



**U.S. House of Representatives
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Grants Alert June 2009

As of June 3, 2009

New York State Department of Health: Applications will be accepted for grants to fund non-profit community-based programs to provide direct, free or reduced fee legal assistance to underserved individuals and families whose lives have been affected by diagnoses of cancer. The funded applicant will provide members of underserved priority populations with legal assistance and support in planning for long and short term legal, financial, and medical needs. The Department of Health currently expects that approximately 6 awards will be made as a result of the application process. It is expected that awards will be made to support both the infrastructure and reimbursement for counseling, education, outreach and support services provided. For more information, contact: Mary Catherine Daniels, LMSW, Cancer Services Program, Department of Health, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, 3-W, Menands, NY 12204; or by e-mail: BCDSCAL@health.state.ny.us. Deadline: June 19, 2009

Department of Health and Human Services: Grants delivered through the Health Preparedness Program (HPP) are to be used to maintain, refine, and to the extent achievable, enhance the capacities and capabilities of healthcare systems, and for exercising and improving preparedness plans for public hazards including pandemic influenza. Healthcare systems eligible for these grants include hospitals and other healthcare facilities which are defined broadly as any combination of the following: outpatient facilities and centers (e.g., behavioral health, substance abuse, urgent care), inpatient facilities and centers (e.g., trauma, state and federal veterans, long-term, children's, tribal), and other entities (e.g., poison control, emergency medical services, CHCs, nursing, etc.). Eligible applicants are limited to those previously funded under the HPP. For further information, contact: Grants.gov Help Desk at Support@grants.gov. Deadline: June 30, 2009

Ben & Jerry's Foundation: The Ben & Jerry's Foundation offers competitive grants to not-for-profit, grassroots organizations throughout the United States which facilitate progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. The Foundation supports programs and projects that are examples of creative problem solving. Projects must lead to societal, institutional, and/or environmental change, address the root causes of social or environmental problems, and lead to new ways of thinking and acting. Grant applicants need to demonstrate that their projects will lead to societal, institutional and/or environmental change, address the root causes of social or environmental problems, and lead to new ways of thinking and acting.

Not-for-profit, grassroots organizations are available for full grants in the range of \$1,001 to \$15,000 or small grants of \$1,000 or less. For more information, visit: www.benjerry.com/company/foundation/. Deadline: July 1, 2009 or November 1, 2009

Department of Health and Human Services: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP), which addresses runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide runaway and homeless youth with a safe and appropriate shelter, individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate, and aftercare. Public and non-profit private entities and coordinated networks of such entities are eligible for this program. To view a full grant description, visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-ACYF-CY-0023.html>. Deadline: July 13, 2009

Environmental Protection Agency: Funds are available for eligible entities to create Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs) that provide multi-media environmental finance expertise and outreach to regulated communities (e.g., states, tribes, local governments, and the private sector) to help them find effective and innovative ways to address the growing costs of protecting public health and the environment in a sustainable manner. EFCs will be established across the nation to provide regulated parties with finance-related training, technical assistance, finance studies, and other analytical support (eligible services) to help them develop solutions to the critical “how-to-pay” issues associated with meeting environmental goals. Eligible entities include public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education. To view a complete description of the grant program, visit <http://www.epa.gov/efinpage/efcgrants/index.htm>. Deadline: July 15, 2009

Ira W. DeCamp Foundation: Over the past 20 years, the DeCamp Foundation's grantmaking has supported a wide array of organizations within three major program areas in the New York metropolitan region: community-based health care, foster care, and workforce development. Non-profit organizations classified as 501(c)(3) are eligible for annual grants of \$25,000 to \$250,000 for capacity-building, project, and capital support. For more information, visit: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/decamp/>. Deadline: July 15, 2009

Department of Treasury: The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is designed to prepare and file federal tax returns for underserved populations in hard-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban; increase the capacity to prepare and file federal tax returns electronically; heighten quality control; enhance training of volunteers; and significantly improve the accuracy of returns prepared at VITA sites. The program is open to public and private institutes of higher education and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. For a complete grant description, visit: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4671.pdf>. Deadline: July 17, 2009. For assistance and additional information, contact: Grant Program Office, (404) 338-7894, grant.program.office@irs.gov

Department of Treasury: The IRS is authorized to enter into agreements with private or non-governmental public non-profit agencies or organizations with 501(c)(3) status through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program. The grants will fund these organizations to provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who provide free tax counseling and assistance to elderly individuals in the preparation of their federal income tax returns. Grant funds are used to reimburse volunteers for out-of-pocket expenses including transportation, meals, and other expenses incurred by them in providing tax counseling assistance at locations convenient to the taxpayers. For an overview of the program, visit: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1101.pdf>. Deadline: August 3, 2009. For more information, contact: TCE Grant Program Office, 404-338-7894, tce.grant.office@irs.gov

National Endowment for the Humanities: Building on the national distribution of Picturing America, the National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for local and regional projects that foster collaboration between K-12 educators and humanities scholars to encourage engagement with the rich resources of American art to tell America's story. These projects will help students better understand America's diverse people and places and connect them to our nation's travails and triumphs. This history is reflected in the themes of Picturing America: Leadership, Freedom and Equality, Democracy, Courage, Landscape, and Creativity and Ingenuity. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, school districts, public and private institutes of higher education, and 501(c)(3) nonprofits. For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pascp.html>. Deadline: October 7, 2009

Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corporation: A nonprofit tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, has launched a Community Grant Program. The program to simultaneously (1) encourage those involved broadly with the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest to actively think about the educational needs in the communities of Boston, Hartford, New York City, Providence and Washington, D.C., (2) recognize, encourage and collaborate with the front-line workers within the educational system who often do not have a voice in funding decisions, and (3) provide funding to assist with small, concrete projects or need which will make an improvement in inner city education within a year of the award. The Foundation generally considers grant applications monthly and award grants in an amount totaling not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any one month. The applicant must be a "front line educational worker" who is involved in the education field or a related field applying for a non-profit organization or tax-exempt organization (e.g. a public school) that is willing to accept the grant and use it in the required manner. The proposed use of the grant must be to fully fund a specific, one-time future education-related need or idea which promises to improve inner-city education within one year of the grant award. For more information on the program, visit: <http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp>