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Governmental Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture: Funding is available through the 2010 Farmers' Market Promotion Program to support initiatives that expand direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers' markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructures. Eligible entities include agricultural cooperative or a producer network or association, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, and economic development corporations. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-4056.pdf>. For questions, contact: Carmen Humphrey, 202 (694) 4000. Deadline: April 15, 2010.

U.S. Department of Commerce: The National Institute of Standards and Technology Construction Grant Program is designed to provide funds for the construction of new or expansion of existing research science buildings. The program considers a research science building as a facility whose purpose is the conduct of scientific research, including laboratories, test facilities, measurement facilities, research computing facilities, and observatories. U.S. institutions of higher education and non-profit science research organizations are eligible to apply. To access the grant announcement, visit: <http://www.nist.gov/director/ncgp/2010ffo.pdf>. Deadline for required letter of intent: March 29, 2010. Deadline for full proposal: April 26, 2010.

U.S. Department of Education: The Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities program requires grantees to develop, implement, and evaluate innovative technology approaches designed to improve results for children with disabilities. The program supports projects that are designed to: improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; support educational media services activities of educational value in the classroom to children with disabilities; and provide support for captioning and video description that are appropriate for use in the classroom setting. Local educational agencies (LEAs), as well as private nonprofit and for-profit organizations, are eligible to apply. For more information, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-2182.pdf>. Deadline: March 19, 2010.

U.S. Department of Education: The Teaching American History Grant (TAH) Program supports projects that aim to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge,

understanding, and appreciation of traditional American history. The awards have the goal of assisting in developing, implementing, documenting, evaluating, and disseminating innovative models of professional development. Eligible applicants are local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools considered LEAs under state law, working in partnership with at least one of the following entities: an institution of higher education; a non-profit history or humanities organization; or a library or museum. For questions, contact: Alex Stein, Margarita Melendez, or Bonnie Carter, (202) 205-9085 or (202) 260-3548 or (202) 401-3576, TeachingAmericanHistory@ed.gov. For more information, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-1083.pdf>. Deadline: March 22, 2010.

U.S. Department of Education: Local educational agencies (LEAs) are eligible for grants to develop and implement innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools. LEAs that do not currently have an active grant under the Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse program are only eligible to apply. For additional information, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-4317.pdf>. For questions, contact: Nicole A. White, (202) 245-7884, nicole.white@ed.gov. Deadline: April 16, 2010.

U.S. Department of Education: The Improving Literacy through School Libraries program is designed to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained school library media specialists. Local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools and state-administered schools that are considered LEAs, in which at least 20 percent of the students are from families with incomes below the poverty line are eligible to apply. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-3164.pdf>. For more information, contact: Pilla Parker, (202) 260-3710, pilla.parker@ed.gov. Deadline: April 20, 2010.

U.S. Department of Education: Grants are available to institutions of higher education through the Language Resource Centers program to establish, strengthen, and operate centers that serve as resources for improving the teaching and learning of foreign languages. Institutions of higher education or a combination of institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-4766.pdf>. For further information, contact: Cynthia Dudzinski, (202) 502-7589, cynthia.dudzinski@ed.gov. Deadline: April 20, 2010.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Funds are available to help establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. In addition to strengthening community coalitions, the Drug Free Communities Support Program is designed to reduce substance use by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. Eligible applicants are coalitions with representatives from 12 public and private sectors of the community, including youth-serving organizations, schools, and healthcare professionals. For questions or assistance, contact: Olivia Shockey, (240) 276-1270, dfcnew2010@samhsa.hhs.gov. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SP-10-005.aspx>. Deadline: March 19, 2010.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Grants are available through Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professions Training Programs, which is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to assist in the purchase of health professions training equipment. Awards will be made through 21 health professions training programs. For more information on these programs, visit: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/equipment.htm>. Deadline: March 26, 2010.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Applications are being accepted for Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Grants for Adolescents and their Families, which provide substance abuse services to adolescents and their primary caregivers in geographic areas with unmet need. Grantees will implement evidence-based practices, specifically the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) coupled with Assertive Continuing Care (ACC), that are context specific focusing on the interaction between youth and their environments, family centered and community-based. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities, including community- and faith-based organizations may apply. For more information, visit: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/TI-10-002.aspx>. For questions regarding program issues, contact: Jutta Butler, (240) 276-1567, jutta.butler@samhsa.hhs.gov. Deadline: April 23, 2010.

