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Rubén Hinojosa

The 15th District of Texas



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Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-Mercedes) announced that the City of Pharr Fire Department has received a \$975,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to support the hiring of new firefighters and the recruitment of volunteer firefighters.



"I want to congratulate the City of Pharr on this important award. This money will help ensure that Pharr has enough qualified firefighters ready to protect the community and respond in a time of disaster or crisis," Hinojosa said.

The DHS's Assistance to Firefighters Grant is designed to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to fire and improve its overall level of preparedness. The money awarded to Pharr is specifically intended to boost the number of frontline firefighters who are capable of responding to emergencies and help enlist and train volunteer firefighters in emergency response operations.

"Ensuring that our communities have enough first responders to help during times of national crisis, as well as day-to-day incidents, is of the utmost importance," Hinojosa said. "This grant will go a long way toward making sure this happens."



Have a Happy Easter Holiday!

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL \$7,398,600 FOR LOCAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN DEEP SOUTH TEXAS

Washington, D.C. –Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that an additional \$7,398,600 in federal funding is headed to Deep South Texas for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements. The money is part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program funded the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is in addition to money originally allocated to Texas for weatherization and energy funding.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency nationwide.

Congressman Hinojosa continued, “I want to thank the Obama administration and the Department of Energy for releasing these funds quickly. I supported the Recovery Act because I wanted to help out the families and businesses of Deep South Texas. This announcement is a sign of the changes we are bringing to communities in need across the nation”

“This announcement is great news for Deep South Texas” Congressman Hinojosa said. “It represents yet another example of how the American Recovery Act of 2009 that we passed in February is going to help our local communities create new jobs and provide relief from rising energy costs.”



According to the Department of Energy, the funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

Hinojosa added, “These funds are intended to be put to work quickly and efficiently, in a way that our local leaders think will best spur economic growth and reduce energy costs. There will be appropriate mechanisms in place to make sure the money are used as intended and that they bring relief to Deep South Texas.”

Below is a chart of the money allocated for Deep South Texas:

<u>State</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level of Government</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
TX	Edinburg City	\$	683,100
TX	Harlingen City	\$	645,100
TX	McAllenCity	\$	1,292,500
TX	Mission City	\$	629,500
TX	Pharr City	\$	608,900
TX	Hidalgo County	\$	3,539,500
TOTAL		\$	7,398,600



EDINBURG TO RECEIVE \$158,455 IN STIMULUS MONEY FOR ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS

Washington, DC – Economic stimulus money to fund anti-crime programs is on its way to Edinburg, Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced.

The City of Edinburg is set to receive \$158,455 under Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This vital anti-crime program provides support for a diverse range of law enforcement, prosecutorial and other initiatives to prevent and control crime.

"Providing law enforcement agencies with the necessary resources to keep our communities safe is incredibly important," Hinojosa said. "Unfortunately, due to current economic conditions, too many of our cities are stretched to the limit. This stimulus money comes not a moment too soon. It will make sure Edinburg's neighborhoods remain secure while preventing harmful cutbacks that could take police officers off our streets."

JAG money can be used by local governments to fund drug and gang task forces, cold case units, identity theft investigations, school violence prevention programs, witness protection programs, victims' rights and hate crime programs. The money can go toward providing technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice.

The JAG funds for Edinburg are provided thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, otherwise known as the Economic Stimulus Bill. On February 17, President Obama signed the final version of this historic bill into law. This legislation will create or save 3.5 million jobs, immediately cut taxes for 95 percent of workers, and begin a historic economic transformation that will make the nation more globally competitive and energy independent. The money is to be invested quickly in the economy – with an estimated 74 percent spent in the first 18 months, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES AWARD OF \$1,608,693 TO EXPAND SERVICES OFFERED AT COMMUNITY HEALTH

Washington, D.C. –Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced today that \$1,608,693 in federal funding is headed to South Texas for expanded services at community health centers. The money comes as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act at a time when more and more Americans find themselves without health care coverage.

"This announcement is great news for South Texas" Congressman Hinojosa said. "It is further proof of how the Recovery Act that we passed in February is being utilized to help our local communities solve real problems, such as the lack of affordable health care options."

The grants are called Increase Demand for Services (IDS) grants and are being distributed nationally to over 1,128 federally qualified health center grantees. Three of those are located in Congressman Hinojosa's district, the 15th district of Texas. The funds will be used to by the receiving grantees in ways that will benefit the community. These health centers deliver preventive and primary care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay and charges for services are set according to income.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the IDS awards are the second set of health center grants provided through the Recovery Act. On March 2, President Obama announced grants worth \$155 million to establish 126 new health centers. Nationally, those grants will provide access to health center care for 750,000 people in 39 states and two territories.

Congressman Hinojosa continued, "I want to thank the Obama administration and the Department of Health and Human Services for acting quickly. I supported the Recovery Act because I wanted to help out the families of South Texas. This announcement is a sign of the changes we are bringing to communities in need across the nation"

- NUESTRA CLINICA DEL VALLE, INC., PHARR — \$802,103
- SU CLINICA FAMILIAR, HARLINGEN— \$515,359
- COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION OF SOUTH TEXAS, ALICE— \$291,231



CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF EMERGENCY FUNDING TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced today that an estimated \$72 million in emergency education funding has been released for schools in the 15th congressional district to help save education-related jobs and maintain programs for low-income students and students with disabilities. Specifically, schools in the 15th congressional district will receive an estimated \$45 million in Title I funds and an estimated \$27 million in IDEA funds.

Nationwide, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$13 billion in Title I funds, which helps low-income students, and \$13.5 billion in IDEA funds, which helps students with disabilities. This is the first of two installments of direct funding for Title I and IDEA programs that school districts will receive under President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; the second installment of funds will be released to districts in the fall of this year.

"This is great news for the students, teachers, and families of Deep South Texas" Congressman Hinojosa said. "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act promised to bring relief to our communities and this announcement is further proof that

help is on the way. These funds are going to be put to work in our schools quickly and they will help protect jobs, improve schools, and support our families."

In addition to the Title I and IDEA investments, the economic recovery plan also created a state stabilization fund to help stabilize state and local budgets and restore harmful cuts to education. States can also now apply for this funding. The Obama administration also issued guidelines on the use of these funds and what role states, school districts, and colleges and universities play in determining what the priorities are for funding.

The guidelines confirm that while states allocate the funds, it should be up to local school districts and colleges and universities to decide how to use this emergency aid, not up to states. The guidelines also reaffirmed that state stabilization funds should be used for three goals: to backfill harmful cuts to elementary and secondary education and higher education, to stave off teacher layoffs, and to modernize school facilities – which could create new jobs. State stabilization funds can be used for any purpose allowable under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, including school modernization.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

TEMPLE, TEXAS, - Agriculture Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development Douglas L. Faulkner has announced that USDA is accepting applications for \$45.8 million in loans and grants to support rural communities and spur economic development through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program.

"Creating and preserving jobs in rural America by helping businesses thrive is a fundamental part of USDA Rural Development's mission," Faulkner said. "These funds are intended to stimulate business expansion and promote entrepreneurship by helping local businesses get access to capital, technical assistance and new markets for their products and services."

USDA Rural Development Business Programs administer loans and grants designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. The purpose of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program is to provide zero-interest loans and grants to electric and telephone cooperatives who are USDA

Rural Development borrowers not delinquent on any Federal debt or in bankruptcy proceedings. This utility cooperative establishes a revolving loan fund that can be used for relending to a third party recipient to finance community facilities and infrastructure. The funds support financing job creation projects and economic development within rural areas. A third-party recipient may be a private or public organization having corporate and legal authority to incur debt.



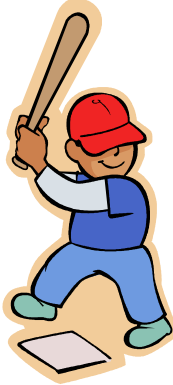
Applications from the utility cooperative must be received by June 30 for 4th quarter funding. Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA

Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> by the provided deadlines. An application must contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the December 29, 2008, *Federal Register*, page 79438.

LA FERIA TO RECEIVE \$285,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) announced that La Feria has been awarded \$285,000 for the construction of a Boys and Girls Club facility.

“Boys & Girls clubs have touched the lives of thousands of young men and women in our region. They have been incredibly effective in taking kids off the street and providing them the environment they need to succeed,” said Hinojosa. “This grant will help La Feria reach at-risk youth in the community who deserve the support and enrichment these clubs offer.”



Boys & Girls Clubs of America comprises a national network of more than 3,700 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving more than 4.4 million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances.

The \$285,000 for La Feria was included in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which will fund the federal government through September 30th.

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$381,000 FOR TRI COUNTY CONSORTIUM TO ADVANCE EDUCATION

Washington, D.C. – The Tri County Consortium to Advance Education, through Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, will receive \$381,000 to increase Allied Health educational opportunities in Brooks, Duval, and Jim Wells Counties, Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced.

“I am pleased that the federal government has recognized our plans to address our region's acute need for more registered nurses,” Hinojosa said. “This much-needed influx of funding will expand efforts to train nurses in the area and make sure that they do not have travel unreasonable distances to get an education. In uncertain economic times, we are ensuring that more Coastal Bend residents are educated and trained to work in one of the most in-demand industries in both our region and the nation.”

“The Board Members of the Tri County Consortium to Advance Education considers this funding as a major milestone to support allied health as a viable economic catalyst for Brooks, Jim Wells and Duval. We applaud Congressman Hinojosa for supporting these efforts to develop a skilled labor pool in allied health for the citizens of the tri-county area. The collaboration with Texas A&M University Corpus Christi College of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend and Christus Spohn- Alice will

provide an excellent program to introduce students to Health Careers,” states James Bradford, Tri-County Consortium, Alice Texas.

“I would also like to applaud Congressman Hinojosa for his visionary contribution to extending educational opportunities to the Tri County Area,” said Mary Jane Hamilton RN, PhD, Dean College of Nursing and Health Sciences. “Together with the citizens of Alice, Brooks and Duval County, we will provide beginning and advanced healthcare education for the Tri County area and increase the economic base for the community.”



The \$381,000 for the Tri County Consortium to Advance Education was included in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which will fund the federal government through September 30th.

Congress acted quickly to pass a bill that would keep the government running and finish last year's business. The resulting 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act works in tandem with the economic recovery package, making investments that address the country's immediate needs while investing in our long term economic strength

CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA VOTES TO SEND LANDMARK NATIONAL SERVICE BILL TO PRESIDENT OBAMA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa joined an overwhelming majority in the U.S. House of Representatives in voting to send President Obama legislation that will launch a new era of national service and volunteerism to help the nation emerge stronger from the economic crisis. The House passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act by a vote of 275 to 149.

The legislation makes good on President Obama's call for Americans to do their part to help the nation's economy recover by making a difference in their communities. When enacted, this will be the first major piece of the President's agenda to receive overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress.

"I am especially proud that the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act will address a wide range of community needs – from disaster relief to health care to education, and housing," said Congressman Hinojosa. "In Texas, there are over 84,000 citizens from all walks of life who have dedicated their lives to serving their community. Through this legislation, we will aid their efforts and launch a new era of service so all Americans will have an opportunity to play a role in our nation's recovery.

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, H.R. 1388, will provide the greatest expansion of national service since President John F. Kennedy first issued his call to serve over 50 years ago. Among other things, the bill will create 175,000 new volunteer opportunities for Americans to help meet the nation's pressing challenges, including energy, education, health care, veterans' needs, and more. The bill creates opportunities for Americans of all ages to engage in service, from middle school students to retirees.

