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**Grants Alert April 2008**

**Department of Health and Human Services:** The Office of Population Affairs (OPA), Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs requests applications for Adolescent Family Life (AFL) prevention demonstration grants. These grants are for projects to develop, implement and evaluate a multi-site primary abstinence education program targeting youth ages 12-18, as compared with a multi-site “enriched” program model. Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit organization or agency. Deadline: June 11, 2008. For further information contact the Deborah Speight at the OPHS Office of Grants Management at 240-453-8822 or email: [deborah.speight@hhs.gov](mailto:deborah.speight@hhs.gov).

**Health Resources and Services Administration:** Announces the availability of funding under the Health Center Program. The program promotes the development and operation of community-based primary health care service systems in medically underserved areas and improves the health status of medically underserved populations. The purpose of this activity is to continue to support comprehensive primary and preventive health care service delivery to areas where existing section 330 grantees have a project period ending in FY 2008. Applicants are limited to public or nonprofit private entities, including tribal, faith-based and community-based organizations proposing to serve the same service area(s) and/or population(s) currently served by existing grantees identified in the application materials. Deadline: May 9, 2008. For further information contact: Nicole Amado, Public Health Analyst, at 301-594-4300 or email: [nicole.amado@hrsa.hhs.gov](mailto:nicole.amado@hrsa.hhs.gov).

**Administration for Children and Families:** The Office of Community Services (OCS) will accept applications for grants to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Applications will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this announcement. Unsuccessful applicants may submit new applications in any succeeding application cycle. Eligible applicants are State, city and county governments, universities and non-profits. For further information contact: Daphne Weeden at the Office of Grants Management Division of Discretionary Grants at 800-281-9519 or email: [ocsgrants@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ocsgrants@acf.hhs.gov).

**Department of Labor:** Announces the availability of funds under the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. Grants are awarded to provide training and education programs for employers and employees on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in

their workplaces. OSHA selects the safety and health topics and holds a national competition to award grants. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations that are not an agency of State or local governments. State and local government supported institutions of higher education are also eligible to apply. Deadline: May 23, 2008. For further information visit the Department's website at: <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/ote/sharwood.html#Applying>

**Environmental Protection Agency:** Announces the availability of funds for a National Clean Diesel Campaign. EPA Regions 1 and 2, as part of the Northeast Diesel Collaborative (NEDC), are soliciting proposals for projects to reduce diesel emissions. Funding will be in the form of cooperative agreements or grants, which must be used to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of – (1) tons of pollution produced; and (2) diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated by the Administrator as poor air quality areas. Under this solicitation, only the following entities are eligible to apply for assistance: A) a regional, State, local or tribal agency or port authority with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality; and B) a nonprofit organization or institution that – 1) represents or provides pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets; or 2) has, as its principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality. School districts, municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), cities and counties are all eligible entities under this assistance agreement program within the extent that they fall within the definition above. Deadline: June 12, 2008. For further information contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2, Matt Laurita at 212-637-3895 or email: [laurita.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:laurita.matthew@epa.gov).

**Environmental Protection Agency:** The Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) is soliciting applications for funding to provide training, research, and technical assistance to facilitate the inventory of brownfields sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfields sites, community involvement, or site preparation. Eligible applicants are State governments, cities and townships as well as institutions of higher education and nonprofits. Deadline: May 1, 2008. For further information contact: Sven-Erik Kaiser, U.S. EPA, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (MC 5105-T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; Phone 202-566-2753; or email [kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov](mailto:kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov).

**Administration for Children and Families:** Announces the availability of funds under the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988. The purposes of this funding announcement are as follows: (1) to develop and implement programs of comprehensive community-based support services for the target population as described in the announcement; (2) to evaluate the implementation and outcomes of these comprehensive support services; and (3) to develop these programs as identifiable sites that other States/locales seeking to implement comprehensive support services for this population can look to for guidance, insight, and possible replication. Eligible applicants are State and City governments, public and private nonprofits, and community-based organizations. Deadline: May 27, 2008. For further information contact: Lisa Dammar by calling: 886-796-1591 or by email: [ACFOGME-Grants@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ACFOGME-Grants@acf.hhs.gov) or visit the ACF's website at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CB-0045.html>

