-grant.html>

### AEP Funding for Education & Human Services

**Deadlines: Open/Rolling**

The American Electric Power (AEP) Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in communities in AEP's service territory. Funding is provided in such areas as education (preference is given to grades Pre-K-12 in the fields of math, science, and technology); and human services (hunger, housing, health and safety).

Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations in Texas, this includes Corpus Christi, Laredo, Victoria, McAllen, Abilene, San Angelo and Longview.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving> <<http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving>>

### Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions Program is committed to literary-based sponsorships and partners with organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy and the arts.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12).

Website: [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/sponsorships\\_national/donations\\_national.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorships_national/donations_national.html)

### Disney Minnie Grants Support Youth-led Service Projects

**Deadline 08/30/2007**

The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America, through Disney Minnie Grants, are supporting youth-led service projects that are planned and implemented in communities. Service can take place between October 1 and November 26, 2007, and projects can address the environment, disaster

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relief, public health and awareness, community education, hunger, literacy, or any issue that youth identify as a community need.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: teachers, older youth (15-25), youth-leaders, and youth-serving organizations that engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementation.

Website: [www.YSA.org/awards](http://www.YSA.org/awards)

### Grants Reward Community Colleges Helping First-Generation College Students

**Deadline: 08/31/2007**

The Met Life Foundation and Jobs for the Future invite community colleges to apply for the 2008 MetLife Community College Excellence Award. The award will honor two community colleges for their institution-wide commitment to helping low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and working adults enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Maximum Award: \$30,000.

Eligibility: community colleges across the United States.

Website: [http://www.jff.org/%7Ejff/JFF\\_Pages.php?WhichLevel=3&lv1\\_id=3&lv2\\_id=32&lv3\\_id=39&ShowProject=2](http://www.jff.org/%7Ejff/JFF_Pages.php?WhichLevel=3&lv1_id=3&lv2_id=32&lv3_id=39&ShowProject=2)

### Character Development, Volunteer and Career Grants for Youth

**Deadline: 09/01/2007**

The Target and Tiger Woods Foundation's Start Something Program is a free initiative for youth that addresses three priorities: character development, volunteer service and career exploration. Participants are guided through the process of articulating their specific goals and go on to complete a project that helps others and lets participants explore careers related to their goals. Youth who complete the Start Something Program are eligible to apply for a grant to pursue an activity or enrichment program to further their dreams and goals. Examples of eligible activities include: Art and design, or sports camp or lessons, Science institutes, writing or theatrical workshops, music or foreign language lessons.

Maximum Grant Size: \$5,000

Eligible Applicants: Youth between the ages of 8-17 who have completed the Start Something Program

Website: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/spot/page.jsp?title=startsomething>

### Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Announces 2008 National Grant Competition

**Deadline: 09/07/2007**

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has announced its 2008 national grant competition. The foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. Family literacy programs funded through the foundation's national grant program must include all of the following components: reading instruction for parents or primary care-givers (pre-GED/GED/ESL etc.); literacy or pre-literacy instruction for children; and intergenerational activities where the parents/primary caregivers and children come together to learn and to read. Programs can also include additional components such as parent support groups, parent involvement, home visits, job training, etc. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures.

Website: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

### Grants to Mobilize Youth for Service-Learning and Community Service

**Deadline: 09/17/2007**

Youth Service America is looking for organizations that will function as lead agencies for Global Youth Service Day (April 25-27, 2008), the largest service event in the world that mobilizes youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service-learning and community service.

Maximum Award: \$2,000 GYSD planning grant and direct assistance and support from Youth Service America.

Eligibility: Organizations that engage youth in service in one or more of the 50 U.S. states.

Website: <http://ysa.org/GYSD/LeadAgency/tabid/177/Default.aspx>

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### Call for Entries to Recognize Schools Making Dramatic Improvements in Student Achievement

**Deadline: 09/28/2007**

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the MetLife Foundation are calling for entries in the search for the nation's top "Breakthrough Schools." Applicants should be high achieving middle or high schools, or schools that are making dramatic improvements in student achievement, whose best practices and outstanding results can inform other schools as they further their own improvement efforts. Honorees will be chosen based upon documented success in implementing strategies aligned with the three core areas of NASSP's Breaking Ranks II publication. Those three areas are collaborative leadership; personalization; and curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: middle and high schools with 40% or more students eligible for free and reduced priced meals.

