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American Brain Tumor Association: New special projects discovery grant program offers support for fresh and creative research ideas for solving the challenges of brain tumor diagnosis and treatment. High-risk, high-impact projects that are deemed to have the potential to change current diagnostic or treatment options for adult and/or pediatric brain tumors will be awarded a one-year, \$50,000 grants. Proposed studies should be at the hypothesis-driven level. To view the full grant announcement, visit:

<http://www.abta.org/sitefiles/pdflibrary/DiscoveryGrantAnnouncementLtrh.pdf>. Letters of Intent due by October 15, 2009. Proposals due by January 8, 2010.

Health Resources & Services Administration:

State Implementation Partnership Grants are available for expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury (TBI). These grants are to be used by states to establish an infrastructure for the delivery of TBI related services and to improve states' ability to make system changes that will sustain the TBI service delivery infrastructure. Any public or private entity that can document previous experience addressing the issue, including faith-based and community-based organizations, are eligible to apply for funding. To view the full grant announcement, visit:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=533E0694-B7DF-4C85-B6D1-099293726DAC&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup>. Contact Donelle McKenna at (301) 443-2370 or DMcKenna@hrsa.gov with questions. Deadline: October 15, 2009.

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation: The Knight News Challenge seeks innovations that use new or available technology to distribute content in local communities. To be eligible, projects must use open-source digital technology, must distribute news in the public interest, and must be tested in a local community. The initiative is also open to nonprofits, companies or individuals of any age and anywhere in the world. For more information, visit:

<http://www.newschallenge.org/>. Deadline: October 15, 2009.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education: Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for facility enhancements or landscaping/clean up projects at local schools. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Any individual nonprofit public K-12 school or parent group associated with a nonprofit public K-12 school that is more than two years old is eligible to apply. More information can be found on the program's home

page at: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>. Deadline: October 16, 2009, or if 1,500 applications are received before the application deadline, then the application process will close.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: Applications are being accepted for Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Sustainable Community Projects (SCP) to improve the quality and quantity of comprehensive community-based programs for at-risk citizens. These grants support community educational programs which are based on locally identified needs, soundly grounded in research, and which lead to the accomplishment of one of four CYFAR National Outcomes. Private institutions of higher education are among the entities eligible for the program. For additional information, visit: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/cyfar_scp.html. Applicants are encouraged to contact Suzanne Le Menestrel, National Program Leader; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; (202) 720-2297 or slemenestrel@csrees.usda.gov. Deadline: October 23, 2009.

VHI Save the Music: Student-led initiatives advocating for music education programs are eligible to apply for funding offered by Do Something and VH1 Save the Music. The top five music education advocacy efforts will be awarded \$1,000 for their school music programs and one grand-prize winner will receive \$2,500 in school music funding. The prize money must go to a school music program or a school music program in need. For more information, visit: <http://www.dosomething.org/saveourmusic/home>. Deadline: October 23, 2009.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Collaborative Research Grants are available to support original research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars or research coordinated by an individual scholar that, because of its scope or complexity, requires additional staff and resources beyond the individual's salary. Eligible projects include: research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding in the humanities; conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit ongoing research; archaeological projects that include the interpretation and communication of results (projects may encompass excavation, materials analysis, laboratory work, field reports, and preparation of interpretive monographs); and research that uses the knowledge, methods, and perspectives of the humanities to enhance understanding of science, technology, medicine, and the social sciences. U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status are among those eligible to apply. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Collaborative.html>. If you have questions about the program, contact NEH's Division of Research Programs: 202-606-8200 or collaborative@neh.gov. Deadline: October 29, 2009.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Scholarly Editions and Translations grants are available to support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. Grants typically support editions and translations of significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, are also eligible. U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status are among those eligible to apply. For more information, visit: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/editions.html>. If you have questions about the program, contact NEH's Division of Research Programs: 202-606-8200 or editions@neh.gov. Deadline: October 29, 2009.

Youth Service America: Youth Service America (YSA) and the National Education Association (NEA) are offering Youth Leaders for Literacy awards of \$500 in grants and \$500 in books to children and youth ages 5 to 25 who offer innovative ways to increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers. Successful projects will address an established literacy need in the applicant's school or community. Projects will follow the framework of YSA's Semester of Service initiative, launching in January and culminating on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25. An activity should also occur during the NEA's Read Across America Day on March 2. To access the grant application, visit: <http://ysa.org/MyYSA/YSAContent/YSANews/tabid/219/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/183/YouthLeadersforLiteracyGrantsDeadlineOctober30.aspx>. Deadline: October 30, 2009.

