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Washington, DC- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced today that *Teach for America-Rio Grande Valley* has received a \$370,000 AmeriCorps grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The grant will support 185 AmeriCorps members who will serve as teachers to ensure that the students are given the tools, encouragement and high expectations required to succeed academically in low-performing schools located in the Rio Grande Valley.

"Citizen service is an essential part of the solution to many of the social challenges facing our communities, especially in tough economic times," said Rep. Hinojosa. "These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen our communities as they develop civic and leadership skills that can last a lifetime. I congratulate Teach for America-Rio Grande Valley for receiving this grant and thank all those who have answered the call to service by joining AmeriCorps."

In addition to grant dollars, the Corporation is setting aside funding to pay for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for individuals who will serve in positions funded by these grants. After completing a full term of service, AmeriCorps members receive an education award of \$5,350 that they can use to pay for college or to pay off student loans. The current year's AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong and growing

demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Organizations requested nearly twice the number of grant dollars and AmeriCorps positions than could be funded.

The grants focus AmeriCorps resources on six key areas: strengthening education, fostering economic opportunity, preparing for and responding to disasters, improving health, meeting environmental and energy efficiency needs, and assisting veterans and military families.



AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Its members serve in thousands of nonprofit and faith-based organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other activities, tutor and mentor youth, expand health services, build affordable housing, run after-school programs, support veterans, help communities respond to disasters, and recruit and train volunteers.

AmeriCorps, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, engages 80,000 people each year in intensive, results-driven service through more than 14,000 nonprofits across the country. Since 1994, more than 700,000 Americans have provided more than 860 million hours of service to their communities and country through AmeriCorps. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting AmeriCorps.gov.



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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$350,000 HUD GRANT AWARD FOR UTPA

Washington, DC -- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced \$350,000 grant was awarded to the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for their Community Engagement program through OneCPD.

This is a brand new program grant for HUD that is part of their "Transformation Strategy." With this grant UTPA has been selected to provide ongoing capacity building and technical assistance support to HUD grantees in the service area. Based on our extensive community development experience, UTPA has become an integral part of HUD's national technical support team. UTPA will be providing technical support in areas such as: organizational assessments, strategic planning, grant management, information management, evaluation, and market analysis.

"UTPA's Community Engagement program is a national model for economic and community development that has assisted so many of our residents who are looking to improve their communities, their businesses and their homes", said Rep. Hinojosa. "This grant will help others learn how to assess their local markets, and how to leverage resources that will directly impact many areas of the Rio Grande Valley."

OneCPD is HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development's new cross-program technical assistance effort, designed to help CPD grantees carry out comprehensive and sustainable "place-based" development and revitalization strategies. The Community Engagement program at UTPA has provided education, training and professional expertise to RGV residents since 1987.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$100,000 IN A GRANT TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES AND CREATE JOBS

Washington, DC-Today-Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a grant for \$114,150 was awarded to the Pharr Economic Development Corporation by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program under the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program to help small businesses in rural communities and create jobs.

The RBEG program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund business incubators, and help fund employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities.

"Our rural communities in the Rio Grande Valley continue to grow and with that comes the need for enterprise that we are ever ready to support," said Rep.

Hinojosa. "Funding from the USDA will go a long way to assist these expansions and those small businesses which will contribute to our local economy and create much needed jobs in Deep South Texas."



The USDA funds will be used to create a Revolving Loan Fund to help small emerging businesses in the rural areas. Besides helping small business owners, the grant will also create 11 jobs in the rural communities.



USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST RURAL COOPERATIVES AND BUSINESSES TO SPUR JOB CREATION

TEMPLE, TEXAS June 13, 2011 –USDA Rural Development is now accepting applications for grants to help rural businesses create jobs through cooperative development centers.

“USDA Rural Development’s mission is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities,” said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. “By providing these grants, we will benefit technical and educational assistance available to rural business owners through cooperative development centers and in turn, promote job creation and improve rural business operations.”



Under the RCDG program, grants of up to \$225,000 may be awarded to colleges, universities and non-profit groups to create and operate centers that help individuals or groups establish, expand or operate rural businesses, especially cooperatives. Grants may be used to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement business plans, and help businesses develop new markets for their products and services.

Through this notice, USDA may award up to \$7.4 million in grants. Funds may finance up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating the cooperative centers. Recipients must match 25 percent of the total project cost. Applications are due July 22, 2011. For more information, see page 32943 of the June 7 Federal Register, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-07/pdf/2011-13927.pdf>.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$150 billion in loans and loan guarantees. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov> for additional information about the agency's programs or to locate the USDA Rural Development office nearest you.



THE SOUTH TEXAS LITERACY COALITION ANNOUNCES LOCAL BOOK GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The South Texas Literacy Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to the coordination of literacy services, envisions South Texas as a community where every child and adult is a life-long learner skilled with the highest levels of literacy.

The STLC is interested in funding the distribution of books for non-RIF programs where the need is great, i.e. community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, community centers, or grass-roots organizations who serve at-risk populations.

The Book Distribution Initiative is designed as a community outreach project to promote reading, family literacy, and educational achievement and can be utilized to enhance an organization's program outreach initiatives.

Collaborators/partners eligible for the program include non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, grass-roots organizations and schools. You can download the application on their website at : www.southtexaslitcoalition.org. For more information on this program please call Dr. Ida Acuna-Garza at 956-414-6078.



IRS IDENTIFIES ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE LOST TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced that approximately 275,000 organizations under the law have automatically lost their tax-exempt status because they did not file legally required annual reports for three consecutive years. The IRS believes the vast majority of these organizations are defunct, but it also announced special steps to help any existing organizations to apply for reinstatement of their tax-exempt status.

Congress passed the Pension Protection Act (PPA) in 2006, requiring most tax-exempt organizations to file an annual information return or notice with the IRS. For small organizations, the law imposed a filing requirement for the first time in 2007. In addition, the law automatically revokes the tax-exempt status of any organization that does not file required returns or notices for three consecutive years.

For several years, the IRS has made an extensive effort to inform organizations of the changes in the law through multiple outreach and education avenues, including mailing more than 1 million notices to organizations that had not filed. In addition, last year the IRS published a list of at-risk groups and gave smaller organizations an additional five months to file required notices and come into compliance. About 50,000 organizations filed during this extension period. Overall, the IRS believes the vast majority of small tax-exempt organizations are now in compliance with the 2006 law.

"During the past several years, the IRS has gone the extra mile to help make tax-exempt groups aware of their legal filing requirement and allow them additional time to file," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "Still, we realize there may be some legitimate organizations, especially very small ones, that were unaware of their new filing requirement. We are taking additional steps for these groups to maintain their tax-exempt status without jeopardizing their operations or harming their donors."

As part of this, the IRS issued guidance today on how organizations can apply for reinstatement of their tax-exempt status, including retroactive reinstatement. In addition, the IRS announced transition relief for certain small tax-exempt organizations – those with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less for 2010 – that were made subject to the new "postcard" filing under the PPA. The relief allows eligible small organizations to regain their tax-exempt status retroactive to the date of revocation and pay a reduced application fee of \$100 rather than the typical \$400 or \$850

fee. Full details are available in [Notice 2011-43](#), [Notice 2011-44](#) and [Revenue Procedure 2011-36](#).

If an organization appears on the list of organizations whose tax-exempt status has been automatically revoked it is because IRS records indicate the organization had a filing requirement and did not file the required returns or notices for 2007, 2008 and 2009. The list of organizations whose tax-exempt status has been revoked for failing to meet their filing requirement, which will be available on the IRS website at www.irs.gov, includes each organization's name, Employer Identification Number (EIN) and last known address. It is searchable by state. It also includes the effective date of the automatic revocation and the date it was posted to the list. The IRS will update the list monthly to include additional organizations that lose their tax-exempt status.

The vast majority of tax-exempt groups file their required returns and are unaffected by the revocation listing. In addition, the IRS believes the vast majority of the newly revoked groups are no longer in existence and need to be removed from the tax-exempt listing as the 2006 law requires.

This listing should have little, if any, impact on donors who previously made deductible contributions to auto-revoked organizations because donations made prior to the publication of an organization's name on the list remain tax-deductible. Going forward, however, organizations that are on the auto-revocation list that do not receive reinstatement are no longer eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, and any income they receive may be taxable.

Publication on the list of organizations whose tax-exempt status has been revoked serves as notice to donors and others that they may no longer rely on a prior listing in IRS Publication 78, *Cumulative List of Organizations*, as an indication of an organization's tax-exempt status or its eligibility to receive tax-deductible contributions. An updated version of Publication 78 with current listings will be published on the IRS website later this week. Nor can donors rely on an IRS determination letter issued to the organization prior to the date of automatic revocation. Existing organizations that seek to have their tax-exempt status reinstated must complete an application and pay a user fee regardless of whether they were originally required to file such an application. More information on the reinstatement process, including retroactive reinstatement, can be found on www.irs.gov

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AGRICULTURE

Farmers' Market Promotion Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Deadline: 07/01/2011

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of approximately \$10 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2011 to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructure. AMS hereby requests proposals from eligible entities within the following categories: agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers market authorities, and Tribal governments. The minimum award per grant is \$5,000 and the maximum award per grant is \$100,000. No matching funds are required.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: AMS hereby requests proposals from eligible entities within the following categories: agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers market authorities, and Tribal governments.

Contact: Carmen Humphrey, Phone: 202-690-0031

Website: www.ams.usda.gov

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

NAMM Foundation Announces Wanna Play Fund Grants for Instruments Available to Schools and Community Organizations for Music Education Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The nonprofit NAMM Foundation works to advance active, lifelong participation in music making by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs of the international music products industry. The organization has announced the availability of grants through its Wanna Play Fund to provide instruments to schools and community organizations that are expanding or reinstating music education programs as part of a core curriculum and/or that employ quality music teachers. Eligible applicants are public schools serving low-income students (percentage of free and reduced lunch data required); community organizations serving low-income students and students with special needs (community demographic information required); and schools and community programs that have made a commitment to hiring and retaining high-quality music teachers and providing standards-based, sequential learning in music. Online grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified within thirty days of submission whether or not a grant will be awarded. Website: <http://www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/apply-grant-and-scholarship>

Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Guitar Center Music Foundation's mission is to aid nonprofit music programs across America that offer music instruction so that more people can experience the joys of making music. Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs across the United States that provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

Website: <http://www.guitarcentermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

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Princess Grace Foundation-USA Announces 2011 Princess Grace Awards Applications in Theater, Playwriting, Dance, Choreography, and Film

Deadline: Various (see below)

The Princess Grace Foundation-USA has announced the availability of applications for the 2011 Princess Grace Awards in Theater, Playwriting, Dance Performance, Choreography, and Film. Founded in 1982, in memory of Princess Grace (Kelly) of Monaco, the foundation identifies and assists emerging artists in theater, dance, and film and has awarded more than \$8 million in total support to nearly five hundred individuals nationwide. Theater Awards are offered in the form of scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships. Grants are awarded based on the quality of the emerging artist's past work, his/her potential for future excellence, and the impact the collaboration between the nominating organization and the artist will have on the individual's artistic growth. The Playwriting Award includes a residency at New Dramatists, Inc. and opportunity for the winning play to be licensed and published by Samuel French, Inc. (Deadline: March 21, 2011.) Dance Performance Awards are offered in the form of scholarships and fellowships. Awards are based on the applicant's artistic merit, significance of the award to current artistic development, and the potential for future excellence and impact on the field. Choreography Awards offer emerging choreographers the opportunity to create a new work with organizations with which they have little experience. (Deadline: April 30, 2011.) Film Scholarships, awarded to undergraduate and graduate students, are by invitation only. Approved university, college, and school film programs are invited to submit applicants via their department chairs or deans. Film scholarships provide funding toward the filmmaker's thesis project. (A complete list of accepted schools is available at the foundation's Web site.) (Deadline: June 1, 2011.) All applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status at the time of application. Additionally, all applicants (except playwriting) must be nominated by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (school or company) with which they will be affiliated during the grant period (September 2011 to August 2012).

Website: <http://www.pgfusa.org/>

Public Television Digital Transition

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Deadline: 07/25/2011

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces its Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program application window for fiscal year (FY) 2011. The FY 2011 funding for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program is \$4,491,000. As part of the nation's transition to digital television, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) required all television broadcasters to have converted their transmitters to broadcast digital signals by June 12, 2009. While stations must broadcast their main transmitter signal in digital, many rural stations have yet to complete a full digital transition of their stations across all equipment. Rural stations often have translators serving small or isolated areas and some of these have not completed the transition to digital. Because the FCC deadline did not apply to translators, they are allowed to continue broadcasting in analog. Some rural stations also have not fully converted their production and studio equipment to digital, which has impaired their ability to provide the same quality local programming that they provided in analog. The digital transition has also created some service gaps where households that received an analog signal are now unable to receive a digital signal. For rural households the digital transition has meant in some cases diminished over-the-air public television service. These rural households are the focus of the Agency's Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program. Most applications to the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program have sought assistance towards the goal of replicating analog coverage areas through transmitter and translator transitions. The first priority has been to initiate digital broadcasting from their main transmitters. It is important for public television stations to be able to tailor their programs and services (e.g., education services, public health, homeland security, and local culture) to the needs of their rural constituents. If public television programming is lost, many school systems may be left without educational programming they count on for curriculum compliance.

Maximum Grant Size: \$750,000

Eligible Applicants: Public television stations which serve rural areas are eligible for Public Television Station Digital Transition Grants. A public television station is a noncommercial educational television broadcast station that is qualified for Community Service Grants by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting under section 396(k) of the Communications Act of 1934.

Contact: Gary B. Allan, Phone: 202-690-4493.

Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov

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The Arts in Media

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 09/01/2011

Grants are available to support the development, production, and national distribution of innovative media projects about the arts (e.g., visual arts, music, dance, literature, design, theater, musical theater, opera, folk & traditional arts, and media arts including film, audio, animation, and digital art) and media projects that can be considered works of art.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: 1) Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements," including nonprofit, tax-exempt status, at the time of application. All organizations must apply directly on their own behalf. Applications through a fiscal agent are not allowed and 2) Have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date(s) for all Arts Endowment awards(s) previously received.

Contact: Laura Welsh, Phone: 202-682-5738, Email: welshl@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Pursuant to PWEDA, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs. These programs will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to support communities and regions in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts. Resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress, these programs are designed to enhance the competitiveness of regions. Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of investment assistance include a(n): District Organization; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. EDA is not authorized to provide grants directly to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non-profit economic development organizations serving the region in which the project will be located.

Website: www.eda.gov

Microsoft Unlimited Potential-Community Technology Skills Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This program promotes workforce development and IT skills training in underserved communities. It supports technology skills training, ranging from basic computer literacy to the use of advanced business productivity applications.

Funding details: Donations of cash, software, curriculum, and technical expertise

Eligibility: Nonprofit community technology centers (CTCs)

Website: <http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/US/CommunityInvestment/CommunityTechSkills.msp>

Bank of America Launches 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Deadline: Open/ Various

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, the Bank of America Foundation's signature philanthropic program, is designed to recognize, nurture, and reward community-based organizations, local heroes, and student leaders working to improve their communities. The program, which takes place annually in forty-five Bank of America markets in the United States as well as London, is focused on areas of critical importance to community well-being, including education, community development/neighborhood preservation, arts and culture, and health and human services. The program has three components: 1) The Neighborhood Builders program provides two outstanding nonprofit/charitable organizations in the forty-five eligible markets with operating support and rigorous leadership training. Neighborhood Builders recipients are awarded \$200,000 (\$100,000 annually for two years) in general operating support. They also benefit from specially designed leadership development programs for their senior executives and emerging leaders. Senior executives gather for two four-day workshops covering a range of topics, including strategic thinking, business planning in tough economic times, leadership development and suc-

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cession planning, long-term business growth, and building a diverse funding base. Emerging leaders gather for three four-day workshops covering a range of topics, including developing organizational management skills, managing strategic opportunities, forging alliances, and building communities. Applicants must be registered nonprofit organizations that are based in and serve communities in the forty-five eligible Neighborhood Excellence Initiative markets. (Deadline: June 1, 2011.) 2) The Local Heroes program honors community champions who are working to measurably improve their communities and who inspire others to get involved. Five Local Heroes will be selected within the forty-five eligible markets to each direct a \$5,000 contribution to the eligible nonprofit/charitable organization of their choice. The selected individuals also will be recognized at a public awards ceremony in their local community. Nominations are invited of individuals who demonstrate the highest standards in community service. Self-nomination is encouraged. Successful nominations will demonstrate how a nominee made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large; inspired others to volunteer for community service; and has been a catalyst for new visions, understanding, and change in a community. (Deadline: June 1, 2011.) 3) The Student Leaders program seeks to further develop the leadership skills of students who demonstrate a passion for improving their communities. The program seeks leaders who are high school juniors and seniors in the United States and secondary students in sixth-form college or a college of further education in the United Kingdom. Five Student Leaders from each of the eligible markets will be selected to participate in an eight-week paid internship at a nonprofit/charitable organization and a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. (all expenses paid as part of the Student Leaders Program). (Student Leaders applications are closed for 2011, and will be due for the 2012 program in January 2012.)

Website: http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_grantapp

Online OSHA Outreach Training Programs

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Deadline: 06/27/2011

The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) seeks to ensure high quality online OSHA Outreach Training Program training courses for all participants. This notice announces the opportunity for interested organizations to submit applications to be authorized to deliver 10-hour and/or 30-hour OSHA Outreach Training Program courses in the construction industry, general industry, and maritime industry in an online format. Current OSHA- authorized online training providers must submit an application in order to be considered to offer online Outreach Training Program courses. Past performance will be considered as a factor in the selection process. Applications will only be accepted during the solicitation period and will be rated on a competitive basis. Complete application instructions are contained in this notice.

Eligible Applicants: Applicant organizations must be headquartered within the United States in order to be eligible to apply for this opportunity. Both for profit and nonprofit training organizations are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations, including qualifying labor unions and community-based and faith-based organizations that are not an agency of a State or local government are eligible to apply. State or local government-supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply.

Contact: Don Guerra, Email: guerra.don@dol.gov

Website: www.osha.gov

Tax Counseling for the Elderly

U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Deadline: 06/30/2011

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offers FREE tax help to individuals who are age 60 or older. Section 163 of the Revenue Act of 1978, Public Law No. 95-600, 92 Stat. 2810, November 6, 1978, authorizes this cooperative agreement. This Act authorizes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to enter into agreements with private or nongovernmental public non-profit agencies and organizations, exempt under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, which will 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.

Number of Awards: 100

Eligible Applicants: Be a private or public non-profit organization that qualifies for tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Have experience in coordinating volunteer programs; Not be a federal, state, or local governmental agency or organization.

Contact: Grant Program Office, Phone: 404-338-7894, Email: TCE.Grant.Office@irs.gov

Website: www.irs.gov

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Deadline: 06/30/2011

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In December 2007, Congress appropriated funds to the Internal Revenue Service to establish and administer a matching grant program for community volunteer income tax assistance. This funding allowed the Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication organization of IRS to provide grants to partner organizations to achieve the following program objectives: Enable the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to extend services to underserved populations in hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban; Increase the capacity to file returns electronically; Heighten quality control; Enhance training of volunteers; and Improve significantly the accuracy rate of returns prepared at VITA sites. The VITA Program uses trained volunteers to prepare basic tax returns for low income taxpayers in both urban and non-urban locations including persons with disabilities, non-English speaking persons, elderly taxpayers, and Native Americans. Because the VITA grant is in support of the VITA Program, grant recipients are required to follow existing guidance governing VITA site operations and to file all eligible returns electronically. IRS provides the software for filing electronically. The Publication 1084, IRS Volunteer Site Coordinator's Handbook, which is available on irs.gov, is a guide that is useful for existing and potential VITA Program sponsors. The SPEC business model involves a three-pronged approach to deliver its mission: 1) Tax education, 2) Free Federal tax return preparation, and 3) Financial education and asset building.

Eligible Applicants: Be a private or public non-profit organization that qualifies for tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Have experience in coordinating volunteer programs; Not be a federal, state, or local governmental agency or organization.

Contact: Grant Program Office, Phone: 404-338-7894, Email: TCE.Grant.Office@irs.gov

Website: www.irs.gov

Community Economic Development Projects

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 07/09/2011

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Community and Economic Development (CED) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will provide up to \$16 million in grants (\$800,000 maximum per project) to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for projects designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of employment and business opportunities. CED funding may be used to provide technical and financial assistance in order to create sustainable new employment and business opportunities for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other low-income individuals whose income level does not exceed 125 percent of the Federal poverty level. This year, in coordination with the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), the CED program will provide up to \$10 million of this funding to CDCs for CED projects located in food deserts and designed to improve access to healthy, affordable foods. HFFI is the first time the Federal government has coordinated its efforts to eliminate food deserts around the country. Together, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U. S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) and HHS have created the Healthy Food Financing Working Group (Working Group).

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Number of Grants: 20

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for the CED program, an applicant must meet three conditions: 1) Applicant must be a private, non-profit CDC with 501(c)(3) or non-501(c)(3) status; 2) Applicant must have articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other official documents demonstrating that the CDC has a principal purpose of planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities; and 3) The Board of Directors must have representation from community residents, business leaders, and civic leaders.

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Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Deadline: 07/22/2011

USDA Rural Development is seeking applications for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program pursuant to section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932) (Act). As provided in the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 (H.R. 1473), approximately \$7.4 million in competitive grant funds is available. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 and award grants on or before September 15, 2011. The maximum award per grant is \$225,000 and matching funds are required. In accordance with section 310B(e)(6)(B) of the Act, the Secretary has determined that a grant period of one year is in the best interest of the program at this time. RCDGs are authorized by section 310B(e) of the Act. Regulations implementing this authority are in 7 CFR part 4284, subparts A and F. The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise, or who can contract out for the expertise, to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural businesses, especially cooperative or mutually-owned businesses (Section 310B(e)(5)). The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices.

Maximum Grant Size: \$225,000

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Number of Awards: 35

Eligible Applicants: Grants may be made to nonprofit corporations and accredited institutions of higher education. Grants may not be made to public bodies or to individuals.