U.S. Department of Justice: Second Chance Act Mentoring Grants are available for qualified non-profit organizations, with the goal of helping communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism reduction. Proposals under the program must offer: mentoring for offenders during incarceration, transition, and post-release; transitional services to assist in the reintegration of offenders into the community; and training regarding offender and victims issues. Applicants are required to register with the DOJ's Office of Justice Program's Grants Management System (GMS) prior to application submission. For questions about the program, contact: Dr. Gary L. Dennis, (202) 305-9059, gary.dennis@usdoj.gov. For the complete grant announcement, visit: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceMentoringSol.pdf>. Deadline: March 18, 2010.

Election Assistance Commission: Three-year awards are available to recruit, train, and support college students to assist state and local governments in the administration of elections by serving as nonpartisan poll workers or assistants. Project funds must be used for tasks and activities that are carried out without partisan bias and without promoting any particular political point of view regarding any election issue or candidate. Eligible applicants are public and private institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations working in partnership with state and local election offices. For more information, visit: http://www.eac.gov/program-areas/grants/docs/2010-college-poll-worker-program-notice-of-funds-availability.pdf/attachment_download/file. For questions, contact: Mark Abbott, (202) 566-2166, HAVACollegeProgram@eac.gov. Deadline: March 31, 2010.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. Applicants must draw on the knowledge of consultants whose preservation skills and experience are related to the types of collections and the nature of the activities that are the focus of their

projects. Nonprofit organizations with and without 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>. Deadline: May 18, 2010.

National Endowment for the Arts: Challenge America Fast-Track grants are available to support small and mid-sized organizations that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations, such as those whose experience to the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Professional arts programming and projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development are eligible for the grants. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP11/Challenge.html>. Deadline: May 27, 2010.

National Endowment for the Arts: Funding is offered through the Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth to encourage efforts that enhance the quality of and access to arts learning for our nation's children and youth. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. All projects must also incorporate elements allowing for experience, study, performance and assessment. For more information regarding the program, visit: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP11/LITA.html>. Deadline: June 10, 2010.

N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation: Community groups are eligible for Technical Assistance Grants, which support efforts to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in local community. The grants are designed to help the recipient and the community it represents understand existing environmental data developed about a “significant threat” site, comment on site remedial activities and proposals, and share this information with the public. Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply. For the full announcement, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2590.html>. For more information, contact: TAG Coordinator, (518) 402-9711. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Non-Governmental Grant

Citizens Committee for New York City: Grants of \$500 to \$3,000 are available for grassroots community groups in economically under-resourced neighborhoods to work on creative community improvement projects that bring neighbors together. Volunteer-led groups with an annual budget of less than \$40,000 are eligible to apply. Eligible entities may be newly established or in the process of forming, and are not required to have 501(c)(3) status. For questions, contact: Arif Ullah or Saleen Shah, grants@citizensnyc.org, (212) 822-9580 or (212) 822-9566. For the grant announcement, visit: <http://www.citizensnyc.org/grants.html>. Deadline: March 14, 2010.

Citizens Committee for New York City: The Mollie Parnis Dress Up Your School Awards offers grants in support of student-led projects that beautify schools or neighborhoods immediately surrounding schools. Public school-based student groups in low-income communities throughout New York City are eligible to apply. For questions, contact: Arif Ullah or Saleen Shah, grants@citizensnyc.org, (212) 822-9580 or (212) 822-9566. To learn more about the grants, visit: <http://www.citizensnyc.org/grants.html>. Deadline: March 14, 2010.

M·A·C AIDS Fund: Food and Nutrition Community Grants support organizations addressing the link between poverty and AIDS through grants for programs that are providing food and nutrition services to people living with HIV and AIDS. Priority for the grants will be given to programs providing meals and/or groceries or pantry bags. Applicants must have 501(c)(3) status to be eligible for the program. For additional information, visit: http://macaidsfund.org/support/GrantMakingProgram_US.html. Deadline: March 15, 2010.

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation: The ArtsCONNECT program, which supports collaborations among presenters working to facilitate tours of artists across the mid-Atlantic region involving any performing arts discipline, including dance, jazz, music, opera, theater, and folk/traditional arts. The foundation will give the highest priority to projects that reach the broadest geographic distribution within the region, that support new or newly commissioned works, and that target communities underserved by the arts. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that utilize professional touring artists from a performing arts disciplines that have been touring at least two years are eligible to apply. For the complete grant announcement, visit: http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/arts_connect/guidelines.html. Deadline: March 22, 2010.