**Health Resources Service Administration:** Announces the availability of funds under the Health Center Program. The program promotes the development and operation of community-based primary health care service systems in medically underserved areas and improves the health status of medically underserved populations. Eligible applicants are public or nonprofit private entities, faith-based and community-based organizations which propose to serve the same service area(s) and/or population(s) currently served by existing grantees identified in the application materials. Eligible applicants include grantees whose project period ends on or after October 31, 2007 and before October 1, 2008 and new organizations proposing to serve the entire service area(s) and/or population(s) identified in the application materials. Deadline: April 7, 2008. For further information contact Nicole Amado at: 301-594-4300 or by email: [nicole.amado@hrsa.hhs.gov](mailto:nicole.amado@hrsa.hhs.gov) or visit the HRSA's website at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>.

**New York Department of Environmental Conservation:** Funds are available to obtain independent technical assistance about State Superfund Program and Brownfield Cleanup Program sites that pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. A qualifying group must certify that its membership represents the interest of the community affected by the site, and that its members' health, economic well-being or enjoyment of the environment, are potentially threatened by the site. Portions of technical assistance work may be subcontracted based on unit price bids/quotes for professional services to subconsultants, subject to the guidance from and approval of the Department. The TAG recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to subcontract a portion of the contract amount to Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE). The percentage goals for MBE and WBE participation are 8.8% for equipment, supplies and services in the Upstate NYSDEC Regions 3-9. For New York City and Long Island NYSDEC Regions 1 & 2, MBE utilization goal percentages are 18.8% for equipment, supplies and services; for WBE these goal percentages are 20.5% for equipment, supplies and services. The TAG recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to employ 10% minority group members and 10% women for a portion of the workforce hours required to perform the work under this contract. Eligibility: Eligible community groups must be non-responsible parties incorporated as not-for-profit corporations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadline: Applications are continuously being accepted. For more information: Application and guidance for the TAG grants are downloadable from the Department's website at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/guidance/tag/>

**New York Department of Environmental Conservation:** This notice is to advertise the availability of State assistance funding to municipalities for Environmental Restoration Projects to investigate and/or remediate hazardous substances on property held in title by a municipality. A municipality may obtain "temporary incidents of ownership" during a tax foreclosure proceeding for a property in order to conduct such investigations. Portions of investigation and remediation activities may be subcontracted based on unit price bids/quotes for professional services to subconsultants, subject to guidance from and approval of the Department. The recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to subcontract a portion of the contract amount to Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE). The percentage goals for MBE and WBE participation are 8.8% for equipment, supplies and services, and 6% for construction in the Upstate NYSDEC Regions 3-9. For New York City and Long Island NYSDEC Regions 1 & 2, MBE utilization goal percentages are 18.8% for equipment, supplies

and services and 21.5% for construction. WBE goal percentages are 20.5% for equipment, supplies and services, and 13.7% for construction for New York City and Long Island. The recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to employ 10% minority group members and 10% women for a portion of the workforce hours required to perform the work under this contract. Eligibility: A local public authority or public benefit corporation, county, city, town, village, school district, supervisory district, district corporation, improvement district within a county, city, town or village, or Indian nation or tribe recognized by the State and the U.S. within a reservation wholly or partly within NY State boundaries, or any combination thereof. Deadline: Ongoing. For more information: Contact <http://www.dec.ny.gov> or call 18-402-9711.

**Department of Transportation:** The New York State Department of Transportation has recently released a grant program intended to provide assistance to organizations which meet the transportation needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. This grant is funded from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program, but is administered by the NYS Department of Transportation. Program grants will be awarded based on several factors including, the ability of the applicant to operate, maintain and finance a transportation service; the general mobility limitations and the level of need for a transportation service in the area; and the actual usage for transporting elderly and/or disabled individuals. Eligibility: not-for-profit organizations which serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with disabilities and municipalities and county level governments. This program will provide 80 percent of vehicle purchase costs for the accepted applicants. Deadline: June 1, 2008. For more information: Contact the New York State Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Bureau, Section 5310 Grant Program, 50 Wolf Road, POD 54, Albany, NY 12232, or call (518) 457-8335.