Contact: USDA Rural Development National Office, Phone: 202-720-8460, Email: cpgrants@wdc.usda.gov.

Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Public Welfare Foundation: Grants for Organizations that Serve Disadvantaged Communities

Deadline: 07/22/2011

The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems. The foundation provides both general support and project-specific grants. The foundation is currently focusing on two program areas: criminal and juvenile justice, and workers' rights. Maximum award: \$50,000. Eligibility: public and private entities, including nonprofit organizations and for-profit organizations.

Website: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx#deadlines>

Revolving Fund Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Deadline: 07/25/2011

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its Revolving Fund Program (RFP) application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. In addition to announcing the application window, RUS announces the available funding of \$496,000 for RFP competitive grants for the fiscal year. Drinking water systems are basic and vital to both health and economic development. With dependable water facilities, rural communities can attract families and businesses that will invest in the community and improve the quality of life for all residents. Without dependable water facilities, the communities cannot sustain economic development. RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans. It supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Qualified private, non-profit organizations, who are selected for funding, will receive RFP grant funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. Eligible entities for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain a loan, loan guarantee, or grant from the Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant programs administered by RUS, under 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1) and (2). As grant recipients, the non-profit organizations will set up a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems. The amount of financing to an eligible entity shall not exceed \$100,000.00 and shall be repaid in a term not to exceed 10 years. The rate shall be determined in the approved grant work plan.

Eligible Applicants: organizations that a private, non-profit organization; Is legally established and located within one of the following: (a) A state within the United States;

(b) The District of Columbia; (c) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or

(d) A United States territory; Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose; Has a proven record of successfully operating a revolving loan fund to rural areas; Has capitalization acceptable to the Agency, and is composed of at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership being citizens of the United States or individuals who reside in the United States after being legally admitted for permanent residence; Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt; Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements.

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Website: www.usda.gov/rus

State Farm: Community Grants

Deadline: 10/31/2011

State Farm is committed to meeting the needs of communities by giving in three areas: Safe Neighbors (safety), Strong Neighborhoods (community development), and Education Excellence (education). Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations; Canadian charitable organizations, educational institutions, and governmental entities.

Website: http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp

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EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Campell's: Labels for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Campell's, Inc. Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment in exchange for labels from Campbell products. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools. Deadline: N/A.

Website: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About/about-the-program.aspx>

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com can nominate his/her school to win a Teach@15 Award. Maximum award: \$1,500 in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards. Eligibility: accredited, nonprofit junior or senior public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter high schools in the U.S. serving any grades 7-12.

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm

U.S. Department of State: Teachers for Global Classrooms

Deadline: 06/15/2011

The Teachers for Global Classrooms Program is a professional development opportunity for middle and high school teachers from the United States to participate in a program aimed at globalizing U.S. classrooms. Activities include an online course; two Global Education Symposiums in Washington, D.C. (pre- and post-travel); and an international fellowship through a two-week country visit upon successful completion of the online course. Maximum award: a fellowship, including two weeks' travel to Brazil, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, or Ukraine. Eligibility: full-time secondary-level (middle or high school) teaching professionals with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including English as a Second Language, English Language or Literature, Social Studies, Mathematics, or Science, who are also U.S. citizens.

Website: <http://www.irex.org/project/teachers-global-classrooms-program-tgc>

Captain Planet Foundation: Grants for the Environment

Deadline: 06/30/2011

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects that encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations.

Website: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>

Save-the-Redwoods League: Grants for Education on Forest Stewardship

Deadline: 06/30/2011

The Save-the-Redwoods League, a nonprofit organization that works to protect the ancient redwood forest from destruction, will grant funds to schools, interpretive associations, and other qualified nonprofits engaged in quality redwood education. Grants are designed to foster and encourage public awareness of redwoods, redwood ecology, and forest stewardship. Maximum award: \$3,000. Eligibility: schools and 501(c)3 organizations.

Website: <http://www.savetheredwoods.org/education/edgrants.shtml>

Fender Music Foundation: Grants

Deadline: 07/15/2011

Fender Music Foundation grants are awarded to music academies, schools, local music programs and national music programs across America, particularly in-school music classes in which the students make music; after-school music programs that are not run by a school; and music therapy programs, in which the participants make the music. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: established, ongoing and sustainable music programs in the United States, which provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

Website: <http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for Math and Science

Deadline: 08/01/2011

The Toshiba America Foundation makes grants for projects in math and science designed by classroom teachers to improve instruction for students in grades 6-12. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: Grades 6-12. Deadline: August 1, 2011.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

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Best Buy Children's Foundation: @15 Community Grants

Deadline: 08/01/2011

The Best Buy Children's Foundation @15 Community Grants empower teens to thrive by helping them excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop life and leadership skills. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: nonprofit 501(c)3 certified organizations located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or Regional Distribution Center that provide positive experiences that will empower early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18) to excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop life and leadership skills.

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community_grants_rfp.htm

Build-A-Bear Workshop Announces 2011 Grantmaking Schedule

Deadline: 10/28/2011

Toy retailer Build-A-Bear Workshop provides grants through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation to charities in the United States and Canada that support causes such as children's health and wellness, animals, and literacy and education. The company has announced that in 2011 the Build-A-Bear Workshop foundations will be accepting and reviewing grant applications on a rolling basis until October for the following funding categories: 1) Children's Health & Wellness — Grants for nonprofit organizations such as childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs. 2) Domestic Pets — Grants to support animals in domestic pet programs, including animal welfare organizations, pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and therapeutic and humane education pet programs. 3) Literacy and Education — Grants to support children's literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs, and literacy programs for children with special needs. 4) The Build-A-Bear foundations will also consider miscellaneous grant requests from organizations that support children, families, and animals through programs that are not easily categorized. U.S. applicants must be tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations. Canadian applicants must be registered Canadian charities. Priority is given to organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores. Organizations are eligible to apply only once a year. Organizations that received funding in 2010 are ineligible to apply for a grant again until 2012. Organizations that received funding prior to 2010 may re-apply for a grant in 2011, but priority will be given to new applicants. Grants are made as one-time contributions and will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each, with an average grant size of \$1,500.

