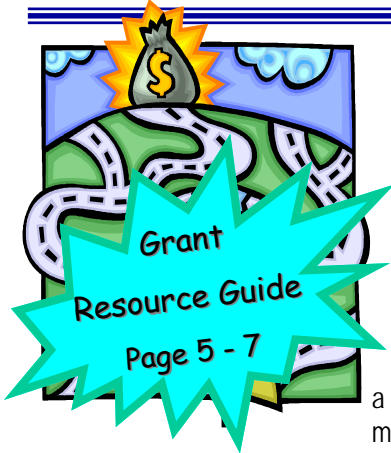




Grants Alert

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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES ONE MILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL INVESTMENT FOR CHASE FIELD IN BEEVILLE

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced a \$1,000,000 grant award from the U.S. Department of Commerce (U.S. DOC) for the Bee Development Authority to be used for renovations and construction at the former Chase Naval Air Station (Chase Field) in Beeville, Texas.

Joe B. Montez is the Executive Director for the Bee Development Authority said this is the boost they were waiting for. "We are delighted and we are very fortunate that we presented a very good application for this grant and we are also very fortunate that we had the backing of Congressman Hinojosa for this very important project", said Mr. Montez.

Montez said that Sikorsky Helicopter Maintenance, a division of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, employs 300 people. He said the funds will be used primarily to upgrade the working area for the employees.

Laura Fischer, Chairwoman of the Bee Development Authority, said "We are elated because this will enable our tenants (Sikorsky) to grow. This means we will be able to offer more high-paying jobs to our residents, keeping them here at home. We are very grateful to our Congressional delegation for shepherding this grant through".

According to the EDA, this investment could create 250 jobs and retain up to 160 jobs.

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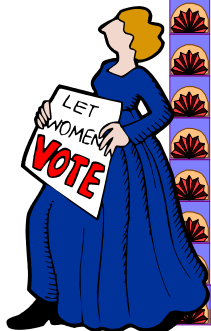
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"I could not be more pleased to receive this news, said Rep. Hinojosa. "I visited the hard working folks at Chase Field and understood their situation very well. I came back to Washington, D.C. with them in mind. I will continue to work hard in helping the residents of my district keep their jobs and create more employment opportunities".

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding will be used to renovate two existing airplane hangars and the construction of an adjacent warehouse at Chase Field. This project will allow for the expansion of an existing aeronautics operation on the site which will create additional opportunities for high skilled jobs in the community.

Questions about the Affordable Care Act? Visit the new website:

HealthCare.gov



August 26, 1920—Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day is observed to remember the day women gained the right to equality. U.S. 19th Amendment - Women's Right to Vote 1920. To learn more about the history of the Women's Suffrage movement visit the Library of Congress at :

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawshome.html>

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$128,385.00 GRANT FOR 25 HOMELESS VETERANS IN HARLINGEN

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced the Harlingen Housing Authority will receive \$128,385,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing (HUD-VASH) to provide rental assistance for homeless veterans living in Harlingen.

"Too many times we've seen veterans who end up being homeless, and while some people may look the other way, there are others like Harlingen Housing Authority Executive Director, Blas Cantu Jr. who find ways to help", said Rep. Hinojosa. "Mr. Cantu's work in the community has had a direct impact on people's lives and in this case we see that hard work directly affecting our veterans in a very positive way".

Harlingen Housing Executive Director Blas Cantu Jr. says the veterans chosen will be referred by the Veterans Service Officer.

"This is wonderful news for the twenty five families who will benefit from this grant", said Cantu. "This joint effort by HUD and our Veterans Administration Office in Washington and our local offices will give these families a new start".

Cantu says this is an annual program and that the families will be placed in privately owned apartments or homes in Harlingen.

The HUD-VASH program provides vouchers for rental assistance under a supportive housing program for homeless veterans as part of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

For more information call: Mr. Blas Cantu Jr. at (956) 423-2521 Ext. 10

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$5 MILLION GRANT FOR VALLEY AIRPORT EXTENSION

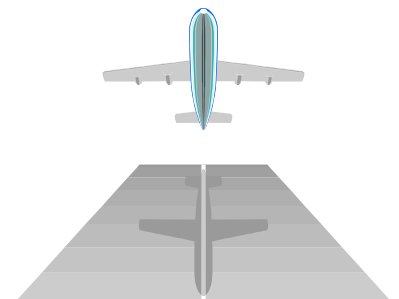
U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) a \$5,517,671.00 grant was awarded to Valley International Airport in Harlingen through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Federal funding will be used to improve the existing airport's taxiways, pave and expand the aprons, install perimeter fencing and for a feasibility study.

"Valley International Airport continues to be a thriving point of destination for thousands of people each year and that is why extending and improving the facility is so important", said Rep. Hinojosa.

The Federal grant will also provide funds to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment at Valley International Airport to identify the wildlife species, observe and assess their numbers, locations, local movements and daily and seasonal activities.

"As the Rio Grande Valley continues to be a vital economic community, we will see many improvements to our infrastructure as our area develops", said Rep. Hinojosa. "I am very pleased that the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded this grant to Valley Regional Airport and I applaud Mr. Michael Browning, the airport's director and his staff for their steadfast dedication in keeping Valley International Airport a prime facility".