Website: [http://www.principals.org/s\\_nassp/sec.asp?CID=66&DID=66](http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=66&DID=66)

### Best Buy Grants for Interactive Technology Programs

**Deadline: 09/30/2007**

The Best Buy te@ch program rewards schools for successful interactive programs they have launched using available technology. Winning te@ch programs focus on kids using technology to learn standards-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on.

Maximum Award: \$10,000

Eligibility: Accredited K-12 public, private, parochial, and nonprofit charter schools located within a 50-mile radius of a Best Buy store.

<http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp>

### Grants to Support Youth-led Service Projects by Youth in Foster Care

**Deadline: 10/01/2007**

Youth Service America and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are providing YouthPower grants support youth-led service projects by youth in foster care (ages 5-18) and youth who have recently transitioned out of foster care (ages 19-25) who will plan and implement service projects in their community. Service projects will take place as part of Global Youth Service Day on April 25-27, 2008. Projects can address themes such as the environment, disaster relief, public health and awareness, community education, hunger, literacy, or any issue that youth identify as a community need.

Maximum Award: \$1000.

Eligibility: Youth-serving organizations with prior experience in working with youth in the foster care system.

Website: <http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/tabid/58/Default.aspx>

### Funds for School Improvement Projects Led by Parents

**Deadline: 10/12/2007**

Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program funds school improvement projects initiated by parents in recognition of the importance of parent involvement in education.

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: K-12 schools (including charter, parochial, private, etc) or parent groups (associated with a non-profit K-12 school).

Website: <http://toolboxforeducation.com>

### Book Donations to Literacy Programs in Small and Rural Low-Income Communities

**Deadline: 10/15/2007**

The Pathways Within Roads to Reading Initiative donates books to literacy programs in small and rural low-income communities.

Maximum Award: 200 books appropriate for readers age 0 to young adult; English only.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations that run school, after-school, summer, community, day-care, and library reading and literacy programs; must have an annual operating budget of less than \$95,000 (schools and libraries are exempt from this budget requirement) be located in an underserved community

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with a population of less than 50,000.

Website: <http://pwirtr.org/biannual.html>

### Awards Support School and Youth Garden Programs

**Deadline: 10/15/2007**

The National Gardening Association recognizes outstanding youth programs via the Healthy Sprouts Awards. The awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States.

Maximum Award: \$500 gift certificate to Gardener's Supply.

Eligibility: schools or organizations that plan to garden with children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

### Pay It Forward Service-Oriented Mini-Grants

**Deadline: 10/15/2007**

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus – that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially.

Maximum Award: \$500

Eligibility: K-12 youth. Deadline: October 15, 2007

Website: <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

### NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants

**Deadline: 10/15/2007**

The NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants provide funds to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection.

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: practicing U.S. public school teachers, public school education support professionals, or faculty or staff at public higher education institutions.

Website: [http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement_Guidelines.htm)

### Hidden Valley Announces Expanded Love Your Veggies Grant Campaign

**Deadline: 11/30/2007**

The Hidden Valley Food Products Company, a subsidiary of the Clorox Company, will be awarding more than a half million dollars in total grants in 2008 to elementary schools across the United States to support increased access to, and consumption of, fresh vegetables during lunch. The grant program — the Love Your Veggies Nationwide School Lunch Campaign — was created to help schools implement a recent federally mandated local wellness policy that requires schools to develop and execute programs to improve their students' overall health and nutrition, and in response to the overwhelming shortage of funds available for the execution of these programs. Hidden Valley, along with its partners the School Nutrition Association, and its foundation, the Produce for Better Health Foundation, will award grants of \$10,000 each to fifty-one elementary schools in the United States — one grant per state plus an additional grant to a school in Oakland, California, Clorox's hometown. Grant funds will be applied to the implementation of a creative and sustainable vegetable consumption program, fresh produce, program staffing, a training course for school personnel given by SNA representatives on how to create a healthy and nutritious environment in school, and nutrition education supplies. All interested schools can get more information and apply for a Love Your Veggies grant online at the program's Web site. Schools can apply for a grant beginning August 1, 2007.

Website: <http://www.loveyourveggiesgrants.com/>

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### K-12 Students and Teachers Invited to Apply for Environmental Excellence Awards

**Deadline: 11/30/2007**

Since 1993, Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks have recognized the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers across the United States who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. The SeaWorld/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm Environmental Excellence Awards program provides school and community groups with a monetary award, national recognition, and some well-deserved fun at one of the company's amusement parks. Eight projects will be selected to each receive: \$10,000 to benefit the award-winning project; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to an Anheuser-Busch theme park for a special awards event; a Fujifilm digital camera for use by the award-winning group; one hundred T-shirts to share with school and community partners; and award trophy and certificates for every student/group leader participant. From the eight projects, one outstanding environmental educator/leader will be recognized. That educator will receive: \$5,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for him- or herself and one guest to an Anheuser-Busch theme park for a special awards event; a Fujifilm digital camera; an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2008 National Science Teachers Association national conference; and an award trophy and certificate. This is an awards program, not a grant. Project applicants should be able to demonstrate significant accomplishments that have occurred prior to the submission deadline.

Website: <http://www.swbg-animals.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm>

### U.S. Potato Board Announces Grant Program to Promote Healthy School Nutrition Environments

**Deadline: 04/15/2008**

The U.S. Potato Board is teaming up with the School Nutrition Foundation of the School Nutrition Association to launch its first-ever School Wellness Grant Program. Ten grants of \$2,500 each will be awarded to public elementary schools in the United States for equipment and/or educational programs that help move children toward healthier diets and improve their overall wellness. The grant program allows schools to allocate funds toward the improvement of either the nutrition or physical activity of students — or both — depending on what their students need the most. Grant award recipients can apply the grant toward food service equipment for the healthful preparation of fresh or processed potatoes; physical activity equipment, such as for use on the campus playground or during physical education programs; or development or execution of nutrition or physical activity educational programs. School administrators, food service staff, teachers, and parents are invited to submit an application for the grant program on behalf of their elementary school. Visit the U.S. Potato Board Web site for further information and a grant application form.

Website: <http://www.healthypotato.com/health.asp>

## ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Research Experiences for Undergraduates: Sites and Supplements

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 09/13/2007**

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. This solicitation features two mechanisms for support of student research: (1) REU Sites are based on independent proposals to initiate and conduct projects that engage a number of students in research. REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department, or on interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme. Proposals with an international dimension are welcome. A partnership with the Department of Defense supports REU Sites in DoD-relevant research areas. (2) REU Supplements may be requested for ongoing NSF-funded research projects or may be included as a component of proposals for new or renewal NSF grants or cooperative agreements.

Total Funding Available: \$57,000,000

Number of Awards: 150

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, Non-profit, non-academic organizations, For-profit organizations, State and local governments, State and local governments, Unaffiliated individuals.

Website: [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

### Physics Laboratory Grants Program

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST)*

**Deadline: 09/30/2007**



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The Physics Laboratory (PL) Grants Program will provide grants and cooperative agreements in the following fields of research: Electron and Optical Physics, Atomic Physics, Optical Technology, Ionizing Radiation, Time and Frequency, and Quantum Physics.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education; hospitals; non-profit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local, and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments; organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

Contact: Anita Sweigert, Phone: 301-975-4200, Email: [anita.sweigert@nist.gov](mailto:anita.sweigert@nist.gov)

Website: [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov)

### Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory Grants Program

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST)*

**Deadline: 09/30/2007**

The Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory (CSTL) Grants Program will provide grants and cooperative agreements consistent with the CSTL mission in the following fields of measurement science research, focused on reference methods, reference materials and reference data: Biochemical Science Process Measurements, Surface and Microanalysis Science, Physical and Chemical Properties, and Analytical Chemistry.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education; hospitals; non-profit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local, and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments; organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

Contact: William F. Koch, Phone: 301-975-8301, Email: [william.koch@nist.gov](mailto:william.koch@nist.gov)

Website: [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov)

### Building Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST)*

**Deadline: 09/30/2007**

The Building Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program will provide grants and cooperative agreements in the following fields of research: Structures, Construction Metrology and Automation, Inorganic Materials, Polymeric Materials, HVAC & R Equipment Performance, Mechanical Systems and Controls, Heat Transfer and Alternative Energy Systems, Computer Integrated Building Processes, and Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education; hospitals; non-profit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local, and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments; organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

Contact: Karen Perry, Phone: 301-975-5910

Website: [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov)

### Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory Grants Program

*U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST)*

**Deadline: 09/30/2007**

The Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory (MEL) Grants Program will provide grants and cooperative agreements in the following fields of research: Dimensional Metrology for Manufacturing, Mechanical Metrology for Manufacturing, Machine Tool and Machining Process Metrology, Intelligent Systems, and Information Systems Integration for Applications in Manufacturing.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 2

Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education; hospitals; non-profit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local, and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments; organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

Contact: Mary Lou Norris, Phone: 301-975-3400, Email: [mnorris@nist.gov](mailto:mnorris@nist.gov)

Website: [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov)

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### HEALTH

#### Family Planning Services Grants #1

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)*

**Deadline: 09/01/2007**

This announcement seeks applications from public and nonprofit private entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated.

Maximum Grant Size: \$39,000

Number of Awards: 6

Any public or nonprofit private entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) is eligible to apply for a grant under this announcement. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for these Title X family planning services grants. Nonprofit private entities must provide proof of nonprofit status.

Website: [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

#### Family Planning Services Grants #2

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)*

**Deadline: 11/01/2007**

This announcement seeks applications from public and nonprofit private entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated.

Maximum Grant Size: \$2,000,000

Number of Awards: 2

Any public or nonprofit private entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) is eligible to apply for a grant under this announcement. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for these Title X family planning services grants. Nonprofit private entities must provide proof of nonprofit status.

Website: [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

#### Public Health Conference Support Program

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

**Deadline: 11/09/2007 letter of intent, 12/10/2007 final applications**

The CDC/ATSDR announce the pending availability of appropriated fiscal year (FY) 2008 funds for the CDC/ATSDR Public Health Conference Support Program. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of Access to Quality Health Services; Arthritis; Osteoporosis; Chronic Back Conditions; Cancer; Diabetes; Disability and Secondary Conditions; Educational and Community-Based Programs; Environmental Health; Food Safety; Health Communication; Heart Disease and Stroke; Injury and Violence Prevention; Maternal, Infant and Child Health; Medical Product Safety; Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Nutrition and Overweight; Physical Activity and Fitness; Public Health Infrastructure; Respiratory Diseases; and Vision and Hearing.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Number of Awards: 70-100

Eligible Applicants: Public nonprofit organizations, Private nonprofit organizations, Small, minority, women-owned businesses, Universities, Colleges, Research institutions, Hospitals, Community-based organizations and Faith-based organizations.

Contact: Technical Information Management Section, Phone: 770-488-2700, Email: [PGOTIM@cdc.gov](mailto:PGOTIM@cdc.gov)

Website: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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### Family Planning Services Grants #3

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)*

**Deadline: 12/01/2007**

This announcement seeks applications from public and nonprofit private entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated.

Maximum Grant Size: \$3,000,000

Number of Awards: 2

Any public or nonprofit private entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) is eligible to apply for a grant under this announcement. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for these Title X family planning services grants. Nonprofit private entities must provide proof of nonprofit status.

Website: [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

### Maternal and Child Health Knowledge to Practice

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

**Deadline: 12/02/2007**

Knowledge to practice grants focus on increasing the leadership skills of MCH professionals by facilitating the timely transfer of new information, research findings and technology related to MCH; and updating and improving the knowledge and skills of health and related professionals in programs serving mothers and children. These programs support the conduct of short-term, non-degree related courses, symposia, institutes, and distance learning strategies and/or development of curricula, guidelines, standards of practice, and educational tools/strategies intended to assure quality health care for the MCH population. Projects must address a critical MCH training need, and the need must be documented in the application. Up to eight grants will be awarded, including four grants that address the priority goals of the MCH Training Strategic Plan and HRSA Priorities, such as diversity of health professionals, leadership and research to practice.

Maximum Grant Size: \$30,000

Number of Awards: 8

Eligible Applicants: Only public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning may apply for training grants.

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## HOUSING

### HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*

**Deadline: 11/07/2007**

On March 13, 2007, HUD published its FY2007 SuperNOFA for HUD's Discretionary Programs, which contained 38 funding opportunities. Today's publication supplements the SuperNOFA by adding funding opportunities for the HOPE VI Revitalization program. Although this NOFA was not included in the SuperNOFA announcement, this NOFA is governed by the information and instructions found in the Notice of HUD's Fiscal Year 2007 Notice of Funding Availability Policy Requirements and General Section (General Section) to the SuperNOFA that HUD published on January 18, 2007, the Introduction to the SuperNOFA published on March 13, 2007; and the Supplementary Information and Technical Corrections published on May 11, 2007.

Maximum Grant Award: \$20,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Only PHAs that have severely distressed housing in their inventory and that are otherwise in conformance with the threshold requirements provided in Section III.C. of this NOFA are eligible to apply.

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## Funding Opportunities

### LAW ENFORCEMENT—FIRE DEPARTMENTS

#### Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

*U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*

**Deadline: 08/31/2007**

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase their cadre of frontline firefighters. The goal is to assist the local fire departments' staffing and deployment capabilities, in order to respond to emergencies whenever they occur, assuring that their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The SAFER grants have two activities that will help grantees in this endeavor: (1) hiring of firefighters and (2) recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

Maximum Grant Size: \$105,425

Eligible Applicants: Volunteer, career, and combination fire departments are eligible to apply under the Hiring of Firefighters Activity. Municipalities and fire districts may submit applications on behalf of fire departments when the fire departments lack the legal status to do so, e.g., when the fire department falls within the auspices of the municipality or district.

