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National Endowment for the Humanities: The Small Grants to Libraries program brings traveling exhibitions and other types of public programming to libraries across the country. “John Adams Unbound” is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Boston Public Library, and the American Library Association (ALA). The exhibition is based upon a major exhibition of the same name that was on display in the galleries of the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, in 2006 and 2007 (see www.johnadamslibrary.org). The traveling exhibition and tour are funded by a major grant from NEH to the Boston Public Library. “John Adams Unbound” has been designated as part of the NEH’s We the People program, which supports projects that explore significant events and themes in our nation’s history and culture and advance knowledge of the principles that define America. Eligibility: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. Deadline: April 4, 2008. For further information contact: the Division of Public Programs National Endowment for the Humanities Room 426, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20506 or call 202-606-8269 or PublicPgms@neh.gov. A full description of this announcement can be found at: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SGL_JohnAdams.html

Department of Education: Announces the availability of funds under the Safe Schools/Healthy Students program. The program supports the implementation and enhancement of integrated, comprehensive community-wide plans that create safe and drug-free schools and promote healthy childhood development. Eligible applicants are local education agencies (LEAs) including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, and consortia of LEAs. Deadline: March 14, 2008. For further information contact: Karen Dorsey at (202) 708-4674 or by e-mail: karen.dorsey@ed.gov.

U.S. Department of Justice: The Office Civil Rights Division, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) announces the availability of funds for grants to conduct public education programs about the rights afforded potential victims of employment discrimination and the responsibilities of employers under the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. It is anticipated that a number of grants will be competitively awarded to applicants who can demonstrate a capacity to design and successfully implement public education campaigns to address immigration related unfair employment discrimination. Grants may range in size from \$35,000 to \$100,000. Eligible applicants are for profit organizations other than small businesses, City, State or township governments, nonprofits with or without a having a 501(c)(3) status other than institutions of higher education and Small businesses. For further information Terry Scott, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices at

202) 616-5594 or (202) 616-5525 (TDD for the hearing impaired) or visit DOJ's website at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08OSCIImmEdSol.pdf>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): The Agency is soliciting grant proposals from eligible entities to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in low-income communities with older housing. Potential activities include outreach, training, ordinance development, and other activities that would result in reduction of childhood lead poisoning. This grant will support the partnership of national organizations with community-based organizations and local governments to improve the environmental health of a community regarding lead poisoning prevention. The closing date for receipt of hard copy proposal packages March 31 2008, 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). All hard copies of proposal packages must be postmarked by March 31, 2008, 5:00 p.m., EST in order to be considered for funding. Electronic submissions must be submitted via Grants.gov by March 31, 2008, 5:00 p.m., EST. For further information contact: Darlene Watford at 202-566-0516 or by email: watford.darlene@epa.gov or visit the EPA's website at: http://www.epa.gov/oppt/lead/rfp_2-8-08.pdf

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. For further information contact: Lisa Dammar by calling: 886-796-1591 or by email: 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>

Administration for Children and Families: The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) invites the submission of applications for funding, on a competitive basis, to connect newcomer refugees and their communities with community resources. The objective of this program is to strengthen organized ethnic communities comprised and representative of refugee populations to ensure ongoing support and services to refugees after initial resettlement. This announcement replaces the Priority Area Three - Ethnic Community Self-Help program included in the Standing Announcement for Services for Recently Arrived Refugees published in the Federal Register on April 23, 2004. The Director will observe March 24, 2008, as the first closing date for applications. Thereafter, the Director will observe February 24, 2009 and February 24, 2010 as the closing dates for applications. Public or private nonprofit agencies, faith-based and community-based organizations are eligible applicants. Deadline: March 24, 2008. For further information contact: Thomas Giossi, Program Manager at 202-401-5720 or by email: Thomas.Giossi@acf.hhs.gov or visit ACF's website at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ORR-RE-0117.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 or visit the HRSA's website at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): SAMHSA is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 for Prevention of Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Subpopulations cooperative agreements. The purpose of this program is to support an array of activities to assist grantees in building a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining quality and accessible state of the science substance abuse and HIV prevention services. Specifically, the program aims to engage community-level domestic public and private non-profit entities to prevent and reduce the onset of SA and transmission of HIV/AIDS among at-risk racial/ethnic minority subpopulations. Eligible applicants are non-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, health care delivery organizations and local governments. Deadline: April 1, 2008. For further information contact: Claudia Richards (240) 276-2409 or email fy08mairfa@samhsa.hhs.gov or visit the http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sp_08_001.aspx.

Department of Education: Announces the availability of funding to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-aged children through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research. Under this competition, eligible applicants are: (a) one or more local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, that are eligible to receive a subgrant under the Reading First program; (b) one or more public or private organizations or agencies (including faith-based organizations) located in a community served by an eligible LEA; or (c) one or more eligible LEAs, applying in collaboration with one or more eligible organizations or agencies. Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-Applications: February 1, 2008. Deadline for Transmittal of Full Applications: April 18, 2008 (for applicants invited to submit full applications only). For further information contact: Pilla Parker, at (202) 260-3710 or by e-mail: Pilla.Parker@ed.gov; or Rebecca Marek, at (202) 260-0968 or by e-mail: Rebecca.Marek@ed.gov.

