



Grants Alert

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HINOJOSA SECURES \$5,000 GRANT FOR BEE COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-Mercedes) announced a \$5,000 grant for the Bee County Crime Stoppers to be used to promote the Crime Stopper's Community and Campus programs.

The \$5,000 for the Bee County Crime Stoppers was included in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which will fund the federal government through September 30th.

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Crime Stoppers exists to give citizens a way to anonymously help law enforcement officials solve ongoing investigations. "I am pleased that the federal government has recognized our plans to support our region's law enforcement programs," Hinojosa said.



"This much-needed influx of funding will expand efforts to promote the valuable and effective Crime Stoppers Safe School and Community programs that help keep our communities safe."

According to Cathy Brown, President of Bee County Crime Stoppers, "With this funding from Congressman Hinojosa, we will be given a better opportunity to obtain tip information. One of our goals is to expand Crime Stoppers into surrounding counties within Congressional District Texas 15. Our board of directors is very appreciative of Congressman Hinojosa's support for our program. He can be assured that the money will be put to good

use."

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/>

DEEP SOUTH TEXAS AWARDED \$ 372,286 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

Washington D.C. - Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced today that \$372,286 has been awarded to Deep South Texas by the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). Federal funds totaling \$100 million were made available to the EFSP, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), to bring immediate relief to communities to address unemployment, poverty and other needs in light of the economic climate faced by our country.

American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America, provides supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens, and food banks. One-month awards for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance are also available. The funds are used to help individuals and families with non-disaster, temporary emergency needs.

Congressman Hinojosa said, "I am pleased that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 continues to bring needed relief to the families of Deep South Texas. In these tough economic times, we need to do everything we can to help those in need meet their basic needs for food and shelter. These funds will be put to good use doing that."



In each funded jurisdiction, a Local Board advertises the availability of the funds, establishes local priorities, selects local non-profit and government agencies to receive supplemental funding, and monitors program compliance. The Local Board's composition mirrors the EFSP National Board, with a local government official replacing FEMA and board members voting to select their chair.

Funds will be distributed to support social service agencies in more than 2,500 cities and counties across the country. EFSP grant funds are used to supplement food, shelter, rent, mortgage and utility assistance programs for people with non-disaster related emergencies. The following jurisdictions are receiving funds:

Hinojosa added, "The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is a great program that has continuously been active in helping Texans recover in our times of need. With this increased assistance for 2009, our communities can continue their path towards recovery."

Bee County	\$7,641
Cameron County	\$107,095
De Witt County	\$4,253
Hidalgo County	\$222,342
Jim Wells County	\$9,944
Karnes County	\$3,461
San Patricio County	\$17,460

The EFSP has been in existence since 1983 and was authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987. With the ARRA funding, more than \$3.404 billion in federal aid will have been disbursed through the EFSP since its inception to communities nationwide, and has accounted for millions of additional meals and nights of shelter to the hungry and homeless most in need across the nation.

Additional jurisdictions in South Texas may be selected at a later date by the EFSP State Set-Aside Committee. The EFSP National Board, chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and composed of representatives from

A state-by-state list of the eligible jurisdictions and award amounts is available at www.efsp.unitedway.org.

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES EDUCATION GRANT FOR CUERO ISD

Washington D.C. – Congressman Ruben Hinojosa (TX-15) announced today that the Cuero Independent School District will receive \$389,653 through a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is part of the department's Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program that is designed to enable local education agencies to establish or expand elementary and secondary school counseling programs.



Grant recipients will use funds to support counseling programs in elementary and secondary schools. Schools will establish or expand counseling programs through hiring qualified school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, or child and adolescent psychiatrists with a goal of expanding the range, availability, quantity and quality of counseling services available. Counseling services will use a developmental, prevention approach, and will be designed and implemented with the involvement of parents of the participating students.

"This is great news for the community of Cuero." Congressman Hinojosa said. "This is an important program that will help the school district provide our students with excellent counseling resources on campus. I have the greatest confidence that the Cuero Independent School District will put these funds to good use."

For more information on the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/elseccounseling/index.html>



CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$695,000 FROM THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE COMING TO TEXAS 15TH DISTRICT

Washington D.C. – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investing \$695,000 in the 15th Congressional District of Texas for projects designed to create jobs, improve facilities, and promote conservation. The funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that Congress passed this February.

Congressman Hinojosa added, "I would like to thank the Department of the Interior, and Secretary Ken Salazar, for the leadership and commitment to preserving our natural resources and for the prudent and expeditious use of funds approved by the Recovery Act."

Congressman Hinojosa said, "This investment is great news for the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. With these funds, they will be able to perform needed repairs that protect our local environmental treasures."

Projects are as follows:

The projects funded by this investment include five maintenance projects by the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. These projects range from the rehabilitation of foot trails along the Salineno and Arroyo Los Negros tracts to the rehabilitation of fences and walls.

According to a statement from the Department of the Interior, "All the projects represent priority needs identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its capital planning process or existing plans. The agency worked through a merit-based process to identify and prioritize projects before finalizing the project list by ensuring the investments met the criteria put forth in the Recovery Act: namely, that a project addresses the Department's highest priority mission needs; generates the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time; and creates lasting value for the American public."

- Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR :Rehabilitate foot trails on Salineno and Arroyo Los Negros tract— \$ 32,000.00
- Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR: Rehabilitate 0.6 miles of degraded existing service-use dirt road on the Arroyo los Negros tract— \$93,000.00
- Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR: Replace barbed wire boundary fence and 4 gates— \$192,000.00
- Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR :Rehabilitate two 40-foot long concrete walls—\$ 32,000.00
- Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR: Replace dilapidated 4-strand barbed wire boundary fence—\$346,000.00

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

TEMPLE, TEXAS, - USDA Rural Development Acting State Director, Scooter Brockette, announced that the Agency is accepting applications for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program for Fiscal Year 2009 as published in the April 29, 2009 Federal Register. Applications will compete nationwide.

The RCDG Program fosters rural cooperative development through projects that provide rural residents with education and technical assistance in areas of cooperative startup, marketing and managing, and other self-help tools. The grants are available to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. The maximum award per grant is \$200,000 and matching funds are required.

RCDG application materials may be obtained at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm> or by

contacting Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist, at (254) 742-9775. Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to RCDG Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 3250, Room 4016-South, Washington, DC 20250-3250 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than June 29, 2009.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

UTPA & TANO ANNOUNCE TRAINING SERIES FOR NON PROFITS

**Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations &
The Southwest Border Nonprofit Resource Center**
Present

Nonprofit Financial Management Series - June 15 - June 17, 2009

**International Room, The University of Texas-Pan American
1201 W. University Drive, ITT Bldg., Edinburg, TX 78539**

Being part of a nonprofit organization provides many rewards, both individually and communally. However, too often a nonprofit organization's lifespan is cut short because of finances, sometimes leaving questions of "why did this happen?" or "how did we get here?"

A nonprofit organization's financial health depends on precise execution of the key components of an annual operating cycle. This series is an in-depth exploration of the major components. This series will leave you with a comprehensive grasp of how to develop your nonprofit organization's financial health, thus supporting the life of your mission and allowing you to better facilitate the efforts of your volunteers

Visit SBNRC website for more information:

http://ce.utpa.edu/sbnrc/pdf/Financial_Management.pdf

For questions, call TANO at 972-839-9960 or info@tano.org

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

Other Community Events:

- Congressman Hinojosa's Green Energy Grants Workshop - To be announced in May
- RGV Sustainability Conference - May 26, 2009 - McAllen Convention Center
- HESTEC at UTPA— (Sept. 27 - Oct. 3, 2009) This year's theme: Green Novation!



PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS LANDMARK NATIONAL SERVICE LEGISLATION



Washington D.C. – President Obama delivered an early victory for a central cause of his Administration by signing into law a sweeping expansion of national service that will engage millions of Americans in addressing local needs through volunteer service. The President signed the landmark Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act today at a Washington DC elementary school, joined by Vice President Biden, First Lady Michelle Obama, Dr. Jill Biden, Members of Congress, former President Clinton, former First Lady Rosalyn Carter, and an audience of nonprofit leaders and national service volunteers. The President was introduced by the bill's namesake and longtime service champion Senator Kennedy, who co-authored the legislation with Senator Orrin Hatch.

After signing the bill, the President, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden, and former President Bill Clinton will plant trees and restore habitat in an environmental service project with AmeriCorps members and high school students at a local park. The Serve America Act reauthorizes and expands national service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency created in 1993. The Corporation engages four million Americans in result-driven service each year, including 75,000 AmeriCorps members, 492,000 Senior Corps volunteers, 1.1 million Learn and Serve America students, and 2.2 million additional community volunteers mobilized and managed through the agency's programs.

This bill had a fast bipartisan sprint through Congress. The President called on Congress to send him the Kennedy-Hatch national service legislation in his joint address on February 25. The bill was introduced on March 8 and passed the House on a 321 to 105 vote on March 18. The Senate followed suit one week later with a 79-19 vote, with final passage in the House on March 31, just 22 days after it was introduced.

"The broad bipartisan support for this legislation, and its remarkably swift journey through Congress, reflect the growing national consensus that service is a powerful response to the economic and social challenges facing America today," said Corporation Board Chair Alan Solomont. "Across the country, people are looking for ways to help their neighbors and their communities. This bill will help us channel more of that energy into meeting local and national needs."

The legislation comes at a time of growing social need caused by the economic downturn and a corresponding "compassion surge" of Americans wanting to help those left vulnerable by its impact. The Corporation reported today that AmeriCorps received 17,038 online applications in March, nearly triple the 6,770 received in March of 2008. In the past five months, the agency received 48,520 online applications, up 234% over the 14,532 applications it received dur-

ing the same five month period a year ago. Many volunteer centers and nonprofits groups are also reporting a recent increase in volunteers.

"The President's call to service at a time of great need is striking a responsive chord with the American public, especially millennials and baby boomers," said Acting CEO Nicola Goren. "In this economic downturn, we need service and volunteering more than ever, and this legislation expresses the country's support for service when it's needed most."