Website: [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)

### PARKS AND NATURE

#### Supporting Youth and Public Skateparks

**Deadline: 10/01/2007**

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high-quality, public skate parks in low-income areas throughout the United States. While the foundation realizes that not every area can afford to build big, expensive skate parks, the foundation feels strongly that public skate parks should be designed and constructed by experienced contractors. The foundation also believes that local officials should treat public skate parks the same way they treat public basketball courts or tennis courts, meaning that anyone may show up and use them anytime, unsupervised. The foundation primarily considers skate park projects that: 1)are designed and built by qualified and experienced skate park contractors, 2)include local skaters in the design process, 3)are in low-income areas, and/or areas with a high population of "at-risk" youth 4)can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment to the project, particularly in the form of fund-raising by local skateboarders and other community groups, 5)have a creative mix of street obstacles (rails, funboxes, launch ramps, etc..) and transition/vert terrain (quarterpipes, bowls, snake runs, halfpipes, etc..) 6)don't require skaters or their parents to sign waivers, 7)encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others without restricting their access to the park or over-regulating their use of it.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: Applicant must be a public charity, organized under IRC Sec. 501(C)(3), and qualified under IRC Sec. 170(B)(1)(A), or a state or local agency, including public school systems or public projects. For organizations that are not municipalities or state or local agencies, proof of federal tax-exempt status is required with the grant application.

Website: [http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp)

### SPORTS

#### Saucony Run For Good Foundation Offers Grants for Running Programs for Youth

**Deadline: 10/08/2007**

The Saucony Run for Good Foundation a grant program designed to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children, is now accepting applications. Saucony Inc., a subsidiary of the Stride Rite Corporation, is a global supplier of performance athletic footwear and apparel. The grants are open to non-profit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids.

Eligible applicants: programs that target kids 18 years of age or under, have 501(c)(3) status, and can demonstrate positive impact in the lives of participants through their increased participation in running.

Website: <http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/>

## Funding Opportunities

### Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities

**Deadline: end of every quarter**

Bikes Belong is a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers working together to put more people on bicycles more often. Bikes Belong welcomes grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in two categories: 1) facilities; and 2) advocacy.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

Eligible Applicants: Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose mission is expressly related to bicycle advocacy. New organizations that are not yet legally nonprofit organizations may submit an application with the assistance of another nonprofit that has agreed to serve as fiscal agent. Bikes Belong will not fund individuals. Because of the program's limited funds, it rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received Bikes Belong funding within the last three years.

Website: <http://bikesbelong.org/page.cfm?PageID=21>

### Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association designed to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs; create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving baseball or softball programs; are able to match funds for programs; provide programs for children aged 10-16; support existing programs that have demonstrated success in providing a quality youth baseball/softball experience; and address opportunities for minorities and women. Applicants are invited to submit a Letter of Inquiry. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Selected applicants are invited to submit a full application. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball programs are encouraged to apply.

Website: [http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official\\_info/community/btf.jsp](http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp)

### Nike Accepting Applications for Bowerman Track Renovation Program

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

A philanthropic initiative of Nike Inc., the Bowerman Track Renovation Program provides matching cash grants to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks. Administered by Nike's Community's Affair department, this ten-year, \$2 million program provides matching funds of up to \$50,000 to youth-oriented nonprofit organizations anywhere in the world. The program distributes approximately \$200,000 in matching grants each year. Organizations applying for the grant must demonstrate a need for running track refurbishment or construction. Grant recipients will provide track access to neighboring communities. Bowerman Track Renovation Program funds must be matched in some amount by other contributors by an agreed-upon deadline. Recipients of a Bowerman Track Renovation grant are encouraged, but not required, to use Nike Grind technology to resurface their track. Nike Grind material is made of recycled athletic shoes sliced and ground into rubber granules, providing a superior, environmentally conscious all-weather track surface.

Eligible Applicants: .S. applicants should be exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and be defined as a public charity or a unit of government. Athletic booster clubs, schools, and school districts are considered public charities and are eligible to apply. Applicants outside the United States should be charitable in purpose and nongovernmental organizations. To be eligible, applicants must employ at least one full-time staff person and maintain a viable track program serving boys and girls, ages 14-18.

Website: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=bowerman>

## Funding Opportunities



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