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act will engage Americans of all ages, from middle school through retirement, in service and volunteerism. The legislation will more than triple the number of volunteers serving in this country from 75,000 to 250,000 and establish four new service corps: a **Clean Energy Corps** to increase energy efficiency and conservation, an

Education Corps to help increase student engagement, achievement and graduation, a **Healthy Futures Corps** to help improve health care access, and a **Veterans Service Corps** to enhance services for veterans. These 175,000 new volunteer opportunities will expand current AmeriCorps programs and provide members for these four new service corps.

The bill also will increase the education award service members receive in exchange for their contributions to \$5,350 for next year, the same as the maximum Pell Grant scholarship and permanently link it to match any future increases in the Pell Grant. It also creates new opportunities for older Americans and

retirees and allows them to transfer their education awards – up to \$1,000 for at least 350 hours of service – to a child, foster child or grandchild.

Other key provisions include establishing a new Summer of Service program to engage middle and high school students in service and allows them to earn a \$500 education award to put toward college. In addition, the legislation will help strengthen disaster relief efforts and establish an alumni corps of former

service participants who can help respond during natural disasters and other emergencies.

"President Obama called for all Americans to dedicate themselves to serve in their communities in this time of economic crisis," Hinojosa added. "The spirit of service runs strong in America. Many Americans – young and old, rich and poor— look for ways to give back to their communities and the nation. During difficult times, such as those we are facing to day, we need to enable more people to answer the call to serve."

For a summary of this legislation:

<http://edlabor.house.gov/blog/2009/03/the-edward-m-kennedy-serve-ame.shtml>

For more information on the role service programs plays in Texas:

<http://edlabor.house.gov/blog/2009/03/find-out-about-national-servic.shtml>



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AGRICULTURE

Farmers' Market Promotion Program

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

Deadline: 04/27/2009

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces funding of approximately \$5 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2009 to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers' markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructures. AMS hereby requests proposals from eligible entities from the following categories: (1) An agricultural cooperative or a producer network or association, (2) local governments, (3) nonprofit corporations, (4) public benefit corporations, (5) economic development corporations, (6) regional farmers' market authorities, and (7) Tribal governments. The maximum award per grant is \$100,000. No matching funds are required. AMS strongly recommends that each applicant visit the AMS Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/FMPP> to review a copy of the FMPP Guidelines and application package preparation information to assist in preparing the proposal narrative and application. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements have been previously approved by the Office of Budget and Management (OMB) under 0581-0235.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: All eligible entities shall be domestic entities, i.e., those owned, operated, and located within one or more of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia only. Entities located within U.S. territories are not eligible.

Contact: Carmen Humphrey, Phone: 202-720-8317, Email: USDAFMPP@usda.gov

Website: www.ams.usda.gov

Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)

Deadline: 05/11/2009

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$900,000 (subject to availability of funds) for Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions (the Commodity Partnerships Small Sessions Program). The purpose of this cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver training and information in the management of production, marketing, and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers. The program gives priority to educating producers of crops currently not insured under Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage. A maximum of 90 cooperative partnership agreements will be funded, with no more than nine in each of the ten designated RMA Regions. The maximum award for any cooperative partnership agreement will be \$10,000. Awardees must demonstrate non-financial benefits from a cooperative partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial involvement of RMA in the project. Funding availability for this program may be announced at approximately the same time as funding availability for similar but separate programs-- CFDA No. 10.455 (Community Outreach and Assistance Partnerships), and CFDA No. 10.458 (Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States). Prospective applicants should carefully examine and compare the notices for each program. The purpose of the Commodity Partnership Small Session Program is to provide U.S. farmers and ranchers with training and informational opportunities to be able to understand: 1) The kinds of risks addressed by existing and emerging risk management tools; 2) The features and appropriate use of existing and emerging risk management tools; and 3) How to make sound risk management decisions.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 90

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Eligible Applicants: State departments of agriculture, universities, non-profit agricultural organizations, and other public or private organizations with the capacity to lead a local program of risk management education for farmers and ranchers in an RMA Region. Individuals are not eligible applicants. Although an applicant may be eligible to compete for an award based on its status as an eligible entity, other factors may exclude an applicant from receiving Federal assistance under this program governed by Federal law and regulations (e.g. debarment and suspension; a determination of non-performance on a prior contract, cooperative agreement, grant or cooperative partnership; a determination of a violation of applicable ethical standards; a determination of being considered "high risk"). Applications from ineligible or excluded persons will be rejected in their entirety.

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Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)

Deadline: 05/13/2009

CSREES announces the availability of funds and requests applications for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) for fiscal year 2009. The BFRDP provides resources to support the development of education, outreach, curricula, workshops, educational teams, training, and technical assistance programs to assist beginning farmers and ranchers in the United States and its territories in entering, establishing, building and managing successful farm and ranch enterprises. This program will also provide a cooperative agreement to an online electronic and library clearinghouse to provide associated support to individually funded projects, educational enhancement projects and the overall BFRDP program. The estimated amount available for support of this program in FY 2009 is \$17,280,000. The primary purpose of CSREES' BFRDP is to provide U.S. beginning farmer and rancher producers and their families, as appropriate, with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to make informed decisions for their operations, with the goal of enhancing success of beginning farmers and ranchers. Applications from partnerships and collaborations that are led by or include non-governmental and community-based organizations with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach will be given priority.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by a collaborative state, tribal, local, or regionally-based network or partnership of public or private entities. These collaborations may include the following entities: State cooperative extension services; Federal, State, or tribal agencies; community based and nongovernmental organizations; junior and four-year colleges or universities or foundations maintained by a college or university; private for-profit organizations; and other appropriate partners. Inclusion of beginning and/or non-beginning farmers and ranchers as part of the collaborative group is strongly encouraged. Individuals are not eligible for consideration under any category applicable to the BFRDP program.