The Serve America Act, which goes into effect on October 1, would increase and enhance opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve by increasing AmeriCorps from 75,000 to 250,000 positions over the next eight years, while increasing opportunities for students and older Americans to serve. It will strengthen America's civic infrastructure through social innovation, volunteer mobilization, and building nonprofit capacity. The new law is also designed to strengthen the management, cost-effectiveness and accountability of national service programs by increasing flexibility, consolidating funding streams, and introducing more competition. For a bill summary, [click here](#).

"This bill will help unleash a powerful new wave of service and civic action to help tackle our nation's toughest challenges," said Solomont. "We are grateful to Representatives George Miller, Bud McKeon, Carolyn McCarthy, and Todd Platts and to Senator Kennedy, Senator Hatch, Senator Mikulski, and Senator Enzi and all those who worked on this historic bipartisan step for national service. We look forward to working with Congress and the White House to fund and implement this Act."

The bill follows quickly on the heels of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided \$200 million to support up to 13,000 AmeriCorps members serving in distressed communities. Acting CEO Goren will swear in the first 200 Recovery Act AmeriCorps members at a VISTA training this Friday in Albuquerque, putting "boots on the ground" to help citizens affected by the economic downturn.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year, the Corporation engages four million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America programs. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.

RELATED LINKS:

One Star Foundation (Texas): <http://www.onestarfoundation.org/>

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AGRICULTURE

Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions

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

Deadline: 05/11/2009

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 90

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

Contact: Lydia M. Astorga, Phone: 202-260-4728, Email: Ed@rma.usda.gov

Website: www.rma.usda.gov

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

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

Deadline: 05/13/2009

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

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by a collaborative state, tribal, local, or regionally-based network or partnership of public or private entities. These collaborations may include the following entities: State cooperative extension services; Federal, State, or tribal agencies; community based and nongovernmental organizations; junior and four-year colleges or universities or foundations maintained by a college or university; private for-profit organizations; and other appropriate partners. Inclusion of beginning and/or non-beginning farmers and ranchers as part of the collaborative group is strongly

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encouraged. Individuals are not eligible for consideration under any category applicable to the BFRDP program.

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Website: www.csrees.usda.gov

Community Food Projects

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

Deadline: 05/13/2009

CSREES announces the availability of funds and requests applications for the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program for fiscal year 2009 to support: 1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; 2) a project that provide Training and Technical Assistance on a nationwide basis to entities interested in developing new Community Food Projects or assisting current grantees; and 3) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities. CSREES anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2009 will be approximately \$5,000,000. The primary goals of the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) are to: 1) Meet the food needs of low-income individuals; 2) Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; 3) Promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues; or 4) Meet specific State, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Infrastructure improvement and development; Planning for long-term solutions; or

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

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

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Website: www.csrees.usda.gov

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

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

Summer Grants

National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF)

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

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

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Maximum Grant Size: \$18,000

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

Contact email: grants@filmpreservation.org

Website: www.filmpreservation.org

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 05/28/2009

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

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

Website: www.arts.gov

History Channel: Save Our History Grant

Deadline: 06/05/2009

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

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

Arts Education: Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 06/11/2009

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Website: www.arts.gov

Funding Opportunities

Open Society Institute Seeks Proposals for Documentary Photography Distribution Grants

Deadline: 06/19/2009

The Open Society Institute Documentary Photography Project is offering a grant to documentary photographers who have already completed a significant body of work on issues of social justice, to collaborate with a partner organization and propose new ways of using photography as a tool for positive social change. All applicant photographers must work with another entity (such as a nonprofit, NGO, or community-based organization) to design an innovative distribution strategy that targets specific communities and advocates for social change. The program will award grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 each.

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

Preservation and Access Education and Training

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 07/11/2009

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

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

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

Website: www.neh.gov

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

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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

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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.

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Music: Access to Artistic Excellence

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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 in-

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creased 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 underserved 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>

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Charles Stewart Mott Foundation "Pathways out of Poverty"

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

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

Veterans Corp. Development Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Estimated funding: Award ceiling: \$50,000

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

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

Wells Fargo Charitable Contributions Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

The Kresge Foundation Capital Challenge Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

Citizenship Grant Program

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Deadline: 05/15/2009

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Number of Awards: 12

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Eligible Applicants: Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) having demonstrated experience in providing citizenship and/ or immigration-related services to legal immigrants are eligible for funding under this program. CBOs are defined as a public or private non-profit organization which is representative of a community or significant segments of a community and which provides educational or related services to individuals in the community. Such entities include but are not limited to: educational, community, and faith-based organizations; adult education organizations; libraries; volunteer and literacy organizations; etc.

