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The 15th District of Texas



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CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$150,000 GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION OF SOUTH TEXAS

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced a \$150,000 grant for the Community Action Corporation of South Texas from the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is awarded through the Health Resources and Services Administration.

“This is great news for the communities of Brooks and Duval County” said Congressman Hinojosa. “The vital services provided by the Community Action Corporation of South Texas will go a long way to providing the communities with quality health care options. These are communities whose health-care needs are underserved and that is why I am proud that help is on the way.”

need for primary medical care and mental health services in the region.

“Community Action Corporation is committed to meeting the healthcare needs of these communities,” said Dr. Diana Bill, Chief Operating Officer for Health Programs. “Families can look forward to the same high quality of service and care that Community Action Corporation offers them in Head Start, Early Head Start, ECI, and senior and weatherization services as we begin operation of the health care centers. We will offer the same level of care that they have been getting at the clinic and expand and enhance services as needs and resources are identified.”

Congressman Hinojosa concluded, “I have great confidence in Dr. Diana Bill and her staff and I know they will work tirelessly to provide these communities with the services they so desperately need.”

The counties serviced by the Community Action Corporation of South Texas have limited health resources and the populations suffer from significant health disparities. The health centers that this granting supports will enable the organization to provide comprehensive primary health care to address the



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES DISASTER RELIEF GRANT FOR TSTC

Washington D.C. — Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that Texas State Technical College - Harlingen will be receiving a \$87,057 grant from the U.S. Department of Education as part of its Higher Education Disaster Relief Program. The grant will enable TSTC to provide 58 grants averaging \$1,500 each to students attending Texas State Technical College – Harlingen.

“The impact of Hurricane Dolly on the Valley is still seen today and I am glad that the Texas State Technical College has been awarded this grant from the Department of Education” said Congressman Hinojosa. “The Higher Education Disaster Relief Grants Program is in place precisely to help institutions like TSTC continue to serve our student community even after a disaster strikes.”

According to the Department of Education, The Higher Education Disaster Relief Grants Program was developed to assist Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) that are located in areas affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods that occurred in 2008. The program instructs that funds may only be used to defray the expenses incurred by IHEs that were forced to close, or relocate, or whose operations were impaired as a result of damage di-

rectly caused by such natural disasters. Funds may be used to cover lost revenue, reimburse expenses already incurred, and for construction. They may also be used to provide grants to students who attend the IHE for academic years beginning after July 2008.

TSTC President Dr. Cesar Maldonado said, “Congressman Hinojosa is a champion for Rio Grande Valley students, and his commitment to them is on full display through this grant. With these funds, Texas State Technical College-Harlingen will be able to provide scholarships to 58 students who are training for the high-paying, high-tech jobs that make Texas' and the nation's economy strong. By helping to remove their financial obstacles, the Congressman is making a college education possible for all Texans. Rubén Hinojosa has always been an advocate for higher education, and TSTC is proud and grateful to have him in Washington working for our students.”

Congressman Hinojosa concluded, “I want to thank the Department of Education for responding to the needs of TSTC. I am confident that funds will be put to good use by helping steer new students towards a path of educational success that may otherwise be out of reach.”

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ANNOUNCES GREEN JOB TRAINING

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has announced its initial plans for awarding “green job training” funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This Training and Employment Notice describes initial plans for awarding these green job training funds so that interested organizations can begin to plan for the application process and can strengthen or build partnerships to be successful applicants. **Solicitations for proposals will be published beginning in mid-June 2009, with application closing dates in late summer or early fall.** Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 44-08 summarizes these plans. This document can be found at http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?docn=2755

ETA draws your particular attention to the “Pathways Out of Poverty” grants mentioned in TEN 44-08. Two separate applicant pools can compete for grants under this solicitation:

- (1) Eligible national community-based and faith-based organizations with local networks; and
- (2) Local partnerships that include community-based organizations, education and training institutions, business and labor organizations.

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$2,808,419 IN OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANTS FOR DEEP SOUTH TEXAS

Washington, DC - Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced that \$2,808,419 in 2009 Operation Stonegarden grants were awarded to counties in Deep South Texas to enhance the capabilities of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to jointly secure U.S. borders and territories. A total of \$60,000,000 is being awarded nationally, with \$16,719,377 allocated to Texas. Operation Stonegarden is a grant program administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Congressman Hinojosa said "I want to thank Secretary Janet Napolitano and the Department of Homeland Security for recognizing the need these resources will meet in Deep South Texas. The communities in South Texas and along the U.S.-Mexico border will benefit from these funds as they help improve our border security."

"Operation Stonegarden grants direct critical funding to state, local and tribal law enforcement operations across the country," said Secretary Napolitano. "I am proud to announce that the 2009 funding provides additional flexibility to ensure that our first responders are equipped with the resources they need to confront the complex and dynamic challenges that exist along our borders."

According to a release by FEMA, the 2009 allocations reflect President Obama's increased emphasis on the Southwest border in response to cartel violence along the U.S.-Mexico border. Based on greater risk, heavy cross-border traffic and border-related threat intelligence, nearly 76 percent of Operation Stonegarden funds will go to Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas—up from 59 percent in fiscal year 2008.

Fiscal year 2009 Operation Stonegarden funds will be used for additional law enforcement personnel, overtime, travel and other related costs in order to further increase our presence along the borders. This risk-based allocation of resources complements ongoing DHS efforts—including

the Southwest Border Initiative and U.S. Border Patrol deployment at the Northern border.

The breakdown of funds coming to Deep South Texas is as follows:

Operational County	State	CBP Border Sector	FY09 Allocation
Refugio County	Texas	Rio Grande Valley	\$530,901
San Patricio County	Texas	Rio Grande Valley	\$513,799
Cameron County	Texas	Rio Grande Valley	\$876,159
Hidalgo County	Texas	Rio Grande Valley	\$887,560
Total			\$2,808,419

Operation Stonegarden is appropriated by the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009. For more information on Operation Stonegarden, visit www.dhs.gov and at www.fema.gov/government/grant/opsq/index.shtm.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

TEMPLE, TEXAS — The 2008 Farm Bill authorized the Section 9007 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to make loan guarantees and grants to agriculture producers and rural small businesses. Renewable energy systems utilizing wind, solar, renewable biomass, geothermal, ocean, small hydropower or hydrogen sources may be purchased. Energy efficiency improvements may include retrofitting lighting or insulation, irrigation systems, grain dryers, or purchasing or replacing equipment with more efficient units in existing or new replacement facilities. Grants to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy are also available. Some key provisions of the program are:

- Applicants may qualify for a competitive grant, a guaranteed loan, or a combination of both.
- Grant request must not exceed 25% of the eligible project costs. Renewable energy grants can range from \$2,500 to \$500,000. Energy efficiency grants can range from \$1,500 to \$250,000.
- Loan guarantees can be for up to 75% of total eligible project costs. Maximum guaranteed loans are \$25 million per project.
- Projects can qualify for combined grant and loan guarantee, but the grant portion is still subject to the above limits and combined funding assistance cannot exceed 75% of total eligible project costs.
- Projects under \$200,000 total project costs qualify for a simplified application process.



- No renewable energy system or energy efficiency improvement, or portion thereof, can be used for any residential purpose.

"American agriculture is going through a time of enormous transformation," said Scooter Brockette, Acting State Director, USDA Rural Development. "We need to be bold in recognizing and capitalizing on new opportunities. Energy is unquestionably one of those areas that present tremendous opportunities for economic gains and ultimately an improved quality of life for rural Texans."

This program can assist agriculture producers and small rural businesses develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to reduce energy costs and consumption. Agriculture producers must be directly engaged in the production of agricultural products and obtain at least 50% of their gross income from their agriculture business.

Complete applications must be received by the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 no later than 4:30 p.m. CST July 31, 2009. Neither complete nor incomplete applications received after this date and time will be considered, regardless of the postmark on the application. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact us at (254) 742-9780 or visit our website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/section_9007.htm.

HHS ANNOUNCES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUND

The Department of Health and Human Services announced the availability of grants worth \$50 million from the Strengthening Communities Fund, a new fund created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The fund will strengthen nonprofit and faith-based organizations that aid families and communities who are struggling in the economic downturn.

The Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) is divided into two parts. The Nonprofit Capacity Building program will make one-time, two-year awards of up to \$1 million to lead organizations that will use the funds to support other faith-based or secular nonprofit organizations.

The State, Local and Tribal Government Capacity Building program will make one-time, two-year awards of up to \$250,000 to state, city, county and Indian/Native American tribal governments. Governments will use these grants to strengthen nonprofit organi-

zations and increase the nonprofits' involvement in projects that help turn our economy around.

Grantees for both programs must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved cost of the project from non-federal funds. This match may be met by cash or in-kind contributions.

HHS' Administration for Children and Families' Office of Community Services will administer the SCF programs. Applicants interested in applying for funds should visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/recovery.html>.

The activities described in this release are being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). To track the progress of HHS activities funded through the ARRA, visit www.hhs.gov/recovery. To track all federal funds provided through the ARRA, visit www.recovery.gov

CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES NEW SMALL BUSINESSES LENDING PROGRAM

Washington, DC – Many local small businesses may soon be eligible for interest-free loans under a new program created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-Mercedes) announced this week.

The newly launched “America’s Recovery Capital” (ARC) program allows small firms to take out loans of \$35,000 to pay down existing business debts. Borrowers pay no interest on the ARC loans and repayment does not begin for one year. The loan program was established through the ARRA, which the President signed into law in February. Hinojosa said the new loans are part of Democrats’ ongoing work to help rebuild the economy.

“There are many businesses throughout Deep South Texas that would be viable in the long term if they could just make it through this rough patch,” said Hinojosa. “That’s why we created this initiative. The ARC program gives entrepreneurs the breathing room they need, so they can pay their bills, retain employees and play their traditional role as job creators in our economic recovery.”

To qualify for the ARC loans, small firms must demonstrate they are experiencing immediate financial hardship due to the economic downturn, but are otherwise deemed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) to be viable. The loans will be made by commercial lenders and can be used for payments of principal and interest for existing, qualifying small business debts like credit card obligations, mortgages, lines of credit, and balances due to suppliers, vendors, and utilities. Hinojosa said that in addition to the ARC loan program, the ARRA contained other measures aimed at helping small firms access credit. For instance, the new law increases the percentage of a loan that the SBA can guarantee, makes SBA-backed loans more affordable and provides tools to unfreeze the small business credit markets, and helping small companies access capital at affordable rates.

“Small businesses are our nation’s most reliable job creators, generating seven out of ten new jobs,” Hinojosa said. “If our nation is going to lift itself out of this recession, we need entrepreneurs to start growing again. The ARC loan program is one element in a whole series of initiatives in the Recovery Act aimed at giving small firms the tools they need to lead our nation back to prosperity.”