Contact: Siva Sureshwaran. Phone: 202-720-7536, Email: ssureshwaran@csrees.usda.gov

Website: www.csrees.usda.gov

Community Food Projects

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)

Deadline: 05/13/2009

CSREES announces the availability of funds and requests applications for the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program for fiscal year 2009 to support: 1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; 2) a project that provide Training and Technical Assistance on a nationwide basis to entities interested in developing new Community Food Projects or assisting current grantees; and 3) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities. CSREES anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2009 will be approximately \$5,000,000. The primary goals of the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) are to: 1) Meet the food needs of low-income individuals; 2) Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing

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for the food needs of the communities; 3) Promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues; or 4) Meet specific State, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Infrastructure improvement and development; Planning for long-term solutions; or

The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers.

Eligible Applicants: Only private, nonprofit entities meeting the following three requirements are eligible to receive a CFP or PP grant: (a) have experience in the area of (i) community food work, particularly concerning small and medium-size farms, including the provision of food to people in low-income communities and the development of new markets in low-income communities for agricultural producers; or (ii) job training and business development activities for food-related activities in low-income communities; (b) demonstrate competency to implement a project, provide fiscal accountability, collect data, and prepare reports and other necessary documentation; and (c) demonstrate a willingness to share information with researchers, evaluators, practitioners, and other interested parties, including a plan for dissemination of results.

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Website: www.csrees.usda.gov

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>

Summer Grants

National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF)

Deadline: 5/26/2009 Registration, 7/10/2009 Final applications

The National Film Preservation Foundation invites applications for its Summer Grants. Through this program, nonprofit and public archives can receive grants for film preservation work at laboratories and post-production houses donating services to the NFPF. These grants generally award between \$3,000 to \$18,000 in cash and/or laboratory services.

Maximum Grant Size: \$18,000

Eligible Applicants: Grants are available to public and nonprofit archives in the United States, including those that are part of federal, state, or local government. The grants target films made in the United States or by American citizens abroad and not protected by commercial interests. Materials originally created for television or video are not eligible, including works produced with funds from broadcast or cable television entities.

Contact email: grants@filmpreservation.org

Website: www.filmpreservation.org

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 05/28/2009

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The Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted here also must be present. This category, as an essential component of the Arts Endowment's goal of providing wide access to artistic excellence, supports local projects that can have significant effects within communities. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. Partnerships can be valuable to the success of these projects. While not required, applicants are encouraged to consider partnerships among organizations, both in and outside of the arts, as appropriate to their project.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

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. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact Phone: 202-682-5700, Email: fasttrack@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

History Channel: Save Our History Grant

Deadline: 06/05/2009

The History Channel Save Our History Grant Program inspires youth to become the preservationists in their communities. Museums, historic sites, historical societies, preservation organizations, libraries, and archives are invited to partner with a local school or youth group and apply for funding to help preserve the history of their communities. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) history organizations.

http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=Minisite_Generic&content_type_id=51650&display_order=3&mini_id=51103

Arts Education: Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 06/11/2009

The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to providing leadership in arts education by inspiring all young Americans through rich arts experiences. A high quality education in the arts opens a critical gateway to a lifetime of appreciation and engagement. For two reasons, learning in the arts is an indispensable part of American education: 1) children celebrate and participate in their cultural inheritance, and 2) academic and social maturity follow directly from arts education experiences. The Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Funded projects apply national or state arts education standards.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

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. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Website: www.arts.gov

Open Society Institute Seeks Proposals for Documentary Photography Distribution Grants

Deadline: 06/19/2009

The Open Society Institute Documentary Photography Project is offering a grant to documentary photographers who have already completed a significant body of work on issues of social justice, to collaborate with a partner organization and propose new ways of using photography as a tool for positive social change. All applicant photographers must work with another entity (such as a nonprofit,

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NGO, or community-based organization) to design an innovative distribution strategy that targets specific communities and advocates for social change. The program will award grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 each.

Website: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/photography/news/distribution2009_20081125

Preservation and Access Education and Training

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 07/11/2009

The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage resources. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing. Preservation and Access Education and Training grants help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to recent improvements in preservation and access practices.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

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

Website: www.neh.gov

COMMUNITY, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

American Recovery Program

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments for the EDA American Recovery Program under the auspices of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, that will promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in regions that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.

Eligible Applicants: District Organization; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Contact: Region 6 EDA Office - Austin, Phone: 512-381-8144

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml>

Former Talk Show Host Jenny Jones Announces Continuation of Community Grant Program

Deadline: Open /Rolling

Talk show host and philanthropist Jenny Jones has announced that she will donate an additional \$1 million to continue her Jenny's Heroes community grant program. The Jenny's Heroes program awards grants to individuals who submit the best ideas for tangible, lasting community projects. Jenny's Heroes provides grants of up to \$25,000 each to fund projects that promise long-term community

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benefits. Through the fifty grant recipients so far, funds have been used to provide items and services such as library books, school computers, firefighting gear, nursing home upgrades, sports equipment, free dental services, wheelchairs, coats for children in domestic violence shelters, and a running track at a women's prison. The program's focus is primarily on smaller communities where fundraising can be difficult.

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

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.msp>

Allstate Foundation Education & Job Training Fund

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Allstate Foundation channels small grants to survivors of domestic violence to help them meet their educational and job-related goals.

Estimated funding: \$1,000

Eligibility: Any adult survivor of domestic violence is eligible. However, the individual must work with a domestic violence shelter/program to submit the application.

Website: <http://www.nnedvfund.org/projects/allstatefoundation/ejtf.html>

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation "Pathways out of Poverty"

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Funding focuses on these areas: Community education, expanding economic opportunity and building organized communities. Funding for unsolicited proposals is limited; the foundation recommends that potential applicants send a letter of inquiry instead of a full proposal.

Estimated funding: Between \$15,000 and \$250,000

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Website: <http://mott.org/Home/about/programs/pathwaysoutofpoverty.aspx>

Veterans Corp. Development Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and outreach organizations that help veterans pursue business opportunities and careers. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business.