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

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

Public Telecommunications Facilities Program

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

Deadline: 5/18/2009

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

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

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

Website: www.doc.gov

Community Development Financial Institutions Program

U.S. Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (The Fund)

Deadline: 05/27/2009

For FY 2009, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund), an office within the Department of the Treasury, will conduct its CDFI Program funding round in two components: (i) the Initial FY 2009 Funding Round, as set forth in the NOFA published on August 15, 2008 (73 Federal Register 48011), and the Fund's Recovery Act Implementation Plan, issued on March 18, 2009 pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5, Division A, Title V) (hereafter, the Recovery Act), and (ii) the Supplemental FY 2009 Funding Round, as set forth in this NOFA. Together, the two components comprise the FY 2009 Funding Round of the CDFI Program. Through the CDFI Program, the Fund provides: (i) FA awards to CDFIs that have Comprehensive Business Plans for creating demonstrable community development impact through the deployment of credit, capital, and financial services within their respective Target Markets or the expansion into new Investment Areas, Low-Income Targeted Populations, or Other Targeted Populations, and (ii) technical assistance (TA) grants to CDFIs and entities proposing to become CDFIs in order to build their capacity to better address the community development and capital access needs of their existing or proposed Target Markets and/or to become certified CDFIs.

Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/>

Funding Available for Neighborhoods to Improve Pedestrian Safety

Deadline: 05/29/2009

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

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

Community Economic Development Projects

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

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

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, contingent upon available funding, the Office of Community Services (OCS) will award Community Economic Development

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(CED) discretionary grant funds to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for well-planned, financially viable, and innovative projects to enhance job creation and business development in low-income communities. The grants will be made as part of a broader strategy to address objectives such as arresting tendencies toward financial dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas. These grants are intended to help CDCs, alone or in partnership with third-party partners, create business development and expansion opportunities that will address the economic needs of low-income individuals through the creation of employment and business opportunities in low-income communities. Grantees must recruit low-income individuals to fill the positions, offer support to help those individuals successfully hold those jobs, and ensure that the businesses and the jobs created remain viable for at least two years after the end of the grant period. For CED grants, low-income individuals are defined as those living in households with incomes at or below 125 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Guidelines on Poverty, found at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml>. In addition to a well-planned and viable strategy for business creation or expansion, applicants must have in place: (1) written financial commitments for all non-CED funding, (2) needed management, staff, and other resources, (3) evidence of site control in the form of a lease agreement or deed, and (4) referral sources to help identify low-income individuals to fill the positions. In FY 2009, OCS has a specific interest in funding strong projects that will create jobs in high growth sectors, or that operate in states that currently receive no CED or Job Opportunities for Low-income Individuals (JOLI) funding.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Number of Awards: 47

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

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

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals

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

Deadline: 05/08/2009

The Office of Community Services' (OCS) Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program supports business development and expansion opportunities, including micro-enterprise and self-employment opportunities, in an effort to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. Grantees may provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in low-income communities in order to create sustainable employment and business opportunities. Funded projects should focus on one of the following three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise projects. A minimum of 20 percent of the JOLI funds must be allotted to direct financial assistance to program participants for creating or expanding a business. Grantees must ensure that TANF recipients and other low-income individuals are recruited to participate in business development and expansion activities, and to fill positions created under the program. The program must help TANF recipients and other low-income individuals overcome personal or community barriers, and ensure that the businesses and jobs remain viable for at least six months after the end of the grant. For JOLI grants, low-income individuals are defined as those living in households with incomes at or below poverty, as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Guidelines on Poverty, found at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml>. In addition to a well-planned and viable strategy for business creation or expansion, applicants must have in place: (1) needed management, staff, and other resources, (2) written commitments from third-party partners, (3) evidence of site control, and (4) referral sources to identify low-income individuals to fill the positions.

Maximum Grant Size: \$475,000

Number of Awards: 11

Eligible Applicants: An applicant must be a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply under this announcement.

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

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Target Stores Accepting Applications for Arts, Literacy, and Family Violence Prevention Grants

Deadline: 05/31/2009

Target offers store grants to support programs related to the arts, early childhood reading, and family violence prevention in the locations where the company does business. Arts Grants are awarded to programs that bring the arts to schools or make the arts accessible to children and families through activities such as school touring programs, field trips to the theater or symphony, and artist's residencies and workshops in schools. Programs that make the

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arts accessible to school children are of particular interest. Early Childhood Reading Grants support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children from birth through age nine to read together with their families. Family Violence Prevention Grants support organizations that provide anti-violence programs such as parenting classes and family counseling. Grants may also provide assistance for support groups and abuse shelters. Most grants average between \$1,000 and \$3,000 each. Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) organizations or schools, libraries, or public agencies.

Website: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767>

First Choice Power Accepting Reduce Your Use Grant Applications From Texas Nonprofits

Deadline: 06/01/2009

First Choice Power is accepting applications for First Choice Power Reduce Your Use Grants from Texas nonprofits and chambers of commerce. The Reduce Your Use Grants provide \$2,000 each for energy-efficiency products and services that promise to reduce energy usage and costs now and in the future. Eligible applicants are Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and 501(c)(6) chambers of commerce that provide direct services to the communities served by First Choice Power. The First Choice Power Web site provides complete program guidelines and eligibility information.