**New York State Affordable Housing Corporation:** This private organization has two primary goals: to promote home ownership among families of low- and moderate-income and to stimulate the development, stabilization and preservation of New York communities. Grants are made available to government and non-government sponsors which develop affordable housing or assist homeowners in funding such endeavors. These agencies or organizations are then responsible for ensuring that the homebuyers or homeowners are income qualified and otherwise eligible recipients. The Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) ensures that grant funds are equitably distributed throughout the state, and among urban, suburban and rural communities. Eligibility: Municipalities, including municipal housing authorities and housing development fund companies, and not-for-profit corporations and charitable organizations that have affordable housing or home improvement as one of their primary purposes. Deadline: Contact the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation for more information. For more information: Contact the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, 641 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10022, or call (212) 688-4000.

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Deadline: June 1, 2008. For more information: Contact the New York State Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Bureau, Section 5310 Grant Program, 50 Wolf Road, POD 54, Albany, NY 12232, or call (518) 457-8335.

**New York State Department of Health:** NYS Dept. of Health, through the Long Term Care Quality Improvement Initiative (LTCQII), is dedicated to improving the quality of the nursing home experience in New York State facilities. The LTCQII will support projects of long term care providers and others who will utilize grant monies, in addition to their own funds, to achieve sustainable improvements that will benefit nursing home residents. Applicants are encouraged to look at creative ways to use these funds. Projects must meet at least one of the following objectives which include: improving resident quality of life; improving the quality of care provided; improving the use of data in decision making; and improving cross-provider communication and information sharing. Contracts will be a maximum of 18 months, starting July 1, 2008, in length. Therefore, activities and an evaluation of their effect must be completed within that timeframe. Eligibility: All applicants must be currently licensed as a nursing home in New York State, and be certified as a Medicare/Medicaid provider; or if the applicant is not a nursing home, the applicant will have entered into a project that benefits nursing home residents in facilities certified as a Medicare/Medicaid nursing home provider in New York State.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning April 11, 2008 through May 5, 2008. For more information: Contact Cathy Fiato, NYS Department of Health, Office of Long Term Care, Division of Residential Services, 161 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, or e-mail: [kxf10@health.state.ny.us](mailto:kxf10@health.state.ny.us).

**New York City Office of Mental Health:** Announces the availability of funds to provide access to affordable, independent housing and support services based on the needs of adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Funding is available to provide rental assistance and support services, to serve individuals in the target populations which include but are not limited to chronically homeless single adults who have a serious mental illness or who are diagnosed as mentally ill and chemically addicted. Many recipients will be coping with co-occurring substance abuse disorders and be at various stages of recovery. Services provided by the sponsoring agency will vary, depending upon the needs of the recipient. Supported Housing staff should encourage and assist recipients to develop natural community supports, use community resources and pursue an individualized path towards recovery. Staff should also help the individual to establish a household and facilitate the resolution of landlord-tenant issues. It is expected that the need for services provided by the sponsoring agency will decrease over time as the recipient is more fully integrated in the community. Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations which operate in New York City and have experience providing housing and/or mental health services to seriously and persistently mentally ill individuals. Deadline: April 30, 2008. For more information: Contact Christine Madan, Deputy Director, Office of Mental Health, New

York City Field Office, 330 Fifth Ave, 9th Fl, New York, NY 10001-3101; or by e-mail at [COCBCSM@omh.state.ny.us](mailto:COCBCSM@omh.state.ny.us).

**New York State Education Department:** NYS Dept. of Education, through the Office of Teaching Initiatives, is offering this grant for the development and implementation of mentor teacher-internship programs in local school districts. Funding for this program is subject to yearly approval by the New York State Legislature. These programs enable experienced teachers (mentors) in a district to provide guidance and support to beginning teachers (interns) in their first or second year of teaching. Essential components of these programs include, but are not limited to: Joint development of these programs by school administration and local teachers' bargaining agents, program focus on the mentor/intern relationship which develops through the project year, defined mentor selection process, including establishment of a mentor selection committee, mentor training, described activities for mentors, interns and principals as well as a final program evaluation. Eligibility: Public school districts and boards of cooperative educational services. Deadline: May 16, 2008. For more information: Contact Nancy Brennan, Education Department Office of Teaching, 5N EB, State Education Department, Albany, NY 12234, or e-mail [MTIPRFP@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:MTIPRFP@mail.nysed.gov), or call at (518) 474-4661.