According to the airport's assistant director, Brian Wren, construction at the airport should begin sometime late this summer.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HUD GRANT AWARDED TO HIDALGO COUNTY FOR MORE THAN \$12 MILLION

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced a grant for \$12,484,068 was awarded to Hidalgo County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money will be divided into three divisions which will provide housing, for low to moderate income families.

"These programs are so very important to our families who are suffering the most at this time", said Rep. Hinojosa. We very well know how important it is to have a safe home and emergency shelters to protect our families from hurricanes and high water. This funding will go a long way to help our residents."

The funds will be distributed to several programs. The Community Development Block Grants program for Hidalgo County will receive \$9,139,948.00. These funds will be used to develop viable urban communities by providing

decent housing and suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons.

Under the Emergency Shelter Grants, Hidalgo County will receive \$370,738.00. These funds will be used to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters.

The third program, HOME, will receive \$2,973,382.00 to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing to low and very low-income families in order to meet the needs and priorities of the community and it's residents.

"Programs like these serve to help our communities thrive and grow", said Rep. Hinojosa. "I am looking forward to working on making sure District 15 remains in the forefront of securing federal grants like these".

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HALF OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT FUNDING FOR PROGRESO

(Funding to be used for damages caused by Hurricane Dolly)

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced a grant of \$547,633 was awarded to Hidalgo County by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for the City of Progreso. The funds will be used for repairs and construction of streets and storm sewer systems in Progreso which were damaged by flooding caused by Hurricane Dolly in 2008.

"I'm glad to see that federal funding continues to come in for Deep South Texas under the long-term disaster recovery for infrastructure program," said Rep. Hinojosa. "These improvements to several neighborhoods in Progreso will certainly add to the quality of life for the residents".

The funds are made available from the 2008 Supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), appropriated by Congress through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the (TDRA).

The improvements include a new road base and asphalt resurfacing on FM 1015-Ford St. and between Martinez St. to Maritza St. Improvements also include a storm sewer system which will be placed in the Catarina subdivision.

FREE SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP FOR NON PROFITS

Social Media Workshop for Nonprofits

Are you sold on the importance of Facebook and Twitter for yourself and your organization?

Do you need strategies on how to effectively attract donors and volunteers?

Let us show you how to increase your knowledge while improving your social media campaigns with new strategies for more targeted, results-driven engagement.

And finally help you figure out what all that "Friending" and "Following" is all about!

Social Media Workshop for Nonprofits

Thursday, August 5th • 1 – 4 pm

This training will be held at UTPA (inside the International Trade & Technology Building – International Room) and is funded through the Stronger Together Initiative. Join us for this free-3 hour training, which will be presented by local experts Shaine Mata and Leby Salinas! Online registration begins today and ends August 2, 2010. Limited seating.

Who should attend?

Perfect for the beginner or the current casual user; and great for anyone interested in learning the latest social media trends and their benefits for nonprofit and cause marketing.

Online Registration is Open!

http://ce.utpa.edu/sbnrc/?form=social_media_august5

For more Information, Call or Send an E-mail:

(956) 292-7566 • sbnrc@utpa.edu

GUIDE: WHERE TO SEARCH FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS



FEDERAL

Grants.gov Grants Site

More than 1,000 grant programs are offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies, and these programs fall into 21 categories. Click on the link below and select any of the categories to learn more about specific

grants and agencies. Some agencies may be listed in multiple grant categories.

Website: www.grants.gov

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Database

Database of all available federal programs. Contains information on grant eligibility, application procedures, selection criteria, and program deadlines.

Website: www.cdfa.gov

USDA Water and Wastewater Grants and Loans

The Rural Utilities Service's Water Programs Division of the USDA has four programs which provide financial and technical assistance for development and operation of safe and affordable water supply systems and sewage and other forms of waste disposal facilities. These programs are administered by USDA Rural Development offices. Brief descriptions of the programs are provided by clicking on the link below.

Website:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm#PROGRAMS>

U.S. Department of Justice Grant Programs

Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies. This site has a listing of open solicitations for Justice related grants.

Website:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/solicitations.htm>

Office of Violence Against Women

OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Currently, OVW administers one formula grant program and eleven discretionary grant programs.

Website:

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/ovwgrantprograms.htm>

U.S. Department of Education Grants

The U.S. Department of Education offers Discretionary Grant Application Packages at this site. On the site you can find a list of currently open grant competitions.

Website:

<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>

U.S. Health and Human Services Grants

It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to maximize opportunities for competition for all discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. Consistent with that policy, HHS publicizes grant-funding opportunities through this site.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/FundOther.htm>

HHS Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

This site lists more than 170 grants programs across several Federal agencies - including the Department of Health and Human Services - that may be of interest to faith-based and community organizations.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/funding/index.html>

Institute of Museum and Libraries Funding Opportunities

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grant programs and deadlines can be sorted by name, by eligible institution type, and by project type. To View available grants click on links below to help you find the right grant for your institution. There is also information that will introduce you to the process of applying so you can properly prepare for your application.

GUIDE: WHERE TO SEARCH FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS CONT'D

Website:

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/applicants.shtm>

USDA CSREES Funding Opportunities

To learn more about available or anticipated competitive grants on the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service web site, click on the link below. On each individual funding opportunity page you will find links to full requests for applications (RFAs) and application forms.

Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm>

Environmental Protection Agency Grants and Environmental Financing

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD) Grants Competition web site provides information about the Agency's Policy for Competition of Assistance Agreements. It also includes information on competitive grant opportunities available at EPA, including a list of open competitive grant opportunities, and information on past competitions.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/index.htm>

Economic Development Agency Funding Programs

The Economic Development Administration Programs page provides descriptions of EDA's different investment programs: Public Works and Economic Development, Economic Adjustment Assistance, Research and National Technical Assistance, Local Technical Assistance, Planning Program, University Center Economic Development, and Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml>

Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>

National Trust for Historical Preservation Funding Opportunities

The National Trust Preservation Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation offers several types of financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit companies, and individuals involved in preservation-related projects. Generally, financial assistance available to restore historic buildings and homes can be divided into the three categories included on this site.

Website:

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>

USDA Federal Financial Assistance for Rural Housing

This United States Department of Agriculture web site hosts information about single-family housing, multi-family housing, and other programs to help rural Americans find capital to fund housing.

Website:

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#MFH

FEMA Grants and Assistance Programs

FEMA web site lists FEMA grants and assistance programs. Click on the link below to find out what grant programs are available for your community.

Website:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>

Federal Funding Sources for Rural Areas

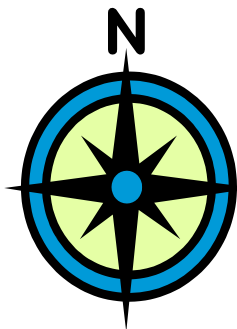
The USDA rural information center hosts a funding resource of federal funding databases. On this site is a listing of department/agency with the United State Government. It is a Searchable database of federal funding programs available to rural areas. Search by keyword or agency.

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_Grants.html

STATE

Texas eGrants Site

The State of Texas is proud to present the eGrants website. Using the eGrants website, you can search for and view the details of competitive funding announcements available through dozens of Texas state agencies.



GUIDE: WHERE TO SEARCH FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS CONT'D

Website:

<https://www.texasonline.state.tx.us/tolapp/egrants/search.htm>

TEA Grant Opportunities

This site is a central resource for and link to all State and Federal grant opportunities administered by TEA. Grant seeking opportunities, grant management and administrative guidance, and other tools and resources are also included in this site.

Website:

<http://burleson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx#disc>

ORCA Grants & Funding Clearinghouse Site

ORCA's Grants & Funding Clearinghouse provides rural communities, grant seekers, and grant writers with current funding opportunities, tools for grant writers; and resources for nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations.

Website:

<http://www.orca.state.tx.us/index.php/Home/Grants+Clearinghouse>

TxDOT Grant Site

This site is an index of grants offered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Website: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/grants/index.htm>

Texas Water Development Board Financial Programs

The Texas Water Development Board's web site lists by project type and financial program assistance that their agency can provide for infrastructure.

Website:

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/financial/infrastructure/project-program.asp>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Recreation Grants and Assistance

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hosts a grant site. On it is a listing of grants, assistance, education, and outreach programs. These programs help to build new parks, conserve natural resources, preserve historical sites, pro-

vide access to water bodies, develop educational programs for youth, and much more.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/>

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

This site lists the grant funding sites of several Federal, state, and private organizations that fund museums and libraries.

Website: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/>

Texas Department of Agriculture Rural Economic Development

The Rural Economic Development Division has several programs to assist rural communities and businesses to create and retain jobs through business development and community assistance.

Website:

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/sort_render/0,1980,1848_23122_0_0,00.html?channelId=23122

Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Funding Alert Grant Database

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website is set up to assist you in pursuing grants and funding opportunities. Grant writing resources are available from the Funding Information Center.

Website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/search.asp>

Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management

Governor's Division of Emergency Management GDEM is charged with carrying out a comprehensive all-hazard emergency management program for the State and for assisting cities, counties, and state agencies in planning and implementing their emergency management programs. GDEM is also responsible for supporting development of the Governor's Homeland Security Strategy and implementing programs and projects to achieve state homeland security goals and objectives. The following link opens the GDEM's Grant site that lists federal grants, state-administered grants, Homeland Security grants, and a link to help develop your grant proposal.

Website:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/grants.htm>

Funding Opportunities

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Guitar Center Music Foundation's mission is to aid nonprofit music programs across America that offer music instruction so that more people can experience the joys of making music. Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs across the United States that provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

Website: <http://www.guitarcentermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

The Arts on Radio and Television

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 09/02/2010

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, media arts, folk & traditional arts). Programs targeted to children and youth are welcome. All phases of a project -- research and development, production, completion and distribution costs -- are eligible for support. We encourage radio and television programming that also offers ancillary activities intended to increase public knowledge, understanding, and access to the arts. Such activities might include the use of related radio and television programming; DVDs; interactive Web sites; live streaming, audio- and video-on-demand, podcasts, MP3 files, or other digital applications; educational material; collaborations with arts organizations, educators, and community groups; audio and video distribution to schools, libraries, and homes; and other public outreach efforts.

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: Laura Welsh, Phone: 202-682-5738, Email: welshl@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

Enduring Questions

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 09/15/2010

The NEH Enduring Questions grant program supports the development of a new course that will foster intellectual community through the study of an enduring question. This course will encourage undergraduates and teachers to grapple with a fundamental question addressed by the humanities, and to join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential thinkers over the centuries and into the present day.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

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

Contact: Division of Education Programs, Phone: 202-606-8380, Email: enduringquestions@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

ASCAP Foundation: Grants for Music Education

Deadline: 10/01/2010

The ASCAP Foundation is now considering proposals from organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that support music education for aspiring songwriters and composers. Maximum award: \$3,000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations.