Website: <http://www.firstchoicepower.com/texas-electric/reduce-your-use-grants.html>

Veterans' Workforce Investment Program

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Veteran's Employment and Training Services (VETS)

Deadline: 06/04/2009

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition under the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) for Program Year (PY) 2009, as authorized under Section 168 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. This Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) notice contains all of the necessary information and forms needed to apply for grant funding. Selected programs will assist eligible veterans by providing employment, training, support services, credentialing, networking information, and/or other assistance. VWIP grants are intended to address two objectives: (a) to provide services to assist in reintegrating eligible veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force; and (b) to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex employability problems facing eligible veterans. For this PY 2009 grant solicitation, VETS seeks applicants that will provide services through a case management approach that network with Federal, State, and local resources for veteran support programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Number of Grants: 13

Eligible Applicants: Applications for funds will be accepted from public agencies and non-profit organizations, including state and local workforce investment boards and faith-based and neighborhood partnerships, that are determined to have familiarity with the area and population to be served and can administer an effective program, under WIA section 168(a) (2).

Contact: Cassandra Mitchell, Phone: 202-693-4570, Email: mitchell.cassandra@dol.gov

Website: www.dol.gov/vets

The Graffiti Hurts National Grant Program

Deadline: 06/05/2009

This program aims to help communities kick-start or add to local graffiti prevention programs. Grant funds may be used for one-time projects with the potential to reduce graffiti in the community. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations, including neighborhood groups, crime prevention associations, civic clubs or organizations, and other nonprofit groups; youth groups/schools; police departments or other law enforcement agencies; city, county, state and federal government agencies, or subdivisions within these agencies.

Website: http://www.graffitihurts.org/grant_program/index.cfm

Community Services Block Grant Training and Technical Assistance Program: Capacity-Building for Ongoing CSBG Programs and Strategic Planning and Coordination Supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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

Deadline: 06/12/2009

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services solicits applications for grant awards to fund up to 48 Statewide capacity-building collaborations. Each Statewide collaboration will include the following two major component areas: 1) Capacity-Building for Ongoing CSBG Pro-

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grams, 2)Strategic Planning and Coordination Supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). ACF will provide a separate grant award for each project in order to assure separate tracking of funds and activities. Therefore, a total of 96 grant awards will be made under this announcement. Estimated total program funding for Part 1 (Capacity Building for Ongoing CSBG Programs) is \$1,200,000 and estimated total program funding for Part 2 (Strategic Planning and Coordination Supported by ARRA) is \$3,840,000. Applicants may apply for up to \$25,000 per 12-month budget period for Part 1. Applicants also may apply for up to \$80,000 per 12-month budget period for Part 2. Successful applicants will receive a separate award for each component area. The "Award Ceiling" listing in this notice represents the ceiling for Part 2 awards, although successful applicants may receive a total of \$105,000 for combined awards under Part 1 and Part 2. For both Part 1 and Part 2 grantees, funds will be used to provide training and technical assistance on improving program quality (including financial management), management information and reporting systems, measurement of program results, and responsiveness to identified local needs. For this specific announcement, OCS has determined that key technical assistance needs include Statewide efforts designed to: ensure coordination of Community Action Program Recovery Act projects, inform communities of available services, document community results; and prepare communities to sustain the impact of Recovery Act funds.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Number of Awards: 96

Eligible Applicants: 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: Seth Hassett, Phone: 800-281-9519, Email: OCS@lcn.net

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Brownfields Economic Development Initiative

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

Deadline: 06/16/2009

This NOFA establishes funding criteria for the FY2009 Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) program. The purpose of the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative program is to enhance the security of loans guaranteed by HUD under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the same brownfields economic development project, or to improve the viability of a brownfields economic development project financed with the Section 108-guaranteed loan, in order to stimulate economic development by local governments and private sector parties at brownfields sites and to return those sites to productive, economic use. All BEDI grants must be used in conjunction with a new Section 108-guaranteed loan commitment. In addition to the application requirements set forth in this document, applicants must also comply with applicable requirements established in HUD's FY2009 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY2009 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs (General Section) published on December 29, 2008 (73 FR 79548), as amended on April 16, 2009 (74 FR 17685). Applicants should take particular note that they must follow the application submission instructions contained in this NOFA and not use those in the General Section.

Maximum Grant Size: \$2,000,000

Number of Awards: 10

Eligible Applicants: Any public entity eligible to apply for Section 108 loan guarantee assistance in accordance with 24 CFR 570.702, including Guam, the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands for FY2009, may apply for BEDI grant assistance under Section 108(q). Eligible applicants are CDBG entitlement units of general local government and non-entitlement units of general local government eligible to receive loan guarantees under 24 CFR part 570, subpart M. Urban Counties, as defined at 24 CFR 570.3 and 570.307, are eligible applicants for BEDI funds; units of general local government that participate in an Urban County program are not independently eligible applicants. For non-entitlement applicants other than those subject to 24 CFR part 570, subpart F (which applies only to the state of Hawaii), applicants are required to include evidence in the BEDI application from an authorized official of the state agency responsible for administering the State CDBG program stating that it supports the related Section 108 loan with a pledge of its CDBG allocations pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR §570.705(b)(2).