To apply for ARC loans, businesses should visit their local SBA-approved small business lenders. The loans will be available through Sept. 30, 2010, or until appropriated funding runs out. Additional information about the ARC loan program is available at:

<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/arclanprogram/index.html>



GREEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND GUIDES



Green Infrastructure Municipal Handbook Grows

EPA is developing The Municipal Handbook to help local officials implement green infrastructure in their communities. The handbook is presented as a series of documents (as separate chapters) that cover issues

such as financing, operation and maintenance, incentives, designs, codes and ordinances, and a variety of other subjects. The handbook chapters are intended to serve as "how to" manuals on these topics, written primarily from the standpoint of municipal implementation. EPA is producing the handbook in sections, with each new element being released as it is completed. To date, EPA has released chapters on funding options, retrofit policies, green streets, and rainwater harvesting policies. EPA expects to release two additional chapters in 2009, the first focusing on green infrastructure incentives and the second on codes and ordinances. Website:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/greeninfrastructure/munichandbook.cfm>

Clean Water Act Nonpoint Source Grant (Section 319 Grants)

Congress amended the Clean Water Act (CWA) in 1987 to establish the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program because it recognized the need for greater federal leadership to help focus State and local Nonpoint source efforts. Under Section 319, States, Territories, and Indian Tribes receive grant money which supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects, and monitoring to assess the success of projects that have been implemented.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/cwact.html>

Recovery Act Clean Diesel Programs - Applications are now available to support clean diesel activities through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). This Recovery Act funding for clean diesel activities will be offered this year in addition to EPA FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program appropriations. A separate competitive announcement for the FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriation funds will be issued later in 2009.

Website: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/prognational.htm>

Brownfields and Land Revitalization- EPA's Brownfields Program provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, and environmental job training. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal part-

ners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfields activities. In addition to direct brownfields funding, EPA also provides technical information on brownfields financing matters. Website:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot.htm>

Eco-Logical Grant Program The Federal Highway Administration's Eco-Logical Grant Program is currently accepting applications for projects that will establish or assist in efforts to conduct an integrated planning effort while developing ecosystem-based approaches for transportation projects. Website:

http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/ecological/eco_es.asp

Rural Utility Service The Department of Agriculture's Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) provide loans, grants and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/>

Targeted Watersheds Grants Program- A competitive grant program that provides funding to community-driven, environmental results oriented watershed projects. To date, more than \$37 million has been awarded to 46 watershed organizations. The program also provides capacity building grants to service provider organizations that can deliver training and tools for all watershed organizations across the country. Website:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/>

US Green Building Council (USGBC) Green Building Research Fund - The USGBC has committed \$2 million for a research grant fund to underscore the critical role that research plays in advancing building science toward environmental and human sustainability. The fund's objective is to provide leverage in achieving progress on critical research and market transformation gaps. Discrete (finite) research projects will result in knowledge, policies, technologies and/or tools that will have an immediate and positive impact on sustainable building development, design, construction and operation. Website:

http://www.usgbc.org/Docs/News/ResearchFund_RFPP_Feb4.pdf

Other Community Events:

- Congressman Hinojosa's Green Energy Grants Workshops - see next page.
- HESTEC at UTPA— (Sept. 27 - Oct. 3, 2009) This year's theme: Green Novation!
<http://hestec.org/>



Congressman Rubén Hinojosa's Energy Grants Workshop

NEW Stimulus Funding and Other Financing Options

**Hosted by the Office of
Congressman Rubén Hinojosa**

**Presentations by:
Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)**

Texas Department of Agriculture

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

BECC/NAD Bank

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

**9 am - 12 pm
Texas State Technical College
Cultural Arts Center
1902 N. Loop 499
Harlingen, Texas**

or

**2pm – 5pm
South Texas College
Cooper Center
3201 W. Pecan
McAllen, Texas**

**Please contact Desiree Mendez at
the Office of Congressman Rubén Hinojosa
at 956-682-5545 or desiree.mendez@mail.house.gov
to RSVP for this event.**

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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>

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

National Association of Latino Arts and Culture Fund for the Arts Accepting Applications From Artists and Arts Organizations

Deadline: 07/13/2009

The National Association of Latino Arts and Culture Fund for the Arts is a field-advised grant that provides financial support to Latino working artists and to small and mid-sized Latino arts organizations in communities across the United States. Support is awarded to nonprofit 501(c)(3) Latino arts organizations working in the fields of dance, interdisciplinary arts, literary arts, media arts, multidisciplinary arts, music, performance art, theater arts, and visual arts. A Latino arts organization is defined as one whose mission is focused on Latino art and culture, whose executive or artistic director is Latino, and/or whose board of directors is at least 51 percent Latino. The applicant must be a member of NALAC, be in existence for at least one fiscal year, have an operating budget of \$1 million or less, and have professional staff, paid or unpaid, able to devote the time necessary to accomplish the proposed objectives. Latino arts organizations meeting these requirements may apply for general operating support, support for capacity-building initiatives, and project support. Individual Latino artists interested in applying for an NFA grant must be a member of NALAC and be at least 18 years old. Whether working solo or in ensembles, Latino artists in the U.S. may apply for support for professional or career development, for creation, development, and presentation of work, and for research or general project needs. Latino artists and organizations are provided with grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 each. Projects must begin after November 1, 2009 and end by September 30, 2010. In addition, an established Latino artist will be awarded the Master Artist Grant of \$20,000 for his/her work in the community and to provide support that enables the Master Artist to serve as a mentor to another artist in the community. Please note: Artists and organizations who received NFA funding in the 2008-09 cycle must wait one year before applying to the NFA again. These grantees will be eligible to apply in 2010.

Website: http://www.nalac.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=4&Itemid=31

National Association of Latino Arts and Culture Introduces New Transnational Cultural Remittances Grant Program

Deadline: 07/24/2009

With support from the Ford Foundation, the National Association of Latino Arts and Culture has announced the introduction of a new competitive grant

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program. The Transnational Cultural Remittances program is designed to increase understanding, support, and recognition of the cultural impact of continued migration of and connection between individuals in Mexico, Central America, and the United States. The program is available to individuals, collectives, and community-based organizations that are engaged in the practical exchange of culture through transnational community connections developed and maintained by culturally and economically linked communities. The program seeks to identify exemplary cultural exchange projects that support grassroots artistic and cultural practices and strengthen social networks and economic justice across national boundaries. Projects demonstrating an ongoing connection between two or more of the following countries will be eligible for consideration to receive a competitive TCR grant in 2009 or 2010: Belize; Costa Rica; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; and United States. Artists and non-governmental organizations in any of these countries may apply. Applicants do not have to include the United States to be considered. Grants will range from \$2,000 to \$20,000

Website: http://www.nalac.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=12&Itemid=231

Dance: Access to Artistic Excellence

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 8/13/2009

The Arts Endowment is particularly interested in projects that extend the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. This is achieved in part through the use of Challenge America: Reaching Every Community funds. Projects to be considered include: Touring and performance activity that emphasizes outreach to underserved communities. (If your project is for children and youth, see "Choosing the Right Category for Children and Youth Projects" to help you in your category selection.), The restaging of master works of historical significance, Documentation, preservation, and conservation of America's dance heritage, Collaboration projects that involve media or technology.

Contact: Dance Specialists, Phone: 202-682-5739 or 202-682-5656, Email: otlongj@arts.gov or mascellij@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

Design: Access to Artistic Excellence

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 8/13/2009

Access to Artistic Excellence encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. While projects in this category may focus on just one of these areas, the Arts Endowment recognizes that many of the most effective projects encompass both artistic excellence and enhanced access. Support is available to organizations for projects that do one or more of the following: Provide opportunities for artists to create, refine, perform, and exhibit their work, Present artistic works of all cultures and periods, Preserve significant works of art and cultural traditions, Enable arts organizations and artists to expand and diversify their audiences, Provide opportunities for individuals to experience and participate in a wide range of art forms and activities, Enhance the effectiveness of arts organizations and artists, Employ the arts in strengthening communities,

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: Design Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5703, Email: brennanm@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

Museums: Access to Artistic Excellence

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 8/13/2009

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grams such as lectures, symposia, and community outreach.

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.

Contact: Musuems Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5576, Email: bancroftd@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

Music: Access to Artistic Excellence

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 8/13/2009

Access to Artistic Excellence encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. While projects in this category may focus on just one of these areas, the Arts Endowment recognizes that many of the most effective projects encompass both artistic excellence and enhanced access. Support is available to organizations for projects that do one or more of the following: Provide opportunities for artists to create, refine, perform, and exhibit their work. Present artistic works of all cultures and periods, Preserve significant works of art and cultural traditions, Enable arts organizations and artists to expand and diversify their audiences, Provide opportunities for individuals to experience and participate in a wide range of art forms and activities, Enhance the effectiveness of arts organizations and artists, Employ the arts in strengthening communities. August 13, 2009, Application Deadline: June 1, 2010, Earliest Beginning Date for Arts Endowment Period of Support: Domestic touring, Outreach projects that involve diverse communities or that reach new audiences, Recordings of works by American composers, Documentation, preservation, and archival projects, Technology projects such as online resources and libraries which provide public access to musical works, Programs that provide access to and experience with the art form for adults, children, and intergenerational groups.

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

COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE 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>

FINRA Investor Education Foundation Announces 2009 Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) Investor Education Foundation has launched its fifth general grant program. The foundation invites nonprofit groups and researchers to apply for funding for projects that support its mission of providing Americans with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary for financial success. The foundation is interested in funding projects that will reach and actively engage at-risk audiences such as seniors and first-time investors by offering them access to unbiased information about the markets and fundamental financial issues. Of particular interest to the foundation in 2009 are projects that focus on using behavioral finance to improve saving and investing, meeting the financial and investor education needs of under-

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served audiences, new marketing and distribution channels for financial and investor education, and helping Americans manage their finances in retirement. The foundation has set no minimum or maximum for the number of grants to be funded or for the amounts of the grant awards. Before submitting a full grant proposal, applicants must submit a simple, three-page project concept form. Eligible applicants whose projects closely align with the foundation's priorities will be invited to submit a full grant proposal. Project concept forms will be accepted at any time during the calendar year. However, submission deadlines correspond to the announcement of grant awards in June and October of 2009

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

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 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

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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

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

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

Deadline: 06/29/2009

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program is administered through USDA Rural Development on a competitive basis. USDA Rural Development announces the availability of approximately \$4.424 million in competitive grant funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2009 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2009 and award grants on or before September 15, 2009. The maximum award per grant is \$200,000 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 are contained 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)). The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 22

Eligible Applicants: Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. Grants may not be made to public bodies.

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

Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Deadline: 06/29/2009

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 funding available through its Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program (TAT). The Rural Utilities Service is providing \$500,000 in funding to conduct water resource studies in the states affected by hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike, and/or Wilma (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas). The additional \$500,000 will be for water resource studies only. Drinking water systems are basic and vital to both health and economic development. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and Wilma severely damaged water systems in the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Without dependable water supply, rural communities in these states will not attract families and businesses to return and invest in the hurricane damaged communities. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need. The additional funding for Water Resource Studies will allow rural communities to better plan and secure dependable water supplies for rebuilding their community's health and economic development. Qualified private non-profit organizations may apply to receive a grant to conduct water resource studies to evaluate sources of dependable water supplies for communities in the hurricane affected states.

Eligible Applicants: The applying entity (Applicant) must: Be a private, non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Be legally established and located within one of the following:

A State within the United States; The District of Columbia; The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; The Republic of the Marshall Islands; The Federated States of Micronesia; The Republic of Palau; The U.S. Virgin Islands; Have the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose; Have no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt.

Contact: Anita O'Brien, Phone: 202-690-3789, Email: anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov

Website: www.usda.gov/rus

Bank of America Accepting Applications for Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Deadline: 06/30/2009

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for the Neighborhood Builders and Local Heroes components of its Neighborhood

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Excellence Initiative. In 2009, the foundation will allocate a total of \$20 million globally to the initiative, which is designed to recognize, nurture, and reward organizations, local heroes, and student leaders helping to strengthen and revitalize their communities in forty-five of the bank's major markets. The Neighborhood Builders program provides \$200,000 in unrestricted grant funding in addition to leadership training for two local nonprofit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods. The Local Heroes program provides recognition of five community heroes whose achievements and leadership on local issues contribute significantly to neighborhood vitality. Recipients direct a \$5,000 contribution to an eligible nonprofit of their choice.