Website: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grants.html>

Funding Opportunities

Picturing America School Collaboration Projects

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 10/07/2010

Building on the national distribution of Picturing America, the National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for local and regional projects that foster collaboration between K-12 teachers and humanities scholars to encourage engagement with the rich resources of American art to tell America's story. Picturing America School Collaboration Projects grants are designed to help teachers incorporate Picturing America images into the teaching of core subjects. Information about Picturing America, including the Picturing America Teachers Resource Book, can be found by visiting the Picturing America website. The images in Picturing America reflect a variety of media spanning several centuries, ranging from the work of early American Indian artists to painters such as Mary Cassatt and Jacob Lawrence, from photographers such as Dorothea Lange to architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright. These images will help students better understand America's diverse people and places and connect them to our nation's travails and triumphs. This history is reflected in the themes of Picturing America: Leadership, Freedom and Equality, Democracy, Courage, Landscape, and Creativity and Ingenuity. Goals of the Picturing America School Collaboration Projects grants are: 1) to strengthen understanding of the connections between great works of American art and significant events, themes, and topics in the American experience; 2) to encourage local and regional collaboration between K-12 teachers and humanities experts who can bring appropriate knowledge to the integration of American artworks in core subjects; 3) to foster discussion of how to use Picturing America images among K-12 teachers within a locality or region; and 4) to provide access to rich scholarly resources and primary materials that support teaching.

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Contact: Division of Education Programs, Phone: 202-606-8500, Email: pascp@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 11/16/2010

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country are responsible for collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters. As they strive to be effective stewards of humanities collections, cultural repositories are increasingly interested in sustainable preservation strategies, which balance preservation effectiveness, cost, and environmental impact. A growing body of research suggests that institutions can develop effective, energy-efficient, and environmentally sensitive preservation measures, particularly for managing the environmental conditions under which collections are stored or exhibited. NEH therefore invites proposals that explore and implement sustainable preservation measures that are designed to mitigate the greatest risks to collections rather than to meet prescriptive targets. To help institutions develop sound preventive conservation projects, NEH encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary planning, which is important for identifying sustainable strategies. Such planning should include consideration of the following factors: the nature of the materials in a collection; the performance of the building, its envelope, and its systems in moderating internal environmental conditions; the capabilities of the institution; the nature of the local climate and the effects of climate change; the cost-effectiveness and energy efficiency of various approaches to preventive conservation; and the project's impact on the environment. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections offers two kinds of awards: 1) Grants for planning or 2) Grants for implementation.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, Phone: 202-606-8570, Email: preservation@neh.gov.

Website: www.neh.gov

COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Microsoft Unlimited Potential-Community Technology Skills Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This program promotes workforce development and IT skills training in underserved communities. It supports technology skills training, ranging from basic computer literacy to the use of advanced business productivity applications.

Funding details: Donations of cash, software, curriculum, and technical expertise

Eligibility: Nonprofit community technology centers (CTCs)

Website: <http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/US/CommunityInvestment/CommunityTechSkills.aspx>

Funding Opportunities

Rural Cooperative Development Grant

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Deadline: 08/09/2010

USDA Rural Development announces the availability of approximately \$7.924 million in competitive grant funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2010 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program, as provided in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub.L. 111-80). The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2010 and award grants on or before August 15, 2010. The maximum award per grant is \$225,000 and matching funds are required. In accordance with section 310B(e)(6)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)) as amended by section 6013 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, the Secretary has determined that a grant period of one year is in the best interest of the program at this time. RCDGs are authorized by section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)) as amended by section 6013 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. Regulations implementing this authority are in 7 CFR part 4284, subparts A and F. The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise, or who can contract out for the expertise, to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural businesses, especially cooperative or mutually-owned businesses (Section 310B(e)(5)).

Maximum Grant Size: \$225,000

Number of Awards: 35

Eligible Applicants: Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and accredited institutions of higher education.

Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Gulf Coast Fund for Community Renewal and Ecological Health Announces Summer 2010 Request for Proposals

Deadline: 08/16/2010

Established following Hurricane Katrina as a special project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, the Gulf Coast Fund for Community Renewal and Ecological Health is a collaborative, community-led grant making institution supporting local, state, and regional efforts that engage, empower, and benefit Gulf Coast communities, and that promote the sustainable and just recovery of neighborhoods, cities, and ecosystems throughout the Gulf Coast region. The fund considers only those proposals that are developed by or in collaboration with Gulf Coast communities around self-determined needs and demonstrate how they will address one or more of the following issues: right of return and right to whole communities, ecological health, environmental justice and health, just and sustainable recovery, worker and immigrant rights, cultural arts, and youth and education. Projects may use any number of strategies, including but not limited to community education, grassroots organizing, advocacy, policy development, media work, litigation, and public interest education. The fund focuses on the rebuilding and revitalization of hurricane-impacted areas in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas. Starting in 2010, the fund will include coastal regions of Florida. Any organization that has 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax status, or has a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status, is eligible to apply for funding. Preference is given to applicants with a budget under \$250,000, although organizations that fall outside this range may apply.