Contact: David Kaminsky, Email: David.Kaminsky@HUD.Gov, Phone: 202-402-4681

Website: www.hud.gov

Community Connect Grant Program

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

Deadline: 06/18/2009

The provision of broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, with broadband transmission service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services. Rural Utilities Service will give priority to rural areas that it believes have the greatest need for broadband

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transmission services, based on the criteria contained herein. Grant authority will be used for the deployment of broadband transmission service to extremely rural, lower-income communities on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis. The "community-oriented connectivity" concept will stimulate practical, everyday uses and applications of broadband facilities by cultivating the deployment of new broadband transmission services that improve economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. Such an approach will also give rural communities the opportunity to benefit from the advanced technologies that are necessary to achieve these goals. Please see 7 CFR 1739, subpart A for specifics.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicant: Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance: 1)An incorporated organization, 2)An Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(b) and (c), 3)A State or local unit of government, 4)A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

Contact: Kenneth Kuchno, Phone: 202-690-4673

Website: www.usda.gov/rus

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/>

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. is accepting grant applications as part of its annual giving program. In the company's twelve-year history it has donated over \$20 million to organizations that support families, children, animals, and the environment, including the donation of thousands of stuffed animals to comfort children in need. Grant applications can be submitted through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports charities in the United States and Canada through the following special grant programs:

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

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

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

Funding Opportunities

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 program involving actuaries in the teaching of mathematics to children in private and public schools. Collaboration among school systems, local actuarial clubs, corporations and other stakeholders in education is encouraged in order to enhance the chances of success, particularly on a long-term basis. Maximum Award: \$30,000. Eligibility: All schools and groups willing to undertake a math mentoring program that involves local actuaries as volunteers. Website: <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>

Access for Educators to C-SPAN Archival Footage

Deadline: Open

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

Funding Opportunities

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

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

McCarthy Dressman Foundation: Academic Enrichment Grants

Deadline: 05/01/2009

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation offers Academic Enrichment Grants to develop in-class and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning for low-income children. The foundation considers proposals that foster understanding, deepen students' knowledge, and provide opportunities to expand awareness of the world around them. Maximum award: \$10,000 for enrichment programs. Eligibility: educators working with students pre-K to 12 from low-income households.

Website: <http://www.mccarthydressman.org/academic.html>

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Deadline: 05/01/2009

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

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

Child Care Access Means Parents in School

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

Deadline: 05/08/2009

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 119

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

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

Website: www.ed.gov

Graduate STEM Fellows in K-12 Education

National Science Foundation

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

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$600,000

Funding Opportunities

Number of Awards: 20-25

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

Website: www.nsf.gov

Dollar General Accepting Applications for Youth Literacy and Back-to-School Grants

Deadline: 05/22/2009

Dollar General annually offers support for youth literacy and school programs in areas served by Dollar General stores. The Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help with the implementation or expansion of literacy programs for students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grants range in amounts up to a maximum of \$3,000 each. The Dollar General Back-to-School Grants provide funding to assist schools in meeting some of the financial challenges they face in implementing new programs or purchasing new equipment, materials, or software for their school library or media center. Grants range in amounts up to a maximum of \$5,000 each. Applicants must be located in Dollar General's 35-state operating territory and must be within twenty miles of the nearest Dollar General.

Website: <http://www.dollargeneral.com/servingothers/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx>

Save Our History Invites Applications for Community Education and Preservation Projects

Deadline: 06/05/2009

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

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

Thomason Gale Team Awards

Deadline: 06/15/2009

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

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

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

Best Buy Community Grants

Deadline: 06/15/2009

Through the Community Grants Program, each Best Buy territory across the United States annually selects non-profit organizations that apply for grants to support programs and services that provide opportunities for young teens related to education, life skills, leadership skills or relationship development. This year, Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$1 million through the Community Grants Program. Best Buy seeks applications from organizations that have current 501(c)(3) tax status and are serving a diverse population of young teens and their families in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. Special consideration will be given to programs that: are high quality and serve a diverse population, Build social, academic, leadership and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18), show positive results against a demonstrated community need, reach at-risk children in working families. Website: http://209.68.13.147/community_relations/local_donations_rfp.htm

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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>

Matching Books for Babies Grants

Deadline: 10/01/2009

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

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

National Gardening Association Announces 2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards Program

Deadline: 10/17/2009

The National Gardening Association encourages the growth of health-focused youth garden programs through the Healthy Sprouts Awards sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company. The awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible for the 2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2010 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. In 2009, the program will present awards to twenty schools or organizations. Each recipient program will receive gardening supplies and resources, including gift certificates toward the purchase of gardening materials from Gardener's Supply. The top five programs will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; fifteen more programs will each receive a \$200 gift certificate.