Website: <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

FFVF: Leavy Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education

Deadline: 11/01/2011

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Leavy Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education honor outstanding educators who excite a commitment in their students to the free enterprise system and unleash the entrepreneurial skills of their students at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college level. Maximum award: \$7,500. Eligibility: teachers at schools (K-12), colleges, and universities.

Website: <http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/Leavy-Awards.cfm>

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HIV/AIDS Testing and Follow-up Among the Underserved in the United States

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The purpose of this initiative is to encourage research which will increase rates of HIV screening/testing and increase the number of persons who follow-up on a positive HIV screening test and receive treatment, particularly in underserved and at-risk populations within the United States. With this initiative, the ultimate goal is to decrease the rate of HIV transmission and increase the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) by initiating diagnosis and treatment earlier.

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments, County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-

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based or Community-based Organizations and Regional Organizations.

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Program Project Applications

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) invites submission of investigator-initiated Program Project Applications. The proposed programs should address scientific areas relevant to the NIDDK mission including diabetes, endocrine and metabolic diseases, digestive diseases and nutrition, and kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases, as well as new approaches to prevent, treat and cure these diseases, including clinical research.

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments, County Governments, City or Township Governments , Special District Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, Regional Organizations, and Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations).

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Family Planning Services Grants

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Office of Population Affairs (OPA), Office of Family Planning (OFP) announces the anticipated availability of funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 family planning services grants under the authority of Title X of the Public Health Service Act. This notice solicits applications for competing grant awards to serve the areas and/or populations listed in Table I. Only applications which propose to serve the areas and/or populations listed in Table I will be accepted for review and possible funding. This announcement seeks applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated. Applicants should use the Title X legislation, applicable regulations, Program Guidelines, legislative mandates, program priorities, and other key issues included in this announcement and in the application kit, to guide them in developing their applications.

Total Funding Available: \$35,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private nonprofit entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) is eligible to apply for a grant under this announcement. Faith-based organizations and American Indian/Alaska Native/Native American (AI/AN/NA) organizations are eligible to apply for Title X family planning services grants. Private nonprofit entities must provide proof of nonprofit status. See Section IV.2 for information regarding acceptable proof of nonprofit status.

Website: www.hhs.gov

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Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, U.S. Territory or Possession, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Regional Organizations, Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, Faith-based and Community-based Organizations.

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Website: www.nih.gov

Health Impact Project

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Health Impact Project call for proposals (CFP) is seeking applicants to undertake health impact assessment (HIA) demonstration projects. The goal of the CFP and subsequent HIAs is to demonstrate the effectiveness of HIAs and promote their incorporation into local, state, tribal, and federal decision-making. Government agencies, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply. HIAs bring together relevant public input, available data and a range of qualitative and quantitative methods to anticipate the potential health consequences of a proposed policy, program or project. They are a structured yet flexible process for developing practical recommendations that decision makers can use to advance well-informed public policies, programs and projects that avoid unintended health consequences and unexpected costs. Applicants need not have experience with HIAs to apply to the CFP. Rather, they should have knowledge of the decision-making process that they aim to influence and the ability to communicate effectively with all of the players in that process, from elected officials to their citizens. Grantees will receive training, mentoring and technical assistance from the Health Impact Project and leading HIA experts.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Website: <http://www.healthimpactproject.org/call>

Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grants

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Deadline: 6/3/2011 Letter of intent, 7/15/2011 Final applications

The purpose of this program is to create healthier communities by: building capacity to implement broad evidence and practice-based policy, environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes, as appropriate, in large counties, and in states, tribes and territories, including in rural and frontier areas; and supporting implementation of such interventions in five strategic areas ("Strategic Directions") aligning with "Healthy People 2020" focus areas and achieving demonstrated progress in the following five performance measures outlined in the Affordable Care Act: 1) changes in weight, 2) changes in

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proper nutrition, 3) changes in physical activity, 4) changes in tobacco use prevalence, and 5) changes in emotional well being and overall mental health, as well as other program-specific measures. In order to achieve this, successful applicants will implement policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructure changes described by the strategic directions listed to achieve the intended outcomes. This FOA specifically addresses five "Strategic Directions:" tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating, high impact evidence-based clinical and other preventive services, social and emotional wellness, and healthy and safe physical environment. Among these priorities, capacity building and implementation programs should focus on tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating, and evidence-based quality clinical and other preventive services, specifically prevention and control of high blood pressure. This FOA solicits applications from eligible entities to receive funding through cooperative agreements to develop and build capacity (Category A) and to implement interventions (Category B) consistent with the five strategic directions listed in this FOA across the health and wellness spectrum, each of which can prevent or control chronic conditions. All capacity building activities and implementation strategies selected by applicants should be associated with specific measures to achieve health equity, eliminate health disparities, and improve the health of the population and population subgroups.

Eligible Applicants: A local governmental agency (including city, county and district health departments), its bona fide agent, or its equivalent, as designated by the mayor, county executive, or other equivalent governmental official as the official applicant for this program; A state governmental agency, its bona fide agent, or its equivalent, as designated by the Governor, Health Officer, or other state executive as the official applicant for this program. For this announcement, the term "State" includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, State nonprofit organizations, Local nonprofit organizations, Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, Tribal organizations, which include Intertribal Councils and American Indian Health Boards which meet the definition set forth in 25 U.S.C. Section 1603(e) and are under a resolution that such organizations, councils, and boards represent the underlying tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs, tribal and intertribal consortia that meet the definition set forth in 25 U.S.C. Section 1603(f) or 1603(g).

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Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Seeks Proposals for Texas Psychology Internships Initiative

Deadline: 06/08/2011

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, which focuses on improving and promoting mental health in Texas, has announced a Request for Proposals for the Texas Psychology Internships Initiative. Through this program, the Hogg Foundation invites Texas organizations to submit proposals to create a pre-doctoral psychology internship program in Texas and pursue program accreditation from the American Psychological Association. The primary goal of this initiative is to attract doctoral students in psychology to careers as mental health providers in Texas by expanding the number of high-quality internship programs that enable them to proceed with the education and training required for state licensure and professional practice. A secondary goal is to increase the availability of psychological services in Texas communities that are underserved with respect to mental health services. The foundation anticipates awarding two grants through this initiative. Each recipient will receive up to \$550,000 over a five-year period. Texas-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities are eligible to apply. Examples of eligible organizations include armed forces medical centers, veterans' and child/adolescent psychiatric or pediatric hospitals or clinics, community mental health centers, prisons or other correctional facilities, outpatient clinics, psychiatric hospitals, school districts, public hospitals, mental health agencies, counseling centers at institutions of higher education, medical schools, and consortia of these organizations. Private practices and established unaccredited internship sites are not eligible to apply. This grant program will not fund additional intern positions at established internship programs, regardless of their accreditation status.

Website: http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/rfp/texas_psychology_internships_rfp.html

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces Call for Proposals for Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Deadline: 07/01/2011

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youth between the ages of three and 18 who are at highest risk for obesity — black, Latino, American Indian, and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. The program has released a call for pro-

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posals for opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state, or national decision-makers in time to help inform key policy decisions. Preference will be given to applicants who are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. The focus of this program is the United States; studies in other countries will be considered only to the extent that they may directly inform U.S. policy. A total of up to \$1.5 million will be awarded under this Call for Proposals. The maximum award for a single grant is \$150,000, with a funding period not to exceed eighteen months. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Letters of Intent may be submitted at any time until July 1, 2011.

Website: <http://www.rwif.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121>

Community Economic Development Projects

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 07/09/2011

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Community and Economic Development (CED) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will provide up to \$16 million in grants (\$800,000 maximum per project) to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for projects designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of employment and business opportunities. CED funding may be used to provide technical and financial assistance in order to create sustainable new employment and business opportunities for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other low-income individuals whose income level does not exceed 125 percent of the Federal poverty level. This year, in coordination with the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), the CED program will provide up to \$10 million of this funding to CDCs for CED projects located in food deserts and designed to improve access to healthy, affordable foods. HFFI is the first time the Federal government has coordinated its efforts to eliminate food deserts around the country. Together, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U. S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) and HHS have created the Healthy Food Financing Working Group (Working Group).

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Number of Awards: 20

Eligible Applicants: Applicant must be a private, non-profit CDC with 501(c)(3) or non-501(c)(3) status; Applicant must have articles of incorporation, by-laws, or other official documents demonstrating that the CDC has a principal purpose of planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities; and The Board of Directors must have representation from community residents, business leaders, and civic leaders.

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Website: www.acf.hhs.gov

American Academy of Pediatrics: CATCH Resident Funds Grants

Deadline: 07/29/2011

2012 CATCH Resident Funds grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for pediatric residents to plan community-based child health initiatives. CATCH Resident Funds projects must include planning activities, but also may include some implementation activities. Maximum award: \$3,000. Eligibility: pediatric residents working with their communities.

Website: <http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm>

CVS: Caremark Community Grants

Deadline: 10/31/2011

The CVS Caremark Community Grants Program is currently accepting proposals for programs targeting children with disabilities that address: health and

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rehabilitation services; a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs; opportunities or facilities that give greater access to physical movement and play; provision to uninsured individuals with needed care, in particular programs where the care received is of higher quality and delivered by providers who participate in accountable community health care programs. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: nonprofit organizations.

Website: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/ways-we-give>

HOUSING

Emergency Capital Repair Grants for Multifamily Housing Projects Designated for Occupancy by the Elderly

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This notice announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in FY 2010, grant funds to make emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants. The capital repair needs must relate to items that present an immediate threat to the health, safety, and quality of life of the tenants. The intent of these grants is to provide one-time assistance for emergency items that could not be absorbed within the project's operating budget and other project resources, and where the tenants' continued occupancy in the immediate near future would be jeopardized by a delay in initiating the proposed cure. The notice provides instructions for owners of multifamily projects to request funding and instructions for the HUD field offices to process requests.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility for emergency capital repair grants under this notice is restricted to: Private nonprofit owners of eligible multifamily-assisted housing developments designated for occupancy by elderly tenants, as specified in Sections 683(2)(B),(C),(D),(E),(F), or (G) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992). A private non-profit organization is defined in Section 1701q of Title 12 of the U.S. Code, as enacted under the Housing Act of 1959. The definition in Section 1701q also includes a for-profit limited partnership the sole general partner of which is (1) nonprofit or (2) a corporation wholly owned and controlled by a nonprofit. Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs) are not included in the definition of the term "private nonprofit organizations". Unless a project is located in a presidentially declared disaster area, it must have had final closing on or before January 1, 2005.