Estimated funding: Award ceiling: \$50,000

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Website: http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/main_programs.html

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Wells Fargo Charitable Contributions Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Wells Fargo is committed to improving the bank's local communities in 23 states through grants and volunteer activities. The funding priorities of the Wells Fargo Charitable Contributions Program vary from state to state; however, the bank generally supports the following areas of interest: community development, including housing, job training, economic development, and programs for small businesses and farms; education, including K-12 education with an emphasis on math/science and financial literacy programs; human services, including childcare, healthcare, and basic needs; and arts, culture, and civic projects. Visit the website listed above and click on your state in order to review the local funding guidelines and application procedures.

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/index.jhtml>

Grants For Wealth-creation Strategies for Low-Income Families

Deadline: Open/ Rolling

The F.B. Heron Foundation provides grants to and investments in organizations that promote five wealth-creation strategies (home ownership, enterprise development, child care, access to capital, and community development) for low-income families in urban and rural communities in the U.S. , including: increasing access to capital, supporting enterprise development, advancing home ownership, reducing the barriers to full participation in the economy by providing quality childcare, and employing comprehensive community development approaches with a strong focus on wealth-creation strategies.

Website: <http://www.fbheron.org/programs/index.html>

The Kresge Foundation Capital Challenge Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

There are no deadlines for online letters of intent. The Foundation's six major areas of interest are health, environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development. Through, the Foundation supports organizations' immediate capital needs, such as building construction or renovation, the purchase of real estate, and the purchase of major equipment. Grants are awarded on a challenge basis, usually one-third to one-fifth of the amount an organization has to raise to complete its campaign goal.

Website: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=89>

Citizenship Grant Program

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Deadline: 05/15/2009

The Citizenship Grant Program being offered through the Office of Citizenship, within U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), will provide monetary support to community-based organizations (CBOs) that serve immigrant populations. Approximately \$1.2 million of federal funding shall be made available through a competitive grant to CBOs that are located in areas of the United States with a large representation (or high concentration) of the nation's immigrant population. The funds shall be used to support citizenship preparation programs incorporating activities to assist naturalization applicants (or potential naturalization applicants) to improve English language skills, gain knowledge of U.S. history and government (civics), prepare for the naturalization application and interview process, and expand awareness of available information and resources related to U.S. citizenship and the naturalization process. The funds may only be used to provide direct services to immigrants with legal status in the United States. Specific services to be provided may include but are not limited to, English as a Second Language (ESL), English Language (EL)/Civics, citizenship instruction, educational resources (textbooks, language software, computers, etc), assistance with preparing and completing the naturalization application process (including case management), citizenship-focused community outreach, and staff and volunteer training.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Number of Awards: 12

Eligible Applicants: Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) having demonstrated experience in providing citizenship and/ or immi-

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gration-related services to legal immigrants are eligible for funding under this program. CBOs are defined as a public or private non-profit organization which is representative of a community or significant segments of a community and which provides educational or related services to individuals in the community. Such entities include but are not limited to: educational, community, and faith-based organizations; adult education organizations; libraries; volunteer and literacy organizations; etc.

Contact: David Batcheller, Phone: 202-447-5273, Email: david.batcheller@dhs.gov

Website: <http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

Public Telecommunications Facilities Program

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)

Deadline: 5/18/2009

On October 20, 2008, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the closing date for receipt of applications for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP). NTIA now announces that \$18 million has been appropriated for fiscal year 2009 grants. Funds will be available for applications submitted by the originally announced deadline of December 18, 2008, as well as applications for certain digital television Distributed Transmission System (DTS) projects and replacement translator projects that must be received prior to 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (Closing Time), Monday, May 18, 2009.

Eligible Applicants: A public or noncommercial educational broadcast station; a noncommercial telecommunications entity; a system of public telecommunications entities; a non-profit foundation, corporation, institution, or association organized primarily for educational or cultural purposes; or a state, local, or Indian tribal government (or agency thereof), or a political or special purpose subdivision of a state.

Contact: William Cooperman, Phone: 202-482-5802, Email: wcooperman@ntia.doc.gov

Website: www.doc.gov

Funding Available for Neighborhoods to Improve Pedestrian Safety

Deadline: 05/29/2009

The [Highway Safety Research Center](#) has funding available for up to ten communities or neighborhoods to pilot test the use of "[A Resident's Guide for Creating Safe and Walkable Communities](#)", a newly developed guidebook that details ways to improve pedestrian safety and the walkability of local neighborhoods. Each selected pilot site will be provided \$2,000 as well as technical assistance from pedestrian safety experts. Only government agencies and other not-for-profit organizations and neighborhood groups (e.g., PTAs, homeowner's associations, advocacy groups, etc.) are eligible to apply. Project funds will not be awarded to individuals.

Website: http://www.walkinginfo.org/res_guide/index.cfm

Community Economic Development Projects

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 4/28/2009 Letter of intent, 5/28/2009 Final applications

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, contingent upon available funding, the Office of Community Services (OCS) will award Community Economic Development (CED) discretionary grant funds to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for well-planned, financially viable, and innovative projects to enhance job creation and business development in low-income communities. The grants will be made as part of a broader strategy to address objectives such as arresting tendencies toward financial dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas. These grants are intended to help CDCs, alone or in partnership with third-party partners, create business development and expansion opportunities that will address the economic needs of low-income individuals through the creation of employment and business opportunities in low-income communities. Grantees must recruit low-income individuals to fill the positions, offer support to help those individuals successfully hold those jobs, and ensure that the businesses and the jobs created remain viable for at least two years after the end of the grant period. For CED grants, low-income individuals are defined as those living in households with incomes at or below 125 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human

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Services (HHS) Guidelines on Poverty, found at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml>. In addition to a well-planned and viable strategy for business creation or expansion, applicants must have in place: (1) written financial commitments for all non-CED funding, (2) needed management, staff, and other resources, (3) evidence of site control in the form of a lease agreement or deed, and (4) referral sources to help identify low-income individuals to fill the positions. In FY 2009, OCS has a specific interest in funding strong projects that will create jobs in high growth sectors, or that operate in states that currently receive no CED or Job Opportunities for Low-income Individuals (JOLI) funding.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Number of Awards: 47

Eligible Applicants: An applicant must be a private, non-profit CDC with 501(c)(3) IRS status experienced in planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities. For purposes of this grant program, the CDC must be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders. The CDC must have as a principal purpose: planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities.