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

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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 fight-

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ing 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 partner with diversity-focused funders and other local grantmakers to fund projects that reduce violence in specific communities such as those defined by race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity, or rural/frontier location. Projects must be new, community-based, and culturally appropriate, reflecting how language skills, significant cultural differences, education, income, 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>

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants

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

Deadline: 05/26/2009

Funding Opportunities

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

Number of Awards: 20

Maximum Grant Award: \$50,000

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

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

Website: www.samhsa.gov

Street Outreach Program

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

Deadline: 6/8/2009

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). The purpose of the SOP is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth. The purpose of the SOP is to enable programs to assist young people in relocating from the streets to stable housing situations and in making other healthy personal choices regarding where they live and how they behave. To that end, the Street Program seeks to promote grantee efforts to build relationships between street outreach staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth. These relationship-building efforts are conducive to providing effective, supportive services that will assist youth in moving and adjusting to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements and in becoming independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society. Street Outreach Programs must be designed to assist runaway, homeless, and street youth in making healthy personal choices regarding where they live and how they behave by building trusting relationships between grantee staff and these youth through the provision of services in their environment and through diverse modes of communication that will encourage trust. The services must address the behavioral and physical health of youth, employment and educational supports, reunification with family and alternative, safe placements. Services delivered through this program must also address imminent needs of youth through appropriate referrals or direct interventions. Outreach service delivery must comprehensively address the individual strengths and needs of youth as well as be gender specific (interventions that are sensitive to the diverse experiences of males and females), culturally sensitive and language appropriate.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Grants: 50

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, Local governments, City or township governments, Regional organizations, Indian/Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally designated organizations, Public/Indian housing authorities, Non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, Non-profits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, Special district governments, Non-profit private agencies for sexual abuse prevention programs.

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Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program

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

Deadline: 6/8/2009Letter of intent, **7/8/2009**Final applications

Funding Opportunities

The Division of Cancer Prevention (DCP), National Cancer Institute (NCI), announces the continuation of the established program known as "Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program" (Minority-Based CCOP). This program allows practicing oncologists who serve large minority populations to participate in the NCI-sponsored clinical trials. The purpose of this program is to support, as a national resource, research activities of physicians involved in the care of minorities who are eligible to participate in NCI-sponsored cancer prevention, control, and treatment clinical trials. The NCI clinical trials program supports Minority-Based CCOP groups by providing access to clinical trials in cancer centers, major university centers, and community programs. The linkage of minority cancer patients/participants to the current clinical trials network facilitates the transfer of new research advancements in cancer prevention/control/treatment practices to minority communities and their physicians. The overall objective of this initiative is to bring state-of-the-art cancer clinical trials to minority individuals in their own communities and to involve physicians practicing in these communities in NCI-approved clinical trials in an effort to reduce health disparities in minority populations.

Total Funding Available: \$4,300,000

Number of Awards: 7

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, U.S. Territory or Possession, Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, Faith-based or Community-based Organizations.

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Website: www.nih.gov

Community Clinical Oncology Program

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

Deadline: 6/8/2009Letter of intent, **7/8/2009**Final applications

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits applications from institutions/organizations that propose to contribute to the mission of the NCI-supported Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) Network, which was established in 1983 to develop and conduct state-of-the-art cancer prevention, control, and treatment clinical trials with significant involvement of community oncologists and populations they serve. The CCOP Network mission includes: (1) accelerating development of interventions to prevent and treat cancer and its symptoms by increasing accrual to trials; (2) fostering quality care in the community through adoption of results from clinical trials; and (3) increasing the involvement of minority and underserved patient/participant populations in cancer clinical trials and associated research. The CCOP Network consists of two types of components, CCOP Groups (also referred to as CCOPs) and CCOP Research Bases. A CCOP Group encompasses community oncologists who accrue patients/participants to NCI-approved clinical trials. These trials are designed and conducted by the CCOP Research Bases, which also manage and analyze the data, and report the results. CCOP Research Bases must be located either at an NCI-supported Clinical Cooperative Group or at an NCI-designated Cancer Center.

Total Funding Available: \$21,200,000

Number of Grants Awarded: 21

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

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Funding Opportunities

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>

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

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

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.

Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: These funds are available to public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and recognized Indian tribes.
Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ct/Emerg_Responder/rural_emergency_responders_initi.htm

Recovery Act ICAC Task Force Training and Technical Assistance Grants

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Deadline: 05/14/2009

The ICAC Task Force Program supports a national network of 59 multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional task forces engaged in investigations, forensic examinations, and prosecutions related to Internet crimes against children. Additionally, the task forces provide forensic and investigative technical assistance to law enforcement and prosecutorial officials, as well as community education information to parents, educators, prosecutors, law enforcement, and others concerned with child victimization. The purpose of the ICAC Training Program is to provide training to ICAC task forces and other Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the areas of investigations, forensics, prosecution, community outreach, and capacity-building, using recognized experts to assist in the development and delivery of training programs.

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Website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRAICTTA.pdf>

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

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

Deadline: 05/18/2009

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

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Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

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

Deadline: 05/18/2009

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is to award one-year grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations of a State to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Our primary goal is to provide assistance to meet fire departments' and nonaffiliated EMS organizations' firefighting and emergency response needs. This program seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards they may face.