Website: <http://gulfcoastfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/rfp-a-guidelines.html>

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 08/23/2010

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117, approved December 16, 2009) (Appropriations Act), provided a total of \$150,000,000 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, \$100,000,000 is available for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, \$40,000,000 is available for the Challenge Planning Grant Program, and \$10,000,000 is available for a joint HUD and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) research and evaluation effort. The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program will support metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and environmental impact. Today's notice announces the availability of approximately \$100 million for Sustainable Community Regional Planning Grants. Of this amount, \$2 million will be reserved for capacity support grants distributed separately, and not less than \$25 million shall be awarded to regions with populations of less than 500,000. Comments received as a result of the Advance Notice and Request for Public Comment on this Notice of Funding Availability, published in the Federal Register on February 10, 2010 (75 FR 6689), have been reviewed by HUD and input has been incorporated into this Notice to the maximum extent practicable. HUD thanks the public for its comments and input.

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Ameriprise Financial Accepting Applications for Community Relations Grants Program

Deadline: 09/01/2010

Ameriprise Financial, Inc., a diversified financial services company, is accepting grant applications for the third cycle of its 2010 Community Relations grant making program. Ameriprise recently completed the first of its three funding cycles for 2010, awarding more than \$1.1 million in total grants to 72 nonprofit organizations under the company's three funding areas — meeting basic needs, supporting community vitality, and volunteer-driven causes. Second-cycle grant decisions will be announced in August. Ameriprise provides grants to nonprofit organizations in communities across the United States where its employees, advisors, and retirees live and work. The company prefers to direct funding to specific projects that can demonstrate innovative approaches with measurable results or capacity building rather than general operating support. In the meeting basic needs category, the company supports programs and services that help at-risk populations stabilize their lives and become more self-sufficient. Consideration will be given to programs that help provide food, shelter, and self sufficiency. The supporting community vitality category supports programs and services that build strong communities by creating economic vitality and cultural enrichment. Support is provided in the areas of community development, cultural enrichment, civic leadership, disaster response and recovery, and environmental awareness. The volunteer-driven causes category allows Ameriprise employees, advisors, and retirees to help determine where and how a portion of grants are directed. (Proposals in this category must be from the nonprofit organizations where employees/advisors/retirees volunteer.) Visit the Ameriprise Financial Web site for complete program information and application criteria. Applicants are requested not to submit their applications more than six weeks in advance of the deadline.

Website: <http://www.ameriprise.com/about-ameriprise-financial/company-information/ameriprise-community-relations.asp>

Kresge Foundation Announces New Relief Loan Fund for Human Service Agencies Responding to the Effects of the Economic Crisis

Deadline: 09/30/2010

In response to the economic crisis and the impact it is having on front-line human service organizations, the Kresge Foundation has established a 24- to 36-month, interest-free program-related investment fund offering bridge loans of \$250,000 to \$500,000 each to high-performance human service organizations so that they may be better able to meet ever-increasing demand for food, shelter, and other emergency services. Homeless and domestic-violence shelters, safety-net providers, affordable housing and supportive services, legal aid services, emergency assistance providers, and multi-service health and human service organizations are encouraged to apply. The fund is designed for applicant organizations that provide comprehensive front-line services, have been in operation for three years, have a solid base of net assets or net worth (or long-term history of recurring revenue), can provide evidence of stable operating performance (net operating surplus over the past three to five years), and possess audited financial statements for the past two years. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations based in the United States that are not classified as private foundations or government entities. Individuals and elementary and secondary schools are not eligible for this program. The Kresge Foundation has purposely designed the application process to facilitate speedy review and decision-making. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program information.

Website: http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/community_relief_fund/

State Farm: Company Grants

Deadline: 10/31/2010

State Farm is committed to meeting the needs of communities by giving in three areas: Safe Neighbors (safety), Strong Neighborhoods (community development), and Education Excellence (education). Maximum award: varies.

Eligibility: nonprofit, 501(c)3 organizations; Canadian charitable organizations, educational institutions, and governmental entities.

Website: http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com can nominate his/her school to win a Teach@15 Award. Maximum award: \$1,500 in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards. Eligibility: accredited, nonprofit junior or senior public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter high schools in the U.S. serving any grades 7-12.

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm

Build-A-Bear Workshop Giving Programs Accepting Grant Applications for 2010

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. is accepting grant applications as part of its annual giving program. In the company's twelve-year history it has donated over

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\$20 million to organizations that support families, children, animals, and the environment, including the donation of thousands of stuffed animals to comfort children in need. Grant applications can be submitted through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports charities in the United States and Canada through the following special grant programs:

Children's Health & Wellness: Champ-A Champion Fur Kids grants provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness. Grantees include childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs. Grant request deadlines are at the end of April, July, and October.

Domestic Pets: Bearemy's Kennel Pals grants provide direct support for domestic pet programs, including animal welfare organizations, pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and therapeutic and humane education pet programs. Grant cycle deadlines are quarterly at the end of the months of March, June, September, and December.

Literacy and Education: Grants provide support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs, and literacy programs for children with special needs. Grant request deadlines are at the end of February, May, August, and November.