Contact: Rafael J. Elizalde, Phone: 1-800-281-9519, Email: OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Build-A-Bear Workshop Giving Programs Accepting Grant Applications for 2009

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 \$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. Website: <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/>

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

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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>

Allstate Foundation Now Offering Grants For Various Projects

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Allstate Foundation makes grants to non-profit organizations, including public K-12 schools, for projects that are related to automobile and highway safety, homes and neighborhoods, and personal safety and security. Under the personal safety and security initiative, programs that raise awareness of poverty, child abuse, drugs and violence prevention are eligible for consideration. Applicants should offer safeguards against gangs, guns, sexual harassment and domestic violence. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Website: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx>

Grants for Math Mentoring Programs Using Actuaries

Deadlines: Open/Rolling

The Actuarial Foundation Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program awards grants to schools and groups to develop a viable mentoring program involving actuaries in the teaching of mathematics to children in private and public schools. Collaboration among school systems, local actuarial clubs, corporations and other stakeholders in education is encouraged in order to enhance the chances of success, particularly on a long-term basis. Maximum Award: \$30,000. Eligibility: All schools and groups willing to undertake a math mentoring program that involves local actuaries as volunteers.

<http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/bestpractices.html>

Comcast Grants for Diversity-Oriented Programs

Deadline: n/a

The Comcast Foundation is awarding grants to maximize the impact of community investments so they yield tangible, measurable benefits to the neighborhoods Comcast serves and the people who live there. The Foundation's primary focus is in funding diversity-oriented programs that address literacy, volunteerism, and youth leadership development.

Maximum Award: \$500,000

Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations operating within communities that Comcast serves.

Website: <http://www.comcast.com/foundation>

Access for Educators to C-SPAN Archival Footage

Deadline: Open

The C-SPAN Archives Grants awardees are granted the videotapes of their choice from the extensive collection in the C-SPAN Archives for creative proposals for using the network's programming in the classroom or in research projects.

Eligibility: middle and high school teachers, college/university professors. Maximum Award: N/A.

Website: <http://www.c-span.org/classroom/grants.asp>

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Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Deadline: 05/01/2009

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are among the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science and recognize highly qualified teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: teachers 7-12 with five years experience teaching math or science.

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

Child Care Access Means Parents in School

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Deadline: 05/08/2009

The CCAMPIS Program supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care services. Priority is given to institutions of higher education that submit applications describing child care programs that: (1) Leverage significant local or institutional resources, including in-kind contributions, to support the activities assisted under section 419N of the HEA; and (2) Utilize a sliding fee scale for child care services provided under this program in order to support a high number of low-income parents pursuing postsecondary education at the institution.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 119

Eligible Applicants: Any institution of higher education that during FY 2008 awarded a total of \$350,000 or more of Federal Pell Grant funds to students enrolled at the institution. An institution that currently has a CCAMPIS Program grant with a project period ending in 2009 and 2010 is eligible to apply in accordance with section III. 3 of this notice.

Contact: J. Alexander Hamilton, Phone: 202-502-7583, Email: TRIO@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov

Graduate STEM Fellows in K-12 Education

National Science Foundation

Deadline: 05/18/2009 letter of intent, 6/29/2009 Final applications

This program provides funding for graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to bring their leading research practice and findings into K-12 learning settings. Through collaborations with other graduate fellows and faculty from STEM disciplines, teachers and students in K-12 environments, and community partners, graduate students can gain a deeper understanding of their own research and place it within a societal and global context. The GK-12 program provides an opportunity for graduate students to acquire value-added skills, such as communicating STEM subjects to technical and non-technical audiences, leadership, team building, and teaching while enriching STEM learning and instruction in K-12 settings. This unique experience will add value to the training of U.S. graduate students and will energize and prepare the students for a broad range of STEM careers in a competitive globalized marketplace. Furthermore, the GK-12 program provides institutions of higher education with an opportunity to transform the conventional graduate education by infusing and sustaining GK-12 like activities in their graduate programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$600,000

Number of Awards: 20-25

Eligible Applicants: Academic institutions in the United States and its territories that grant masters or doctoral degrees in STEM disciplines supported by the National Science Foundation

Website: www.nsf.gov

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Save Our History Invites Applications for Community Education and Preservation Projects

Deadline: 06/05/2009

Save Our History, a program of the History Channel and the American Association for State and Local History, is a national initiative that supports local history education and historic preservation efforts in communities across the United States. Each year, Save Our History awards a total of \$250,000 to history organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting, and preserving the history of their communities. Eligible applicants are required to be nonprofit 501(c)(3) history organizations such as a museum, historical society, preservation organization, historic site, library, or archive. Other eligible applicants include local government agencies such as a parks and recreation commission, historic commission, department of local history, or other local government agency that owns and/or operates a historic site or property. Applicants must be located in one of the fifty states or the District of Columbia. Applicants must partner with local elementary, middle, or high school(s) or organization(s) that provides educational programming for children of similar ages to design a historic education and preservation project. Organizations that have received a Save Our History grant in the last three years are not eligible to apply.

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

Thomason Gale Team Awards

Deadline: 06/15/2009

The Fifth Annual Thomson Gale TEAMS Award recognizes and encourages collaboration between teachers and media specialists to promote learning and increase student achievement. Maximum award: \$2,500, Gale products (approximate value: \$500), a one-year subscription to Library Media Connection, and Educator's Professional Bookshelf (approximate value: \$500), from Linworth Publishing.