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

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Strengthening Communities Fund - Nonprofit Capacity Building Program

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

Deadline: 07/07/2009

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new cooperative agreements to experienced organizations to provide nonprofit organizations serving as project partners, with capacity building training, technical assistance, and competitive financial assistance. The focus of this program is to build the capacity of funded projects' nonprofit partners in order to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to state and Federal benefits and tax credits. Lead organizations will assist nonprofit organizations working in distressed communities with capacity building activities that support economic recovery. Specifically, lead organizations will assist grassroots organizations working in distressed communities with capacity building activities in five critical areas: 1) organizational development, 2) program development, 3) collaboration and community engagement, 4) leadership development, and 5) evaluation of effectiveness. Capacity building activities are designed to increase an organization's sustainability and effectiveness, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those in need. Successful applicants will be subject to reporting requirements consistent with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Standard Terms and Conditions. In addition, successful applicants will use a quarterly performance progress report (SF-PPR) format specific to Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) awards. The goal of the SCF Nonprofit Capacity Building program is to stimulate grassroots organizations, whether secular or faith based, to maximize their social impact as they provide services to address economic recovery issues present in their communities. Organizations receiving assistance from lead organizations will be better equipped as a result of this program to help low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Number of Awards: 34

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education, Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal governments (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), 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), Private institutions of higher education, For-profit organizations (other than small businesses), Small businesses, Special district governments.

Contact: Thom Campbell, Phone: 800-281-9519, Email: ocs@lcgnet.com

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Strengthening Communities Fund: State, Local, and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program

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

Deadline: 07/07/2009

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) solicits applications to award 48 grants to State, local and Tribal governments to build their capacity to provide nonprofit organizations with capacity building training and technical assistance. Pursuant to this announcement, ACF will award funds to State, city, county, and Indian/Native American Tribal government offices (e.g., offices responsible for outreach to faith-based and community organizations or those interested in initiating such an effort), or their designees, to build their own capacity to partner with community-based and faith-based non-profits and to provide training and technical assistance to help nonprofit faith-based and community organizations better serve those in need and to increase nonprofit organizations' involvement in the economic recovery. Grantees will use program funds to provide free capacity building services to nonprofit organizations, such as a beneficiary benefits clearinghouse, outreach and education, facilitation of partnerships between and among nonprofits and other government agencies, and training and technical assistance to improve awareness of and access to ARRA efforts/benefits and to improve organizational capacity to be active participants in ARRA efforts/benefits. Grantees will also use program funds to build their own capacity to provide these services to nonprofits. The purpose of this grant program is to build the capacity of government offices (or their authorized designee) that provide outreach to faith-based and community-based organizations and to assist nonprofit organizations in addressing the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

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Number of Grants: 48

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), Non-profits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education).

Contact: Thom Campbell , Phone: 800-281-9519 , Email: ocs@lcnnet.com

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Matching Grant Program

U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury), Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Deadline: 07/17/2009

This grant is an Internal Revenue Service initiative designed to promote and support free tax preparation service for the underserved low income populations. These populations include the elderly, disabled, limited English proficient, non-urban, and Native American taxpayers.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for funding under the VITA Grant Program, applicants must meet the following requirements: Qualify as a non-profit organization or government entity, Demonstrate tax compliance with filed federal returns and payment, provide matching funds, not be debarred or suspended, have an A-133 unqualified opinion or qualified opinion without significant deficiency when required by OMB A-133, complete all required reporting due if a previous VITA grant recipient.

Contact: Grant Program Office, Phone: 404-338-7894, Email: Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov

Website: www.irs.gov

Tax Counseling for the Elderly

U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury), Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Deadline: 08/03/2009

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offers FREE tax help to individuals who are age 60 or older. Section 163 of the Revenue Act of 1978, Public Law No. 95-600, 92 Stat. 2810, November 6, 1978, authorizes this cooperative agreement. This Act authorizes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to enter into agreements with private or nongovernmental public non-profit agencies and organizations, exempt under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, which will provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who provide FREE tax counseling and assistance to elderly individuals in the preparation of their Federal income tax returns.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible to apply and participate in the program you must: be a private or public non-profit organization that qualifies for tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; have experience in coordinating volunteer programs; not be a federal, state, or local governmental agency or organization; organizations that participated in the TCE Program previously must have submitted all required reports timely as stated in the Management of Funds section of this publication; including financial forms (quarterly/final), the final narrative report and all of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Payment Management System (PMS) on-line Federal Financial Reports.

Contact: TCE Grant Program Office, Phone: 404-338-7894, Email: tce.grant.office@irs.gov

Website: www.irs.gov

Chase Community Development Competition Opens for Students and Not-for-Profits

Deadline: 09/18/2009

Chase the U.S. consumer and commercial banking business of JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Enterprise Community Partners have announced the opening of the 2009 Chase Community Development Competition.

Held in New Orleans for the second consecutive year, this real-estate design competition matches the practical design ideas of college students working in partnership with local nonprofits with the real-life community needs of low- to moderate income families in the Crescent City. The winning teams will receive pre-development grants for the sponsoring nonprofit to assist in the implementation of the student's design. The first-place entry will receive a \$25,000 pre-development grant, the second-place design will receive a \$15,000 grant, and the third-place winners will receive a \$10,000 grant. Any project completed during the 2009 academic school year will be eligible to compete. Project proposals must focus on New Orleans, and teams must partner with a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A university can have no more than two teams participating in the competition.

Website: http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/local_work/gulf_coast/

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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 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 pro-

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gram 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, youth leadership development.