VistaBright Lighting: A nationwide grant program is providing qualifying nonprofit organizations with cash allowances and services for the purpose of installing new energy efficient lighting systems. The grant program is designed to assist educational institutions (private and public), churches, charitable organizations, community groups, and all other qualifying nonprofit organizations in reducing the costs of buying and installing state-of-the-art light fixtures in their facilities. For more information, visit: <http://www.energyalertalliance.com/grants.php>. Deadline: Grants will be issued on a weekly basis until March 31, 2010.

Home Depot Foundation: Letters of interest are being solicited for Awards of Excellence for Sustainable Community Development, which recognize cities and their nonprofit partners that have successfully developed projects and/or initiatives that promote and exemplify a more sustainable community. The program seeks to recognize sustainable projects that take a holistic, integrated approach, whereby sustainability planning, affordable housing, and the creation of green spaces and planting of trees are inextricably linked. Projects eligible for the awards should have been completed between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2009. For more information, visit: http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/aoe_community.html. Letters of interest deadline: March 31, 2010.

got Breakfast? Foundation: Grants are available through the Silent Hero Grant Program, which encourages schools and nonprofit organizations to expand the reach of underutilized child nutrition programs, including the School Breakfast Program and, with this expansion, the Summer Nutrition Program. Grant funds can be used for such needs as serving equipment, program staffing, and nutrition education materials. To be considered for the summer grant program projects must be centered around creating, continuing, or expanding federal Summer Nutrition Programs. Eligible entities include public schools, nonprofit private schools, local governments, national youth sports programs, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. For more information on the program, visit: <http://www.gotbreakfast.org>. Deadline: April 1, 2010.

BJ's Charitable Foundation: Grants through the Foundation are made with the mission of enhancing and enriching community programs that primarily benefit children and families. The bulk of the Foundation's funding goes to organizations that provide services in the form of hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, health care and education to those in need. Non-profit organizations located in communities with a BJ's Wholesale Club are eligible to apply. For the complete grant announcement, visit: <http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml>. Grants are made on a quarterly basis. Second quarter grants deadline: April 9, 2010.

Entertainment Software Association Foundation: The Foundation supports geographically diverse projects and programs that utilize technology and/or computer and video games to educate and benefit America's youth and young adults. Applicants should seek funding for a specific project or program that is or will be implemented or available nationwide or at a minimum in two or more states. First-time awardees can receive grants of up to \$50,000 each. Organizations requesting grants must have 501(c)(3) status. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.theesa.com/foundation/application.asp>. Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed annually in May/June. Deadline for projects to be implemented in 2011: April 15, 2010.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation: Grant proposals are invited for research awards under the Foundation's How Housing Matters to Communities and Families initiative, which is based on the premise that stable, affordable housing may be an essential platform that promotes positive outcomes in education, employment, and physical health by helping to ensure a greater return from other social and public investments. This grant competition seeks to expand further the body of empirical evidence on the difference that living in decent and affordable housing makes in the lives of children, their families, and communities, with a special emphasis on how such evidence can be put to use by decision-makers to strengthen policies and

programs. Applicants must be affiliated with a nonprofit entity. For more information, visit: [http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.5813853/k.C6BB/Call for Proposals 2010 How Housing Matters.htm](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.5813853/k.C6BB/Call_for_Proposals_2010_How_Housing_Matters.htm). Research proposal abstract deadline: March 22, 2010. Complete proposal deadline: July 2, 2010.

Liz Claiborne Foundation: Grants are available for nonprofit organizations to offer job-readiness training and access to tools that will help women who are victims of domestic violence or who are transitioning from poverty achieve economic independence. The Foundation focuses its efforts on promoting long-term, broad-based solutions to poverty and improved access to economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income women. Eligible entities must have 501(c)(3) status. Preference is usually given to programs and projects which provide direct services, and to small or medium-sized organizations. For more information, visit: <http://www.lizclaiborneinc.com/web/guest/lizclaibornefoundation>. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: Grants are made by the Foundation to support original research and broad-based education related to science, technology, and economic performance; and to improve the quality of American life. The Foundation is interested in projects that it expects will result in a strong benefit to society, and for which funding from the private sector, the government, or other foundations is not widely available. Except in rare circumstances, grants are not made to for-profit organizations. To learn more about the Foundation and its grants program, visit: <http://www.sloan.org>. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

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