In addition, organizations seeking unrestricted support for children, families, and animals or for wild animals and the environment are encouraged to apply for grants through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation, a nonprofit organization. The foundation reviews grant applications on a rolling basis. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 each, with an average award amount of \$2,500. U.S. applicants must be tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations. Canadian applicants must be registered Canadian charities. Website: <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/>

Toshiba America Foundation Accepting Applications for Classroom Innovators Grants

Deadline: 08/01/2010

Toshiba America Foundation Classroom Innovators Grants are available for schools serving students in grades 7-12 across the United States. Grant proposals are welcome from public and private (nonprofit) schools across the country. The foundation has also made a special commitment to support projects in regions where Toshiba America Group companies have offices. The grants will support innovative projects designed by math and science teachers to make their own classrooms more exciting and engaging for students. Note: Toshiba America Foundation offers a separate program for grades K through six.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/tafi/>

Open Meadows Foundation: Grants for Women and Girls

Deadline: 08/14/2010

The Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls. It funds projects that reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and organization; that build community power; that promote racial, social, economic, and environmental justice; and that have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Maximum award: \$2,000. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations with an organizational budget no larger than \$150,000. Projects must be designed and implemented by women and girls. Website: <http://www.openmeadows.org/>

Libri Foundation Accepting Applications for Books for Children Program

Deadline: 08/15/2010

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new, quality hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Only libraries within the fifty states are eligible to apply. Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000, and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. "Rural" is usually considered to be at least thirty miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. A library system may also apply if all the libraries in the system meet the eligibility requirements. Applications are accepted from school libraries only if they also serve as the public library (i.e., it is open to everyone in the community, has some summer hours, and there is no public library in town). Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants. The average total operating budget of a Books for Children grant recipient is less than \$40,000.

Website: <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>

National Dairy Council and General Mills Foodservice to Award K-12 Schools Grants to Build Breakfast Programs

Deadline: 08/15/2010

General Mills Foodservice has committed a total of \$100,000 to help schools with students in grades K-12 build their breakfast programs through the National Dairy Council's Child Nutrition and Fitness Initiative Breakfast Grant program. Schools currently participating in the National Dairy Council's Fuel Up to Play 60 program, an initiative designed to improve nutrition and physical activity in schools, and seeking to expand their breakfast programs can apply to receive up to \$3,000 in funding each. The grant program is open to schools within the United States that are enrolled in the Fuel up to Play 60 program for the 2010-11 school year. Fuel Up to Play is a partnership between the National Dairy Council and the National Football League to empower youth to take action to improve nutrition and physical activity at their school and for their own health. To be eligible for the breakfast grant, schools must also have support from their school principal, district school nutrition director, and school nutrition manager; have a school of at least five hundred; and demonstrate an opportunity to raise their breakfast program participation. Educators can visit the Fuel Up to Play 60 Web site for more information and the grant application form.

Website: <http://enroll.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/introduction.php>

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NAIS: Challenge 20/20 Program

Deadline: 08/16/2010

National Association of Independent Schools Challenge 20/20 Program gives schools the opportunity to develop globally based, experiential curricula and to build educational partnerships with schools around the world. Challenge 20/20 students form authentic bonds with students from across the globe and learn firsthand about cross-cultural communication; together, teams tackle real problems. Maximum award: participation in the Challenge 20/20 program. Eligibility: elementary and secondary schools, public or private, located anywhere in the world.

Website: <http://www.nais.org/conferences/index.cfm?ItemNumber=147262>

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation and Winnick Family Foundation Announce Field Trip Grant Program

Deadline: 09/01/2010

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois, has announced a field trip grant opportunity for grades 4-12 teachers in U.S.-based public and nonpublic schools that have a low-income student enrollment greater than 30 percent. The purpose of the program is to offset the transportation cost of visiting the presidential museum. Grant funding is provided by the Winnick Family Foundation through the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Low-income students are defined by the Illinois State Board of Education as students who come from families receiving public aid, live in institutions that serve neglected or delinquent children, are supported in foster homes with public funds, or are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches. Grants provide funding for students in eligible schools to visit the ALPLM at no or greatly reduced cost to the school district by covering or supplementing transportation costs. (There is currently no museum admission fee for school groups.) Funds will be awarded for transportation costs only. The goal of the grant is to bring as many students to the ALPLM as funds will allow; therefore, judges have the option of granting partial awards. Visit the Lincoln Presidential Library Web site for complete program information and to download grant program guidelines and an application form.

Website: http://www.presidentlincoln.org/education/WINNICK_Grant_Application.pdf

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Accepting Applications for 2011 National Grant Program

Deadline: 09/10/2010

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is accepting applications for its annual national grant competition. The grantmaking program is designed to help develop or expand projects that support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. To be eligible for funding, the applicant organization must have nonprofit or public status and must have been in existence for two or more years. The organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade three, and/or intergenerational literacy activities (parent and child together time). A total of approximately \$650,000 in grants will be awarded in 2011; grant requests should not exceed \$65,000.

Website: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4344531/k.BD31/Home.htm>

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation: Minigrants

Deadline: 09/15/2010

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers Minigrants to public and school libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats are welcome, but not required.

Maximum award: \$500.

Eligibility: public and school libraries.