Maximum Award: \$500,000

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

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

Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Deadline: 06/26/2009 letter of intent, 7/23/2009 Final applications

The purposes of the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) Grants Program are to: Improve student achievement; improve the quality of new and prospective teachers by improving the preparation of prospective teachers and enhancing professional development activities for new teachers; hold teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education (IHEs) accountable for preparing highly qualified teachers; and recruit highly qualified individuals, including minorities and individuals from other occupations, into the teaching force. More specifically, the TQP Grants Program seeks to improve the quality of new teachers by creating partnerships among IHEs, high-need school districts (local educational agencies (LEAs)) their high-need schools, and/or high-need early childhood education (ECE) program. These partnerships would create model teacher preparation programs at the pre-baccalaureate level through the implementation of specific reforms of the IHE's existing teacher preparation programs, and/or model teaching residency programs for individuals with strong academic and/or professional backgrounds but without teaching experience. The TQP Grants Program may also support school leadership programs to train superintendents, principals, ECE program directors, and other school leaders in high-need or rural LEAs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$2,000,000

Number of Awards: 25-35

Eligible Applicants: An eligible applicant must be an "eligible partnership" as defined in section 200(6) of the HEA. The fiscal agent of the grant must be one of the required partners in the eligible partnership, as described in section 200 of the HEA. We are establishing this requirement in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of GEPA to ensure that a required member of the partnership is responsible for the administration of the grant. The eligible partnership means an entity that:

(1) Must include each of the following: A high-need LEA, A high-need school or consortium of high-need schools served by the high-need LEA, or, as applicable, a high-need ECE program, a partner institution, A school, department, or program of education within such partner institution, which may include an existing teacher professional development program with proven outcomes within a four-year IHE that provides intensive and sustained collaboration between faculty and LEAs consistent with the requirements of Title II of the HEA, A school or department of arts and sciences within such partner institution; and (2) May include any of the following: The Governor of the State, The State educational agency, The State board of education, The State agency for higher education, a business, A public or private nonprofit educational organization, an educational service agency, a teacher organization, a high-performing LEA, or a consortium of high-performing LEAs, that can serve as a resource to the partnership, a charter school (as defined in section 5210 of the ESEA), a school or department within the partner institution that focuses on psychology and human development, a school or department within the partner institution with comparable expertise in the disciplines of teaching, learning, and child and adolescent development, a An entity operating a program that provides alternative routes to State certification of teachers.

Contact: Program Specialist, Phone: 202-260-0563, Email: TQPartnership@ed.gov.

Website: www.ed.gov

Applications Invited for National Association of Elementary School Principals/MetLife Foundation Sharing the Dream Grants

Deadline: 07/08/2009

A program of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the MetLife Foundation, the Sharing the Dream Grants competition is designed to support elementary and middle school principals in their work to foster and encourage strong school-community relationships. The program provides support to principals working to develop programs committed to heightening community leadership, communication, ownership, and involvement in their schools with the goal of improving achievement for all students. Program grants allow principals to test ideas about involving and engaging their communi-

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ties to build greater ownership for the work of their school by sharing leadership and decision-making, by keeping all stakeholders informed about all school news, and by creating a school climate that fosters open communication, safety and security, and respect for every individual. Elementary and middle school principals in the United States and its territories are eligible to apply. Selected principals will receive a \$3,000 grant to initiate a project designed to actively engage their communities.

Website: <http://www.naesp.org/resources/1/Pdfs/09SharingtheDreamApp.pdf>

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Early Head Start Expansion

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

Deadline: 07/09/2009

This grant award is being made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5). Funding will support the enrollment of additional children and families as well as create new teaching and other positions in Early Head Start programs. The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations or for-profit organizations, that wish to compete for funds that are available to provide Early Head Start services to pregnant women, infants and toddlers and their families. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$619 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding enrollment by approximately 55,000 low-income children and their families. This expansion is only to increase the number of pregnant women, infants and toddlers served in Early Head Start. Financial assistance will be competitively awarded to local public and local non-profit and for-profit private entities, including Early Head Start and Head Start grantees, to provide child and family development services for low-income families with infants and toddlers ages birth to three years and pregnant women who are not currently being served by a Head Start or Early Head Start program. Early Head Start programs are funded to provide early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services. The purpose of the Early Head Start program is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; to assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and post partum care; to support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and to help parents move toward self-sufficiency. Research demonstrates that such early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive programs that are well implemented improve school readiness outcomes for children. This grant opportunity is being made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Successful applicants will be subject to reporting requirements consistent with the Act and with current Head Start regulations.

Maximum Grant Size: \$5,000,000

Number of Awards: 600

Eligible Applicants: County governments, Local Governments, city or township governments, Regional Organizations, Independent school districts, Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education, Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, Public/Indian Housing Authorities, Non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), For-profit organizations (other than small businesses), Small businesses, Public, private and State institutions of higher learning, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Special district governments, State governments, Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply under this announcement. Priority will be given to entities with a record of providing early, continuous, and comprehensive child and family development services.

Contact: Angie Godfrey, Phone: 866-796-1591, Email: OHS@dixongroup.com

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Open Meadows Foundation: Grants for Women and Girls

Deadline: 08/15/2009

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; promote building community power; promote racial, social, economic and environmental justice; 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. Deadline: August 15, 2009.

<http://www.openmeadows.org/>

First Choice Power Classroom Energy Innovation Grant Applications Available for Texas Teachers

Deadline: 09/15/2009

Electricity provider First Choice Power is accepting online applications for its Classroom Energy Innovation Grants. First Choice Power will award grants to inventive teachers across Texas working to stimulate and inspire young minds with innovative classroom projects on energy and energy efficiency. Full-time Texas K-12 teachers and pre-K teachers with an early childhood license in communities served by First Choice Power are eligible to apply

Website: <http://www.firstchoicepower.com/innovation>

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National Gardening Association Invites Applications for 2009 Hooked on Hydroponics Education Grants

Deadline: 09/18/2009

The Grow Store and ProgressiveGardening.org have joined with the National Gardening Association to offer hydroponic equipment to expand indoor gardening opportunities for elementary and middle and high school students. The program will provide thirty-six schools with equipment and learning materials for hydroponics projects that involve at least fifteen children between the ages of 6 and 18 during the 2010 school year. Applicants must verify that their facility can accommodate the equipment in the award packages available for their age group.

