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National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funds for fellowships to published translators. Through this program the National Endowment for the Arts supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. Application materials are available online only. The deadline is January 9, 2009. Grants are for \$12,500 or \$25,000, depending upon the artistic excellence and merit of the project. If you have questions concerning the Literature Fellowships please call the Literature Fellowship Hotline at 202/682-5034 or email davisg@arts.gov.

Institute of Museum and Library Services: Announces the availability of funds under the Conservation Project Support Program. The program awards grants to help museums identify conservation needs and priorities, and perform activities to ensure the safekeeping of their collections. Conservation Project Support grants help museums develop and implement a logical, institution-wide approach to caring for their living and material collections. Applicants should apply for the project that meets one of the institution's highest conservation needs. All applications must demonstrate that the primary goal of the project is conservation care, and not collection management or maintenance. Grants are available for many types of conservation activities, including surveys (general, detailed condition, or environmental); training; treatment; and environmental improvements. Deadline: October 1, 2008. For further information visit the IMLS website at <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/conservProject.shtm>.

Department of Treasury: Released its fiscal year 2009 Notice of Funds Availability for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. The CDFI Program provides up to \$54 million in appropriated funds, subject to final appropriations, in the form of awards to community-based organizations, known as community development financial institutions - or CDFIs. These CDFIs provide affordable financing and related services to low-income communities and populations that lack access to credit, capital and financial services. The CDFI Program application deadline is 12:00 midnight Eastern Daylight Time on October 29, 2008. An Applicant seeking financial assistance that is not currently certified as a CDFI must first submit a CDFI certification application by 12:00 midnight Eastern Daylight Time on October 1, 2008. For further information on this program or for a copy of a full application visit: http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7.

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) : Announces the opportunity for qualified licensed health care providers/agencies located throughout New York State (exclusive of New York City) to provide refugee health assessments and initial adult vaccinations to new refugee arrivals. The refugee health assessment is designed to promptly identify refugees with health conditions of personal and public health concern; to introduce refugees into the U.S. health care

system; to ensure refugees receive ongoing care and appropriate follow up for identified problems by referrals to primary and specialty care providers; and to initiate vaccines required for refugees to adjust their status for permanent residency. The refugee health assessment consists of a set of basic screening components designed to identify health issues typically found in refugee populations. Applicants must be licensed health care providers who demonstrate clinical experience and the staffing capacity necessary to provide health screenings in accordance with established protocols. Applicants must also employ bilingual staff or provide interpreter services to overcome language barriers to care and must demonstrate established linkages to services, whether on-site or by referral, to primary care, specialty care and mental health services. Eligibility: include licensed health care providers and agencies. The total allocation for budget year March 31, 2008 to March 30, 2009 is expected to be \$672,899. Contracts can be awarded to approve applicants at any time. For more information: Contact the Department of Health, Refugee Health Program, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Rm. 840, Albany, NY 12237-0669; or call (518) 474-4845; or e-mail: rhp@health.state.ny.us.

NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation: The 2008-09 New York State budget provided funding to the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) for the development and administration of a subprime foreclosure prevention services program. Under the program, the HTFC will be making grants to not-for-profit organizations to provide outreach and education, counseling, legal services and court-based services to New York homeowners who hold subprime or unconventional home loans who are at risk of foreclosure or default. Collaborative proposals by multiple not-for-profit organizations are strongly encouraged to ensure that all necessary services are offered throughout the state in an efficient manner that decreases duplication and maximizes the impact of public resources. Proposals may be submitted immediately. Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) incorporation. A total of \$20 million is expected to be made available for this grant. Deadline: The application process is continuous and will operate until all program funds have been disbursed. For more information: Contact: Caillin Furnari, Housing and Community Development Assistant, Community Services Bureau, Division of Housing and Community Renewal, (518) 473-8273, or contact Anna Oles, Homeownership Coordinator, Housing Trust Fund, (518) 474-6082.

New York State Tobacco Control Program (NY TCP): NY TCP is seeking applications to implement the Community Partnership component of the NY TCP. Community partnerships will engage local stakeholders, educate community leaders and the public, and mobilize community members and organizations to strengthen tobacco-related policies to prevent and reduce tobacco use and limit opportunities for exposure to secondhand smoke. Community partnerships will work with local businesses, employers, work places, health care institutions and providers, and schools and community groups to implement effective tobacco-free policies, change public opinion about tobacco use, and promote access to cessation services. Community partnerships will implement public communication campaign components in support of statewide campaigns and will host community events to promote or recognize community tobacco control action. Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and local government agencies in the state of New York with experience and expertise in organizing community members and organizations to advance public health policy, conduct policy advocacy, and mobilize communities to address tobacco use. Total funding available for this initiative is approximately \$12 million annually for five years. It is expected that up to 33 contracts will be awarded. Deadline: October 1, 2008. For more

information: Contact New York State Tobacco Control Program, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 710, Albany, NY 12237.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance: The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) seeks the services of eligible organizations to address the educational needs of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) eligible population and enable them to become literate, productive and successful in the workplace, home and community. Eligible organizations will provide education and/or training activities such as adult basic literacy, English as a second language instruction, job skills training, workplace literacy, family literacy, and job readiness training to assist the TANF eligible population to become employed, qualify for a better job or meet the entry requirements for advanced job skills training. Program requirements and application instructions are outlined in the Educational Resources Program Request For Proposal, which can be found on the OTDA Web site at www.otda.state.ny.us. Eligibility: Eligible applicants include not-for-profit community based organizations. Up to \$8,000,000 in federal funds is available to support selected Educational Resources projects for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2008. Awards of up to \$300,000 will be made, and at least 26 projects are expected to be funded. Deadline: September 10, 2008. For more information: Contact Kathleen Dougherty, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Center for Employment and Economic Supports, 40 N. Pearl St., Albany, NY 12243; or e-mail: Kathleen.dougherty@otda.state.ny.us.

Environmental Protection Agency: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities and nonprofit organizations to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate the assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfield sites. Eligible applicants must identify and propose to serve a community that currently receives, or has received, financial assistance (federal, state, or tribal) for brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, cleanup, site-specific response program work, and/or EPA-funded targeted brownfields assessments. The closing date and time for receipt of applications is October 15, 2008. For further information visit the EPA's website at: www.epa.gov; or visit: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-08-10.pdf>.

Environmental Protection Agency: The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics is soliciting proposals from eligible entities in support of the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Annual Training Workshop. The CARE Annual Training Workshop is held each year to support CARE's community-based, community-driven, partnership program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxics and environmental pollutants from all sources. The objective of the training workshop is to educate the CARE program in working collaboratively within the community to increase understanding of new approaches, to facilitate use of proven concepts, and to encourage more innovation in environmental programs. EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement under this solicitation to support the annual training workshop. The amount of the award will be \$150,000 for a period of two years. The grant will be incrementally funded in the first year for approximately \$75,000. Eligibility: Local, Public non-profit institution/organizations, Private nonprofit institution/organization, Quasi-public nonprofit institution/organization, local government, colleges, universities, interstate and intrastate. Deadline: October 3, 2008. For further information contact visit the EPA's website at www.epa.gov or visit http://www.epa.gov/oppt/care_rfp.pdf.