Eligibility: K-12 public and private schools in the United States and Canada.

Website: <http://www.galeschools.com/TEAMS/>

Matching Books for Babies Grants

Deadline: 10/01/2009

In partnership with Nordstrom, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations, a division of the American Library Association, will award twenty grants of \$500 each to match \$1,000 raised by selected Friends of the Library groups, women's groups, libraries, and other nonprofit organizations to purchase Books for Babies kits from ALTAFF. Books for Babies is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Parents are presented with a Books for Babies kit containing a board book, baby's first library card, and a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information from nationally recognized educational organizations. Any type of nonprofit organization with a current program or interest in starting a Books for Babies program is encouraged to apply. Ten grants will be awarded in each of two cycles. The deadline for the first round of grants has been extended to April 15, 2009. An additional ten matching grants will be awarded in October with an application deadline of October 1.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/outreach/booksforbabies/matchinggrants.cfm>

National Gardening Association Announces 2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards Program

Deadline: 10/17/2009

The National Gardening Association encourages the growth of health-focused youth garden programs through the Healthy Sprouts Awards sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company. The awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible for the 2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2010 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States.

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In 2009, the program will present awards to twenty schools or organizations. Each recipient program will receive gardening supplies and resources, including gift certificates toward the purchase of gardening materials from Gardener's Supply. The top five programs will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; fifteen more programs will each receive a \$200 gift certificate.

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

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Aetna Foundation Announces Regional Community Health Grants Program Targeting Obesity and Health Literacy

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Through its Regional Community Health Grants Program, the Aetna Foundation will award grants in support of philanthropic initiatives focused on fighting obesity and increasing health literacy in selected communities across the United States. The obesity proposal category seeks to fund community-based health education, prevention, and early detection efforts aimed at fighting obesity. Health Literacy proposals must incorporate and/or demonstrate impact in one or more of the following: plain language approach to communications; public education and awareness programs; and/or training and education for health care professionals, staff, and patients. Only nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations serving specific markets/geographic areas are eligible to apply. Grant requests ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be considered. Grant application closing dates vary by geographic region. The Aetna Foundation is also accepting applications for its Healthy Community Outreach Program. Awards will be granted to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to support grassroots efforts that increase awareness of critical health initiatives through health walks, health fairs, and health education outreach. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be considered. Funding decisions and notifications will be made throughout the year, with all notifications issued by November 1, 2009.

Website: http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_req/index.html

Kresge Foundation Announces New Grantmaking Programs in Health and Environment

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Kresge Foundation has announced two new comprehensive grantmaking programs: the Health Program and the Environment Program. Historically, the foundation has worked in six fields of interest: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development. With the announcement of these two new programs in health and the environment, the foundation is expanding its commitment and narrowing its focus in each field for maximum long-term impact in its strategic areas of interest. Both the Health and Environment Programs address health and environment-related social issues, particularly those affecting minority, low-income, and other underserved communities. The Environment Program seeks to have tangible effects on the practices and policies associated with climate change and environmental sustainability. The programs are in the development stage; program teams will be refining their grant making focus and strategy over the next year. For both programs, applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities that have financial statements prepared and certified by a certified public accountant in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or Government Accounting Standards. Private foundations, individuals, and elementary and secondary schools are ineligible and may not apply.

Website: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=154>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces Local Funding Partnerships Program to Reducing Exposure to Violence

Deadline: Open/Rolling, to December 31, 2009

Through a special solicitation from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking to partner with diversity-focused funders and other local grantmakers to fund projects that reduce violence in specific communities such as those defined by race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity, or rural/frontier location. Projects must be new, community-based, and culturally appropriate, reflecting how language skills, significant cultural differences, education, income,

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and discrimination affect health outcomes. Community members should be engaged in planning and leadership. Projects must work to reduce violence in the context of a specific community and use that community's strengths and assets to address any threatening or violent behavior that results in emotional, psychological, or physical harm. For example, eligible projects may concern intimate partner violence, child or elder abuse, gang activity, or post-war trauma. Projects may relate to violence between family members or strangers, individuals or groups, in public or private settings. Applicants must be nominated by a diversity-focused funder that is principally concerned with the population to be served. The additional funding partners may come from independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies. All the local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period. Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project. Up to 25 percent of the match may consist of in-kind services. Up to \$1 million in total funding is available for the 2009 grant cycle. Up to eight matching grants of between \$50,000 to \$200,000 each will be awarded. Proposals may be submitted at any time throughout 2009. Submitted proposals will be processed for review on the following dates: May 1, 2009; September 1, 2009; and January 5, 2010.

Website: <http://www.rwif.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20781>

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Deadline: 05/26/2009

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 for Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) grants. The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth in communities throughout the United States. It was created to strengthen collaboration among communities, the Federal Government, and State, local and tribal governments; to enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth; to serve as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors and organizations of a community that first demonstrates a long-term commitment to reducing alcohol use among youth; and to disseminate to communities timely information regarding state-of-the-art practices and initiatives that have proven to be effective in preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth.

Number of Awards: 20

Maximum Grant Award: \$50,000

Eligible Applicants: nonprofit entities that are currently grantee organizations receiving or having received grant funds under the Drug-Free Communities Program (DFC). For example, State and local governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges; or community- and faith-based organizations may apply if they are a grantee organization receiving or having received grant funds under the DFCSP. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies. Eligibility is also limited to those organizations that have not previously received a STOP Act grant.