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

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>

The Student Conservation Association: Green Your School Contest

Deadline: 10/09/2009

The Student Conservation Association's Green Your School Contest stimulates and/or identifies conservation service projects designed by high school students that improve, restore, beautify, or conserve their high school environment. Entries will be judged according to the following criteria: the project has or will improve the environmental health of the school; the project is sustainable; the project is initiated by students and engages other students, teachers, and school administrators; the submission itself is of high quality; and the project engaged the community. Maximum award: \$5,000. Website:

<http://www.thesca.org/green-your-school>

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. 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>

Wild Ones: Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grants

Deadline: 11/15/2009

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. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: schools, nature centers, and other non-profit and not-for-profit places of learning, including houses of worship with a site available for this stewardship project.

Website: <http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.htm>

Character Education Partnership: National Schools of Character

Deadline: 12/01/2009

The National Schools of Character Awards identify exemplary schools and districts to serve as models for others, and helps schools and districts improve their efforts in effective character education. Maximum award: \$2,000. Eligibility: To be eligible, a school must have been engaged in character education

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for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2006 for the 2010 awards. Districts need to have been engaged in character education for a minimum of four full years, starting no later than December 2005. Smaller administrative units that maintain a separate identity within a large district may apply in the district category, e.g., a school pyramid or cluster. Website: <http://www.character.org/nsocapplicationprocess>

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William Randolph Hearst Foundations Health Grants

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Hearst Foundations are committed to supporting programs that seek to improve and assure access to quality health care for underserved populations in both urban and rural areas. Grants are awarded primarily to leading regional hospitals, medical centers and specialized medical institutions, such as children's and women's hospitals. The Foundations support direct medical services that promote wellness, prevention and rehabilitation. Primary areas of interest include cancer, perinatology, pediatrics, women's health, and healthcare for the elderly and the disabled. A small number of grants are made to support medical research, primarily in the areas of cancer and pediatric neuromotor disabilities. In addition, the Foundations have established several endowments at leading medical research institutions to provide young scientific investigators with research fellowships.

Website: http://www.hearstfdn.org/fp_health.html

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_reg/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

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partner with diversity-focused funders and other local grant makers 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, 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.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20781>

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Partnerships to Address Immunization Training and Information Needs of Health Department Staff, Coalitions, Nurses, and Medical Residents

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

Deadline: 07/06/2009

CDC's long-standing immunization cooperative agreement partnerships have greatly benefited public health. These partnerships have met prescribed goals of increasing awareness of immunization recommendations, fostering the development and implementation of effective immunization programs, and helping to achieve high and sustain immunization coverage levels. In addition, these partnerships have led to countless other, immeasurable benefits for public health: access to thousands of the nation's healthcare providers in times when urgent immunization information needs to be disseminated quickly; promotion of CDC immunization activities (e.g. the National Influenza Summit, National Influenza Vaccination Week and National Infant Immunization Week); and cross-pollination of partners that has multiplied the reach of any individual partners. Despite the success of these partnerships, tightening budgets and shifting priorities have impacted the CDC immunization partners' program. CDC now funds fewer immunization partners and for fewer activities than in years past. This funding provides an opportunity for CDC to conduct time limited enhancements of its immunization partners' program through the creation of new partnerships that will address specific, unmet needs in information and education regarding immunizations and using theory-based approaches to communicate about them as described below in efforts to increase immunization coverage.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Grants: 8

Eligible Applicants: Public nonprofit organizations, Private nonprofit organizations, Universities, Colleges, Research institutions, Hospitals, Community-based organizations, Faith-based organizations, Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes, Indian tribal organizations.

Contacts: Duane Kilgus, Phone: 404-639-6354, Email: DKilgus@cdc.gov

Website: www.cdc.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 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>

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Basic Center Program

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

Deadline: 07/13/2009

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP), which is authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Act to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide runaway and homeless youth with a safe and appropriate shelter, individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate, and aftercare. The goal of BCP is to provide a positive alternative for youth, ensure their safety, and maximize their potential to take advantage of available shelter and non-shelter opportunities. Through BCP, FYSB works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The central purpose of BCPs is to provide youth with emergency shelter and support services that assist youth in crisis (food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care), reunite youth with their families (as appropriate), strengthen family relationships, and help youth transition to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements where they can become independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 91

Eligible Applicants: Public and non-profit private entities and coordinated networks of such entities are eligible applicants under this announcement. Additional information on eligibility may be found in the full announcement.

Contact: Marnay Cameron, Phone: 866-796-1591, Email: fysb@dixongroup.com

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Susan Harwood Training Grant Program

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Deadline: 07/24/2009

The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awards funds to nonprofit organizations to provide training and educational programs for employers and workers about safety and health topics selected by OSHA. Nonprofit organizations, including qualifying labor unions and community-based and faith-based organizations that are not an agency of a State or local government are eligible to apply. Additionally, State or local government-supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply in accordance with 29 CFR part 95. This notice announces grant availability for Susan Harwood Training Program grants. All information and forms needed to apply for this funding opportunity are published as part of this SGA or are available on the Grants.gov site. The Susan Harwood Training Grant Program provides funds for programs to train workers and employers to recognize, avoid, and prevent safety and health hazards in their workplaces. The program emphasizes four areas: 1) Educating workers and employers in small businesses. For purposes of this grant program, a small business is one with 250 or fewer employees, 2) Training workers and employers about new OSHA standards, 3) Training at-risk worker and employer populations, 4) Training workers and employers about high risk activities or hazards identified by OSHA through the Department of Labor's Strategic Plan, or as part of an OSHA special emphasis program.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, including qualifying labor unions and community-based and faith-based organizations that are not an agency of a State or local government are eligible to apply. Additionally, State or local government-supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply in accordance with 29 CFR part 95. Eligible organizations can apply independently for funding or in partnership with other eligible organizations, but in such a case, the lead organization must be identified. Sub-grants are not authorized. Subcontracts, if any, must be awarded in accordance with 29 CFR 95.40- 48, including OMB circulars requiring full and open competition for procurement transactions, to the maximum extent practicable.

Contact: Cynthia Bencheck, Phone: 847-297-4810, Email: bencheck.cindy@dol.gov

Website: www.osha.gov

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seeks Active Living Research Proposals

Deadline: 07/29/2009

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that supports research to identify promising policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity, decreasing sedentary behaviors, and preventing obesity among children and adolescents. The program puts special emphasis on strategies with the potential to reach racial/ethnic populations and children living in lower-income communities who are at highest risk for obesity. This funding opportunity provides two types of grants. Support for research will be provided through the foundation's New Connections program, and for research or publication through its Active Living Research program. To be eligible, investigators must represent populations historically disadvantaged and underrepresented in research, including racial/ethnic minority researchers, those from lower-income communities, and first-generation college graduates. Applicants must have completed a doctorate or terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D., J.D.) within the past seven years (after September 1, 2002), must demonstrate evidence of research skills relevant to the proposed study or publication, and must be affiliated with or sponsored by a university or an organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code. A total of up to \$336,000 will be awarded for research and publication grants. Four 12- to 18-month research grants will provide up to \$75,000 each. Three 12-month publication grants will provide up to \$12,000 each.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20804>

HOUSING

Green Communities Initiative Announces Grant Guidelines

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Green Communities Initiative is a five-year, \$550 million initiative to build more than 8,500 homes across the United States that provide significant health, economic, and environmental benefits to low-income families and communities. The effort is a partnership of the Enterprise Foundation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, in collaboration with the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, and leading corporate, financial, and philanthropic organizations. The initiative will offer financing, grants, and technical assistance to developers to build affordable housing that promotes health, conserves energy and natural resources, and provides easy access to jobs, schools, and services. Grants will help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing projects, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. A minimum of \$1 million in grant funds is available to participants. Individual grant amounts will range between \$15,000 and \$50,000. The grant competition is open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities. For-profit entities may participate through joint ventures with qualified organizations.

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

Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program for New Construction

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

Deadline: 06/29/2009

This NOFA announces the timeframe to submit initial applications for Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) loan funds, including applications for the nonprofit set-aside for eligible nonprofit entities, the set-aside for the most Underserved Counties and Colonias (Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act), and the set-aside for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs) and Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) zones, and a designated reserve for States with rental assistance programs. This document describes the methodology that will be used to distribute funds, the application process, submission requirements, and areas of special emphasis or consideration.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit entities

Contact: Sue Harris-Green, Phone: 202-720-1660, Email: Susie.Harris@wdc.usda.gov

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

Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants

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

Deadline: 07/10/2009

The Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within Rural Development, announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private non-profit organizations, which may

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include, but not be limited to, faith-based and community organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations found in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which require the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of reapplications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The intended effect of this Notice is to provide eligible organizations notice of these dates.

Eligible Applicants: entities include state and local governments, non-profit corporations, which may include, but not be limited to faith-based and community organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes, and consortia of eligible entities.

Contact: Bonnie Edwards-Jackson, Phone: 202-690-0759, Email: Bonnie.Edwards@wdc.usda.gov.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs>

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

Fire Station Construction Grants

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

Deadline: 07/10/2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) provided the Department of Homeland Security with \$210,000,000 to fund the construction and modification of fire stations. The program will be administered by the Assistance to Firefighters Program Office under FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate. The grants under this new program will be awarded directly to the fire departments on a competitive basis. In creating this new program, the Assistance to Firefighters Program Office utilized the established process employed for all other grant opportunities. DHS involved the nine major fire service organizations to obtain insight and expertise providing funding priority recommendations. Applications will be submitted via the automated e-grant application. The submitted applications will be screened using the answers to the questions in the application to determine which applications will go to panel. Finally, a panel of peers will review each application sent to panel and provide recommendations regarding which applications will be funded.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for FSC are limited to non-Federal fire departments operating in any of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Puerto Rico are eligible for funding. Any authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) may apply on behalf of the fire department if the AHJ has authority over the fire department and will be contributing toward the project administratively, financially or both.

Contact: Grant Program Specialist, Email: firegrants@dhs.gov, Website: www.firegrantssupport.com

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National Audubon Society: Pennies for the Planet

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Pennies for the Planet helps young people get involved with conservation by taking part in local conservation action projects, and by collecting, saving, and sending in pennies for national and worldwide conservation projects. In this year's Pennies for the Planet campaign, students and their families can learn about three conservation projects around the U.S. that need help. Each Pennies project represents a conservation effort that will leave a legacy for future generations. Maximum award: National Audubon Society staff will visit prize-winning school to create a program about wildlife and wild places.

Eligibility: kids working in classrooms, clubs, Scout troops, other groups, and on their own.

<http://www.togethergreen.org/p4p/Educators.aspx>

Conservation Fund Accepting Applications for Greenways Grants

Deadline: 06/30/2009

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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

Project Learning Tree: Green Works! Grants

Deadline: 10/31/2009

Project Learning Tree (PLT) GreenWorks! grants engage PLT educators and their students with their community via "learning-by-doing" environmental projects that involve student leadership, service-learning, and community participation. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: Educators who have received PLT training. Project must be youth-planned and -executed, and integrate student learning and community service. It also must include at least one community partner, such as a local organization or business, and must acquire 50 percent matching funds.

Website: http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_21.html

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 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 Skate park 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

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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 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.jhtml?page=26&item=bowerman>

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Funding Links

- Federal (Grants.gov): <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp>
- State (Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts): <http://window.state.tx.us/recovery/>

For information on these and other funding opportunities, please contact:

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