Website: http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=103&Itemid=65

Mr. Holland's Opus Music Foundation

Deadline: 10/01/2010

Mr. Holland's Opus Music Foundation Grants have two programs, the Melody Program that targets qualified school music programs in need of assistance, and the Special Projects Program that targets community schools of the arts, after school programs and youth orchestras in need of assistance. Maximum award: Programs fund instrument repair and the acquisition of new instruments up to \$10,000; no cash grants. Eligibility: school music programs K-12; community schools of the arts, after-school programs, and youth orchestras.

Website: <http://www.mhopus.org/Apply>

National Gardening Association/Subaru: Healthy Sprouts Award

Deadline: 10/01/2010

The Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about the environment, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States. Through winning programs, youth will learn skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle compatible with environmental stewardship and gain an understanding of how their actions can positively impact the wellbeing of their community. Maximum award: a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store, for basic youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials; NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit; a literature package from NGA. Eligibility: schools or organizations planning to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on a demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education about environmental, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States.

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

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Siemens/College Board: 2010 Siemens Competition

Deadline: 10/01/2010

The Siemens Competition seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in mathematics, science, engineering, and technology.

Maximum award: \$100,000.

Eligibility: high school students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Website: <http://www.collegeboard.com/siemens/>

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Toolbox for Education Grant

Deadline: 10/15/2010

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/>

Wild Ones: Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program

Deadline: 10/15/2010

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. Funds will be provided only for the purchase of native plants and seed. Eligibility: schools, nature centers, and other nonprofit and not-for-profit places of learning, including houses of worship. Website: <http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.htm>

Verizon Foundation Grants

Deadline: 10/31/2010

The Verizon Foundation makes grants that help people to increase their literacy and educational achievement; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; or achieve and sustain their health and safety. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations.

Website: <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

Nestlé USA: Very Best in Youth Program

Deadline: 11/01/2010

The Nestlé USA Very Best in Youth Program honors young people ages 13 to 18 who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Maximum award: \$1,000. Eligibility: youth ages 13 and 18 years of age who demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and can show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church, or the community. Entrants must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to submit nomination. Website: <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com/About/Default.aspx>

Air Force Association: Educator Grant Program

Deadline: 11/10/2010

The Air Force Association Educator Grant Program is designed to promote aerospace education activities and encourage use of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. Each school year, the association awards grants to worthy projects that significantly influence student learning. The program also encourages establishing an active relationship between the school and the local Air Force Association organization. Maximum award: \$250. Eligibility: K-12 classrooms.

Website: <http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/educator.asp>

Freedoms Foundation: Leavy Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education

Deadline: 11/30/2010

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Leavy Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education honor outstanding educators who excite a commitment in their students to the free enterprise system and unleash the entrepreneurial skills of their students at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college level. Maximum award: \$15,000. Eligibility: teachers at schools (K-12), colleges, and universities.

Website: <http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/Leavy-Awards.cfm>

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NSTA: DCAT Association "Making a Difference" Award

Deadline: 11/30/2010

The Drug, Chemical & Associated Technologies Association "Making a Difference" Award recognizes excellence in a science program developed and implemented by middle-level science teachers, grades 6–8. Entries must show innovative and effective teaching strategies combined with a science program that has influenced students to explore and investigate science and its application to global problems.

Maximum award: \$2,500 to be used to enhance or expand the winning science program; the winning school's lead science teacher and principal will be awarded coach airfare and two nights' hotel accommodation to attend NSTA's National Conference March 10–13, 2011 in San Francisco.

Eligibility: innovative middle-level science programs.

Website: <http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx?lid=abt#dcat>

NSTA: Wendell G. Mohling Outstanding Aerospace Educator Award

Deadline: 11/30/2010

The Wendell G. Mohling Outstanding Aerospace Educator Award recognizes excellence in the field of aerospace education. The recipient will be honored during the Awards Banquet and the Aerospace Educators Luncheon at the annual NSTA Conference.

Maximum award: \$3,000; plus \$2,000 in expenses to attend NSTA's National Conference March 10–13, 2011 in San Francisco.

Eligibility: K–12 teachers of science in formal education settings (elementary, middle, high school). Individuals must be nominated and have a minimum of three years teaching experience. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Website: <http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx?lid=abt#aerospace>

Student Groups Invited to Submit Entries for SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

Deadline: 12/01/2010

A program of the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, the 2011 SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards will recognize the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. The Environmental Excellence Awards program provides school and community groups with a monetary award and other prizes in honor of their environmental projects. The program is an awards program, not a grant program. Project applicants should be able to demonstrate significant accomplishments that have occurred prior to the submission deadline. Previous award-winning projects have tackled a wide variety of environmental problems including but not limited to habitat restoration, school yard beautification, energy and waste reduction, environmental education and community outreach, wildlife protection, and natural resource conservation. For the 2011 awards program, eight groups will be selected to receive a \$10,000 award to benefit their project, an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event, and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. From the eight winning groups, one outstanding environmental educator/leader will be selected to receive a \$5,000 award, an all-expenses-paid trip for themselves and one guest to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event, an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Science Teachers Association 2011 national conference, and an award trophy and certificate. All K-12 schools (public, private, and licensed home schools) in the U.S. are eligible to apply. Projects must be sponsored by a formally recognized school group, such as a grade level, classroom, or club. Community-based projects, such as those managed and operated by community service organizations, public recreation centers, 4-H clubs, and other public, nonprofit groups working to protect the environment at the grassroots level are also eligible. Individual student projects are not eligible.