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) invite proposals for projects using the latest digital technologies for the benefit of the American public, humanities scholarship, and the nation's cultural institutions. These grants require substantive collaborations among libraries, museums, archives, universities, and other cultural organizations. Grants support projects that explore new ways to share, examine, and interpret humanities collections in a digital environment; that develop new uses and audiences for existing digital resources; or that result in extensible and transferable methodologies or tools. For list of eligible projects visit http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Digital_Partnership.html. Deadline: March 18, 2008. For further information, contact Division of Preservation and Access, Room 411, National Endowment for the Humanities 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506 or call: 202-606-8570 or email: preservation@neh.gov.

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.

Health Department and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York: This grant program is being offered to realize the goal of the Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers (HEAL NY) – Phase 7, Capital Restructuring Initiatives. The strategic focus of the grant is to support projects which will assist facilities to enter into shared governance agreements and other collaborative arrangements that promote quality and efficiency in the delivery of care appropriate to the needs of their communities. Additionally, this grant program will assist facilities in meeting the needs of patients and clients formerly served by hospitals and nursing homes closed or downsized in response to the mandates of the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the Twenty-First Century. Lastly, this program will assist facilities in undertaking projects to reduce excess inpatient capacity in favor of ambulatory and community-based care. The Department of Health and the Dormitory Authority currently expects grants will be distributed regionally, based on capital restructuring priorities as described in the Request for Grant Applications (RGA). Eligibility: Hospitals, nursing homes, certified home health agencies, and hospices. Deadline: April 3, 2008. For more information: Contact Robert Schmidt, Director, HEAL NY Implementation Team at Department of Health, Hedley Building, 6th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, NY 12180, or by e-mail at healnycap08@health.state.ny.us. Further information regarding the RGA and related information will be available on the Department of Health public Web site, www.nyhealth.gov/funding/.

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 City Office of Mental Health: This grant is intended to provide access to affordable, independent housing and support services based on the needs of adults with severe and persistent mental illness and who reside in New York City. Supported housing is long-term/permanent housing. Recipients are not required to move from housing as their need for services change and housing is not lost during hospitalization. There are no program requirements and no length of stay restrictions. These supporting housing units and services will be made available to individuals who are currently residents of either Office of Mental Health (OMH) Psychiatric Centers or OMH-operated residential programs and have resided there for a period of one year or longer. Individuals with Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) status and homeless persons residing in municipal shelters or on the streets are also eligible for priority access. Contracts will be awarded for a one-year period with four additional one-year renewals for a maximum of five years. Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c) (3) incorporation which operate in New York City and have experience providing housing and/or mental health services to seriously and persistently mentally ill individuals. Though there are no Office of Mental Health (OMH) licensing requirements, current licensed providers who apply must have operating certificates in good standing with OMH. Deadline: April 1, 2008. For more information: Contact Christine Madan, 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.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance: The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has received federal funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds will be dedicated for the rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for use as shelters for the homeless, for payment of certain operation costs and social services expenses relating to homeless shelters, and homeless prevention activities. A social service district applying for Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) funds may either manage the grant itself or distribute the grant, or a portion of it, through sub-contracts with not-for-profit or charitable service providers. Not-for-profit and charitable organizations applying directly to OTDA for funding under this program must provide certification that the social service district in which the project is located approves of the project. Eligibility: Local social services districts, not-for-profit corporations and charitable organizations, including faith-based organizations. Deadline: March 31, 2008. For more information: Contact Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Bureau of Housing Services, 40 North Pearl Street 10-B, Albany, New York 12243, fax a request to (518) 486-7068 or e-mail a request to Richard.Umholtz@otda.state.ny.us.

New York State Department of Health: The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute Office of the Medical Director announces the availability of funds for HIV Primary Care Models for treatment Adherence to Combination Antiretroviral Therapy. Between 9 and 20 programs will be funded under this initiative. Through this grant, the AIDS Institute proposes to support the delivery of treatment adherence services for individuals on combination antiretroviral therapy through evidence-based, multi-faceted, comprehensive, client-centered models. These models will be expected to integrate adherence services into the routine provision of HIV care; provide a comprehensive approach to assessing and assisting patients at risk for non-adherence, including the assessment of treatment readiness; utilize a multidisciplinary team approach; and demonstrate links to case management services. Eligibility: Not-for-profit or publicly operated facilities licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law. Deadline: Applicants are

encouraged to submit a letter of interest by March 12, 2008, though the actual application deadline is April 2, 2008. For further information: Beth Woolston, Treatment Adherence, Department of Health/AIDS Institute, Corning Tower, Room 259, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237, or by e-mail at: txadh@health.state.ny.us.

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.