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

Gang Prevention Youth Mentoring Program

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Deadline: 05/18/2009

OJJDP seeks applicants to establish mentoring programs that offer a mixture of core services and engage youth with activities that enable them to practice healthy behaviors within a positive pro-social peer group. The target population should be youth at risk of gang activity, delinquency, and youth violence. This program should develop and strengthen protective factors against gang involvement and other problem behaviors. It can be based in a school or

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community setting. Successful applicants will include organizations, local school districts, and communities dealing with demonstrated gang problems who are a part of a communitywide strategy to combat gang activity. This initiative is authorized under the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2009, Pub. L. 111-8. Research indicates that gang members are responsible for a disproportionate share of violent juvenile offenses. Youth gangs continue to have a significant adverse impact on youth, families, and communities. Risk factors that lead to gang involvement also lead to other problem behaviors such as truancy, delinquency, violence, and dropping out of school. OJJDP seeks applicants to establish or expand a mentoring program that offers a mixture of core services and engages youth with activities that enable them to practice healthy behaviors within a positive pro-social peer group. The target population should be youth at risk of gang activity, delinquency, and youth violence.

Maximum Grant Size: \$ 500,000

Eligible Applicants: OJJDP invites applications from private organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes, nonprofits (including faith-based, community, and tribal organizations), and public agencies (including schools, colleges, universities, and units of local government) in communities that have completed a comprehensive community gang assessment.

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PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

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>

Capacity Building Grants for Forest Management Projects

Deadline: 06/12/2009

The program provides capacity building support to organizations that intend to proactively engage local stakeholders in the community in forest management and conservation issues on and around National Forests and Grasslands. The purpose of the program is to support relatively young nonprofit organizations as they leverage their initial project successes, while strengthening their operating infrastructure. Grants of \$35,000 per year for up to two years are provided and require an annual match of \$10,000.

Website: <http://nationalforests.org/conserve/grantprograms/capacitybuilding/midcapacity>

Nature of Learning Grant Program Offers Support for Outdoor Classroom Programs

Deadline: June 15, 2009

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is accepting applications from organizations interested in initiating a Nature of Learning program in their communities. The Nature of Learning is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System's community-based environmental education initiative. The program uses National Wildlife Refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues, encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning, and utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues. The program also involves a partnership among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals, and local businesses. Schools or nonprofit organizations, including "Friends" groups, Cooperative and Interpretive Associations, Audubon Chapters, etc., are eligible to apply for funding. Programs must involve a partnership among a local school(s), community group (e.g., Refuge Support Group), and National Wildlife Refuge. Projects must be completed within eighteen months. First year start-up grants are available for up to \$10,000. Second year follow-up grants of up to \$5,000 are available to support continued implementation of the Nature of Learning program. Matching contributions are not required; however, strong preference will be given to applications that leverage the grant award with contributions from project partners.

Website: http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=1234

Gardener's Supply Invites Nominations for Garden Crusader Awards

Deadline: 06/15/2009

The Garden Crusader Awards were created by Gardener's Supply to honor individuals across the United States who are improving their communities

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through gardening. Awardees are enthusiastic men and women who are planting trees and flowers, growing food, creating new green spaces, and teaching their friends and neighbors about the rewards of gardening. The award honors individuals who are improving their world by gardening. There is no age requirement. Organizations may apply by choosing one person to represent the group. Award categories include Education, Feeding the Hungry, Urban Renewal, and Restoration. There are five winners for each category — first, second, and third, plus two honorable mentions and one grand-prize winner, for a total of twenty-one winners overall. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,500 in cash and a \$2,500 gift certificate from Gardener's Supply. First-place winners will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate, second-place winners will receive a \$750 gift certificate, third-place winners will receive a \$500 gift certificate, and honorable mentions will receive a \$200 gift certificate. All prizes are awarded to the winner's organization in his or her name.

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

Conservation Fund Accepting Applications for Greenways Grants

Deadline: 06/30/2009

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

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

SPORTS

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

Deadline: 06/13/2009

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

Maximum Grant Award: \$10,000

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

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

Deadline: 07/17/2009

The Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! Program was created to give girls access to physical activity. With support from the Gatorade Company, the GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards reward high school girls for their leadership in inspiring other girls to participate in sports and physical activity. The program will award a total of \$50,000 (twenty grants of \$2,500 each) to teams across the United States in recognition of their efforts to involve girls in physical activity. Eligible applicants are school, amateur, community, and/or nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are female, enrolled in 9th through 12th grade, and residents of the United States, its territories, or protectorates. Teams must lead a project designed to involve girls in their communities in sports and physical activity. Projects must be completed by the program deadline (July 17, 2009), and must be original, current work and not previously submitted to the program. Projects will be judged on their impact, quality, and creativity. Grants will be made payable to the school, nonprofit institution, or 501(c)(3) organization with which the team is affiliated.

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

Tony Hawk Foundation Announces Deadlines for Skatepark Grants

Deadline: 10/01/2009

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high-quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States by providing grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of new skateboard parks and facilities. The foundation

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

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

Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities

Deadline: end of every quarter

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

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

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

Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association designed to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth 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. Appli-

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cants 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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