Website: <http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/>

Horace Mann Offers Teacher Fellowships at Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Deadline: 01/03/2011

Since 2005, Horace Mann and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have partnered to annually offer fifty teachers a five-day fellowship to study the life and legacy of the sixteenth American president. Fellows attend one of two five-day sessions — one in June and one in July 2011 — at the ALPLM in Springfield, Illinois. The fellowship brings together exceptional educators from across the United States to develop strategies for applying historical content in the classroom and across the curriculum. The curriculum is geared toward teachers of students in grades four to 12. No special knowledge of history or Lincoln is required. The fellowship is open to any full-time teacher of kindergarten through 12th grade in the U.S., except residents of Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, and Hawaii, or previous Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship recipients.

Website: <https://www.horacemann.com/resources/fellowships/default.aspx>

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Family Planning Services Grants

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Office of Population Affairs (OPA), Office of Family Planning (OFP) announces the anticipated availability of funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 family planning services grants under the authority of Title X of the Public Health Service Act. This notice solicits applications for competing grant awards to serve the areas and/or populations listed in Table I. Only applications which propose to serve the areas and/or populations listed in Table I will be accepted for review and possible funding. This announcement seeks applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. 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. Applicants should use the Title X legislation, applicable regulations, Program Guidelines, legislative mandates, program priorities, and other key issues included in this announcement and in the application kit, to guide them in developing their applications.

Total Funding Available: \$35,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private nonprofit entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, 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 and American Indian/Alaska Native/Native American (AI/AN/NA) organizations are eligible to apply for Title X family planning services grants. Private nonprofit entities must provide proof of nonprofit status. See Section IV.2 for information regarding acceptable proof of nonprofit status.

Website: www.hhs.gov

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, U.S. Territory or Possession, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Regional Organizations, Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, Faith-based and Community-based Organizations.

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Website: www.nih.gov

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Health Impact Project

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Health Impact Project call for proposals (CFP) is seeking applicants to undertake health impact assessment (HIA) demonstration projects. The goal of the CFP and subsequent HIAs is to demonstrate the effectiveness of HIAs and promote their incorporation into local, state, tribal, and federal decision-making. Government agencies, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply. HIAs bring together relevant public input, available data and a range of qualitative and quantitative methods to anticipate the potential health consequences of a proposed policy, program or project. They are a structured yet flexible process for developing practical recommendations that decision makers can use to advance well-informed public policies, programs and projects that avoid unintended health consequences and unexpected costs. Applicants need not have experience with HIAs to apply to the CFP. Rather, they should have knowledge of the decision-making process that they aim to influence and the ability to communicate effectively with all of the players in that process, from elected officials to their citizens. Grantees will receive training, mentoring and technical assistance from the Health Impact Project and leading HIA experts.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Website: <http://www.healthimpactproject.org/call>

CVS Caremark: Community Grants

Deadline: 10/31/2010

CVS Caremark Community Grants support programs that promote independence among children with disabilities, including physical and occupational therapies, speech and hearing therapies, and assistive technology and recreational therapies. Eligibility: nonprofit organizations that serve children with disabilities, located in a state that has a CVS pharmacy/store. Maximum award: \$5,000.

Website: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/children-disabilities>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces Call for Proposals for Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Deadline: 07/01/2011

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youth between the ages of three and 18 who are at highest risk for obesity — black, Latino, American Indian, and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. The program has released a call for proposals for opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state, or national decision-makers in time to help inform key policy decisions. Preference will be given to applicants who are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. The focus of this program is the United States; studies in other countries will be considered only to the extent that they may directly inform U.S. policy. A total of up to \$1.5 million will be awarded under this Call for Proposals. The maximum award for a single grant is \$150,000, with a funding period not to exceed eighteen months. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Letters of Intent may be submitted at any time until July 1, 2011.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121>

HOUSING

Housing Counseling Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Funding Opportunities

Deadline: 08/27/2010

This program supports the delivery of a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low-to-moderate income renters, and the homeless. The primary objectives of the program are to improve financial literacy, expand homeownership opportunities, improve access to affordable housing and preserve homeownership. Counselors provide guidance and advice to help families and individuals improve their housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. Counselors also help borrowers avoid inflated appraisals, unreasonably high interest rates, unaffordable repayment terms, and other conditions that can result in a loss of equity, increased debt, default, and eventually foreclosure. Additionally, counselors may provide counseling services to homeowners to prevent or resolve mortgage delinquency, default and foreclosure, with the primary objective to preserve homeownership. Counselors provide guidance and advice to help families and individuals meet the responsibilities of homeownership and modify or refinance their loans to avoid unreasonably high interest rates, unaffordable repayment terms, and other conditions that can result in a loss of equity, increased debt, default, and eventually foreclosure. Counselors can also assist homeowners with inquiries related to mortgage scams, and reporting instances of potential mortgage scam victimization. HUD will award a single comprehensive grant to qualified applicants through one of four categories: 1)Local Housing Counseling Agencies, 2)National and Regional Intermediaries, 3)State Housing Finance Agencies and 4)Multi-State Organizations.

Eligible Applicants: HUD approved local housing counseling agencies, HUD approved national and regional intermediaries State housing finance agencies and HUD approved multi-state organizations.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grphcp.cfm>

SPORTS

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



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