Contact: G. DeWayne Kimbrough, Phone: 202-708-3000

Website: www.hud.gov

Home Depot Foundation Announces 2011 Community Impact Grants Program

Deadline: 10/31/2011

The Home Depot Foundation, a philanthropic vehicle of Home Depot, has announced that it is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. In light of the current housing market, the foundation's 2011 funding will prioritize projects that help veterans, seniors, and the disabled stay in their homes comfortably, including home repair, modification, and weatherization projects. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities; planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities; and development and/or improvement of parks or green spaces. Only registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tax-exempt public schools, and tax-exempt public agencies in the U.S. are eligible to apply. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. The Community Impact Grants Program will accept proposals for grants beginning April 4, 2011, through October 31, 2011. Applications must be submitted using the foundation's online application system. Once grant applications are reviewed, all applicants will receive a written response within six weeks of receipt of a request.

Website: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/how-we-help/grants.html>

PARK AND ENVIRONMENT

Region 06 Wetland Program Development Grants

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 06/27/2011

Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct and promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and

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elimination of water pollution. Implementation of wetland protection programs is not an eligible effort under this announcement.

Number of Awards: 8 – 10

Eligible Applicants: States, Tribes, local government agencies, interstate agencies, and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply for WPDGs under this announcement. As explained in Section I, there will be two separate applicant tracks with States and Tribes in Track One or Track Two, and local governments, interstate agencies, intertribal consortia, and universities that are agencies of a state government in Track Two. Past recipients of WPDGs include but are not limited to: wetland regulatory agencies, water quality agencies, planning offices, wild and scenic rivers agencies, departments of transportation, fish and wildlife or natural resources agencies, agriculture departments, forestry agencies, coastal zone management agencies, park and recreation agencies, non-point source or storm water agencies, city or county, and other State/Tribal/local government agencies that conduct wetland-related efforts.

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Outdoor Recreation Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 08/01/2011

This grant provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with populations less than 500,000 to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas. There will be two funding cycles per year with a maximum award of \$500,000. Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, MUDs, river authorities, and other special districts. Projects must be completed within three years of approval. Application deadlines are March 1st and August 1st each year (the master plans submission deadline is at least 60 days prior to the application deadline). Award notifications occur approximately 6 months after deadlines.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants>

Indoor Recreation Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 08/01/2011

This grant provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with populations less than 500,000 to construct recreation centers, nature centers and other indoor recreation-related buildings. The grant maximum is \$750,000. The application deadline is August 1st each year (the master plans submission deadline is at least 60 days prior to the application deadline). Award notifications occur the following January. For more information on this grant, please download the Indoor Recreation Grant Application.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants>

Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife

Deadline: 10/01/2011

The CO-OP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the services, programs, and sites of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This is not a land acquisition or construction grant; this is only for programs. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other tax-exempt groups. Minimum grant requests are \$5,000 and maximum grant requests are \$50,000. The application deadline is February 1st and October 1st with awards on April 15th and December 15th. The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) will be conducting grant writing workshops around the state to help applicants prepare for upcoming deadlines. Applicants will be able to apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to expose participants to environmental and conservation programs as well as outdoor recreation activities.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants>

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Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities

Deadline: end of every quarter

Bikes Belong is a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers working together to put more people on bicycles more often. Bikes Belong welcomes grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in two categories: 1) facilities; and 2) advocacy.

Funding Opportunities

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

Eligible Applicants: Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose mission is expressly related to bicycle advocacy. New organizations that are not yet legally nonprofit organizations may submit an application with the assistance of another nonprofit that has agreed to serve as fiscal agent. Bikes Belong will not fund individuals. Because of the program's limited funds, it rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received Bikes Belong funding within the last three years.

Website: <http://bikesbelong.org/page.cfm?PageID=21>

Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association designed to promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs; create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving baseball or softball programs; are able to match funds for programs; provide programs for children aged 10-16; support existing programs that have demonstrated success in providing a quality youth baseball/softball experience; and address opportunities for minorities and women. Applicants are invited to submit a Letter of Inquiry. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Selected applicants are invited to submit a full application. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball programs are encouraged to apply.

Website: http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for Sports Philanthropy Award

Deadline: 06/22/2011

For over a decade, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has supported the growth of philanthropy through professional sports and has encouraged excellence in the field. In conjunction with RWJF grantee the Sports Philanthropy Project, the foundation established the Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy in 2005 to acknowledge professional sports organizations and individual sports philanthropies that have made an exceptional effort in deploying their unique resources toward efforts to improve the lives of others. Applicants for the Patterson Award must represent one of the following: a professional sports team community relations department, a professional sports team foundation, a professional sports facility charity, a professional sports league, a professional sports player association, a professional athlete foundation, a professional athlete donor-advised fund, or a professional coach's foundation. The award is not made to individuals. Past winners of the award are ineligible. Up to two awards may be given each year — one to a professional sports organization and another to an individual sports philanthropy. Applicants may only apply in one of the two categories. Eligible organizations must submit their own applications. Third-party applications or nominations are not accepted.

Website: http://www.rwjf.org/patterson/?orig_url=/

Tony Hawk Foundation Invites Applications for 2011 Skatepark Grants

Deadline: 10/01/2011

The Tony Hawk Foundation provides grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of high-quality, public skateparks in low-income areas across the United States. The foundation primarily considers funding for projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skatepark contractors, include local skaters in the design process, are in low-income areas and/or areas with a population of at-risk youth, can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, have a creative mix of street obstacles and transition/vert terrain, do not require skaters or their parents to sign waivers, encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others, are open during daylight hours all year, do not charge an entrance fee, and are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The foundation may also offer technical assistance on design and construction, promotional materials, training materials, and safety information, and may facilitate support from vendors, suppliers, and community leaders. The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) public charity or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects).

Website: <http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/skatepark-grants/apply/>

Funding Opportunities



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