CVS Caremark: The CVS Caremark Community Grants program has awards up to \$5,000 available for nonprofit organizations for programs targeting children with disabilities, programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services, public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs, and initiatives that give greater access to physical movement and play. For more information, visit: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants>. The grant application process runs through October 31.

Department of Housing and Urban Development: Applicants may apply for grants to improve our knowledge of the effects residential green construction has on both indoor environmental quality and occupant health, with a particular focus on children and other sensitive populations. Projects are encouraged to focus on results related to respiratory health outcomes and occurrences of irritation-related symptoms. Private nonprofit organizations, including institutions of higher education and hospitals, are eligible to apply. For additional information on the program, visit: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/ghhtssec.pdf>. If you have questions, contact: Peter J. Ashley, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control: Department of Housing and Urban Development, 202-402-7595, Peter.J.Ashley@hud.gov. Deadline: November 17, 2009.

Department of Housing and Urban Development: Funds are available to support projects with the overall goal of mobilizing public and private resources to develop cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling key housing-related environmental health and safety hazards; building local capacity to operate sustainable programs to prevent and control environmental health and safety hazards in low-income residences; and affirmatively further fair housing and environmental justice. Non-profit institutions and for-profit firms are among the entities eligible to apply for grants. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/hhdsec.pdf>. Please direct questions to: Peter J. Ashley, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control: Department of Housing and Urban Development, 202-402-7595, Peter.J.Ashley@hud.gov. Deadline: November 24, 2009.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications Statewide Family Network grants that are designed to enhance state capacity and infrastructure to be more oriented to the needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances and their

families. Eligible applicants are public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and family-run non-profit entities. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/SM-10-003.aspx>. Deadline: November 25, 2009.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications Statewide Consumer Network grants. This program promotes service system capacity and infrastructure development to be consumer-centered and targeted toward recovery and resiliency, and consumer-driven by promoting the use of consumers as agents of transformation. These grants seek to address the needs of underserved and under-represented consumers; of consumers with histories of trauma, veterans, or those who have been involved in the criminal justice system; and/or to promote activities related to partnership development, coalition building, legacy planning, and economic empowerment as part of the recovery process for consumers. For the full grant announcement, visit: <http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/SM-10-004.aspx>. Deadline: November 25, 2009.

Liberty Mutual: Non-profit youth sports organizations are eligible to compete for Responsible Sports Community Grants to help defray the many costs of running a successful youth sports program. Registered nonprofit youth sport organizations recognized by the governing bodies of their sport(s) and are open to the general public are eligible to compete for the \$2,500 awards. To learn about how to register and participate in the program, visit: https://www.responsiblesports.com/community_grants/default.aspx. The Fall 2009 Community Grant period will be active until November 30, 2009.

Home Depot: The Building Healthy Communities Grant Program awards up to \$2,500 to initiatives that are improving the physical health of local communities. Grants, made in the form of the Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials, can be used for community improvement projects such as construction or refurbishment of affordable or transitional housing, building, rebuilding, painting, refurbishing, increasing energy efficiency or sustainability, landscaping, planting of native trees, community facility improvements and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Only registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. are eligible to apply. To view the full grant announcement, visit: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>. Any questions about this grant program should be sent to: team_depot@homedepot.com. Deadline: the final cycle opens October 15, 2009 and closes December 15, 2009.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECAs) program seeks to promote agriscience and agribusiness and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences. Public secondary schools, public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. For more on the program and to request an application, visit: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec_challenge.html. Applicants and other interested parties should contact P. Gregory Smith, National Education Program Leader, Higher Education Programs, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, at (202) 720-1973 or SPEC@csrees.usda.gov. Deadline: January 15, 2010.

New York State Department of Health: Applicants are asked to submit proposals for initiatives to accelerate the pace with which basic findings are translated into clinical practice for the benefit of spinal cord injured (SCI) persons. Specifically, the successful application will focus on a set of well-defined problems that promise transition to clinical trials within a decade. Although the Spinal Cord Injury Research Board has not developed a formal list of research priorities, projects targeting tissue regeneration, repair or restoration of function through biomedical and bioengineering research are of strongest interest, as are the under-studied areas of bowel and bladder function. Not-for-profit organizations or governmental organizations, academic institutions, research organizations, medical centers are eligible to apply. To learn more about the grant, visit: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/gan/20090901/>. For more information, call (518) 474-7002 or e-mail scirb@health.state.ny.us. Deadline: February 2, 2010.

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