Contact: Costella Green, Phone: 240-276-2721, Email: StopAct@samhsa.hhs.gov

Website: www.samhsa.gov

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for Local Funding Partnerships 2009-2010

Deadline: 07/07/2009

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Local Funding Partnerships program works to forge relationships between RWJF and local grantmakers willing to fund promising original projects with the potential to significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. To be eligible for funding through the program, projects must be new, innovative, collaborative, and community-based. Significant program expansions into new regions or to new populations may also be considered. Funds may not be used to

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maintain existing projects. Projects must be nominated by a local grantmaker committed to participating as one of the funding partners. Local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period. Funding partners may include independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies. Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project. In-kind services may not be used to match RWJF funds. Up to \$6 million in total funding is available for the 2010 grant cycle. The program expects to award up to fourteen matching grants of between \$200,000 to \$500,000 each. Stage 1 brief proposals will be accepted beginning April 15, 2009.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20605>

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Rural Emergency Responders Initiative

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Deadline: Open/ Rolling

The Rural Development, through its community facilities program, provides funding for the Rural Emergency Responders Initiative to specifically strengthen the ability of rural communities to respond to local emergencies. The community facilities program funds are used to support rural emergency responder efforts by financing needed equipment and services.

Eligible Applicants: These funds are available to public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and recognized Indian tribes.

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/Emerg_Responder/rural_emergency_responders_initi.htm

Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program: Local Solicitation

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Deadline: 05/18/2009

The Recovery Act provides the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with funding for grants to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement (including support for hiring), to combat violence against women, to fight internet crimes against children, to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime, and to support youth mentoring. DOJ is committed to working with our national, state, local and tribal partners to ensure this funding invests in the American workforce. Specifically, under this solicitation, BJA will be making awards to assist local and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

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PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

Gardener's Supply Invites Nominations for Garden Crusader Awards

Deadline: 06/15/2009

The Garden Crusader Awards were created by Gardener's Supply to honor individuals across the United States who are improving their communities through gardening. Awardees are enthusiastic men and women who are planting trees and flowers, growing food, creating new green spaces, and teaching their friends and neighbors about the rewards of gardening. The award honors individuals who are improving their world by gardening. There is no age requirement. Organizations may apply by choosing one person to represent the group. Award categories include Education, Feeding the Hungry, Urban Renewal, and Restoration. There are five win-

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ners for each category — first, second, and third, plus two honorable mentions and one grand-prize winner, for a total of twenty-one winners overall. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,500 in cash and a \$2,500 gift certificate from Gardener's Supply. First-place winners will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate, second-place winners will receive a \$750 gift certificate, third-place winners will receive a \$500 gift certificate, and honorable mentions will receive a \$200 gift certificate. All prizes are awarded to the winner's organization in his or her name.

Website: <http://www.gardeners.com/Garden-Crusader-Awards/5549,default.pg.html>

Conservation Fund Accepting Applications for Greenways Grants

Deadline: 06/30/2009

The Conservation Fund, in partnership with Eastman Kodak and the National Geographic Society, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities across the United States. The annual grants program is designed to help establish a national network of greenways. Grant recipients are selected according to a number of criteria, including importance of the project to local greenway development efforts, demonstrated community support for the project, extent to which the grant will result in matching funds or other support from public or private sources, likelihood of tangible results, and the capacity of the organization to complete the project. Grants may be used for activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying, conferences, design activities, developing brochures and interpretative displays, public opinion surveys, hiring consultants, incorporating land trusts, building foot bridges, planning bike paths, or other creative projects. In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete, expand, or improve a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal, and other costs. Grants may not be used for academic research, general institutional support, lobbying, or political activities. Awards will be made primarily to local, regional, or statewide nonprofit organizations. Public agencies may also apply.

Website: http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards

SPORTS

Saucony Run For Good Foundation Offers Funding for Children's Running Programs

Deadline: 06/13/2009

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation, established to help end childhood obesity by providing financial support to nonprofits across the United States that support children's running and fitness programs, is accepting applications for its grant program. Saucony, Inc. is a subsidiary of the Stride Rite Corporation. The grant program is open to nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. Eligible applicants administer programs whose participants are 18 years of age or less, have 501(c)(3) status, and can demonstrate their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running.

Maximum Grant Award: \$10,000

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

Women's Sports Foundation Invites High School Girls to Apply for GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards

Deadline: 07/17/2009

The Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! Program was created to give girls access to physical activity. With support from the Gatorade Company, the GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards reward high school girls for their leadership in inspiring other girls to participate in sports and physical activity. The program will award a total of \$50,000 (twenty grants of \$2,500 each) to teams across the United States in recognition of their efforts to involve girls in physical activity. Eligible applicants are school, amateur, community, and/or nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are female, enrolled in 9th through 12th grade, and residents of the United States, its territories, or protectorates. Teams must lead a project designed to involve girls in their communities in sports and physical activity. Projects must be completed by the program deadline (July 17, 2009), and must be original, current work and not

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previously submitted to the program. Projects will be judged on their impact, quality, and creativity. Grants will be made payable to the school, nonprofit institution, or 501(c)(3) organization with which the team is affiliated.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Content/Grants-And-Scholarships/Grants/GoGirlGo-Ambassador-Team-Awards.aspx>

Tony Hawk Foundation Announces Deadlines for Skatepark Grants

Deadline: 10/01/2009

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high-quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States by providing grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of new skateboard parks and facilities. The foundation primarily considers funding for projects designed and built by qualified and experienced skatepark contractors that include local skaters in the design process, are in low-income areas and/or areas with a high population of at-risk youth, can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, have a creative mix of street obstacles and transition/vert terrain, do not require skaters or their parents to sign waivers, encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others, are open during daylight hours 365 days a year, do not charge an entrance fee, and are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities. Grants range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000 each. The foundation may also offer technical assistance on design and construction, promotional materials, training materials, and safety information, and facilitate support from vendors, suppliers, and community leaders. The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) public charity or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects). The foundation anticipates approving grant requests twice a year (spring and fall). Applicants may apply for a grant a total of two times. Grant recipients that have received no more than \$1,000 may also re-apply once.

Website: http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp

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

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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

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.html?page=26&item=bowerman>



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