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## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES USDA GRANT FOR \$225,000 AWARDED TO UTPA

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a grant for was awarded to the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program to continue operations of the Texas Rural Cooperative Center.

The grant funding will be used to provide assistance to rural start-up and existing cooperatives in Texas. The Texas Rural Cooperative Center directly assists in the start-up, expansion and operational improvement of rural businesses, especially cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses.

"USDA continues to assist our rural residents, small businesses and communities in South Texas to be successful and to thrive in today's economy," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "The training and technical assistance that comes along with this program is invaluable to the success of a variety of enterprises in our rural communities."

Through the Texas Rural Cooperative Center, this grant award will provide the following:

1. **Advocacy** - Increase the awareness of rural cooperatives, the services provided by the Center, and the USDA Rural Development programs that support cooperative development.
2. **Training** - Increase the capacity of start-up and existing cooperatives and mutually owned business through a broad array of training.
3. **Technical Assistance** - Improve the operating efficiency and sustainability of start-up and existing cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses through technical assistance.

The Texas Rural Cooperative Center will focus on a 25 county South Texas region that has high rates of poverty and are some of the lowest socio-economic indicators in the United States.



See page 3 for more information



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## HOW TO WRITE NONPROFIT MISSION STATEMENTS

There is a right way and a wrong way to write a nonprofit mission statement. Nonprofit mission statements should not sound as if they were written by a committee, nor should they be filled with jargon. Your nonprofit mission statement should be written in the language your audience speaks and be capable of inspiring it. So, let's start with the basics.

**What Is a Nonprofit Mission Statement?** Every nonprofit organization must have a mission statement. It describes the **purpose for which your organization exists**. Without a clear mission statement, your nonprofit may **drift off course**. With one, you can measure every activity against it. It will keep you clear-headed and out of trouble.

A great nonprofit mission statement is also a great **branding** tool. Use it to **promote** your organization and to help convey the essence of what you are all about. Essentially, your mission is your goal--your reason for being. Try answering the question, "Why did I start this organization?" The answer will be your first try at writing your mission statement. To carry out your nonprofit mission, you will develop tactics and objectives. All of these will be part of your **strategic plan**. But first, pay attention to writing a clear, succinct, and inspiring mission statement. It will pay off in the end and keep you from wasting time and resources on non-essential activities.

### The Benefits of a Well-Defined Nonprofit Mission Statement

- It focuses your energy and clarifies your purpose. When you try to write your mission statement, you will find that you have to really define what you are going to do. Many questions will come up that must be resolved. For instance, who will you serve? And, who will you not? Are you concerned about just your local area? Or the whole state? Be careful to keep your mission narrowly focused to ensure that you don't bite off more than you can chew.
- A well-defined mission statement can and should motivate board, staff, volunteers, and **donors**. It also helps attract people and resources. A mission statement is not just for internal use or to submit to the IRS for **tax-exempt status**. It is a beacon that will attract people and resources to your cause. And, they will be the right people and resources. Make your mission statement compelling as well as clear. It will be your best public relations tool.
- A good mission statement can help you get **501(c)(3) status**. If you plan to apply for tax-exempt status--501(c)(3) or some other **IRS classification**--the IRS will be looking at your mission state-

ment to see if your organization matches its requirements for that type of entity. Know what you are applying for and draft your mission to match the requirements.

### Some Tips for Writing Your Nonprofit Mission Statement

- Bring in many perspectives. Get lots of input from the community you plan to serve, as well as from your **board**, staff, and volunteers. This will help you develop a broad base of support. You can get this input through meetings, **surveys**, or phone calls. Ask people what they think or need in regard to the area of services you plan to offer.
- **Allow enough time**. Time spent now will pay off later. So, don't rush the process. Provide time to reflect on the information you gather, to write an initial draft, to allow key participants to read it, and to make changes.
- **Be open to new ideas**. This is especially important for the founders of the organization. You may have had tunnel vision while getting your organization set up, but now it is time to get some fresh perspective. Be open to different interpretations of what you should be doing and new ideas about how to accomplish your goals. Use brainstorming techniques to ensure that all ideas come forward freely. You can winnow them down later.
- **Write short and only what you need**. The best mission statements are short and state the obvious. Your statement's length and complexity depends on what your organization wants to do, but keep it as brief as possible. You should be able to use the statement frequently, so make it brief and succinct. As Tony Ponderis of the **Fund-Raising Forum** says, the mission statement should be "...short enough to remember and easily communicate. Strong enough to inspire."
- **Have a professional writer help you write your mission statement**. A well-written mission statement can be the foundation for your organization's **marketing and branding** program. But it should not be written in a way that only managers and insiders can understand. A good writer can help you avoid **jargon** and language that is stilted. The goal should be a mission statement that you are proud to display on your **website** and in your publications, and that everyone can understand and remember.

Article by JoAnn Fritz at About.com:

<http://nonprofit.about.com/od/nonprofitbasics/a/mission.htm?nl=1>

## YOU AND THE FLU: [www.FLU.GOV](http://www.FLU.GOV)

Flu refers to illnesses caused by a number of different influenza viruses. Flu can cause a range of symptoms and effects, from mild to lethal. Most healthy people recover from the flu without problems, but certain people are at high risk for serious complications. Currently, in the U.S., epidemiologists at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) work with states to collect, compile and analyze reports of flu outbreaks. More on [the current situation](#).

[Flu symptoms](#) may include fever, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches, body aches, chills and fatigue.

Annual outbreaks of the [seasonal flu](#) usually occur during the late fall through early spring. Most people have natural immunity, and a seasonal flu vaccine is available. In a typical year, approximately 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the [seasonal flu](#). Flu-related deaths range from 3,300 to 48,600 (average 23,600).

A [flu pandemic](#) occurs when a new influenza A virus emerges for which there is little or no immunity in the human population; the virus causes serious illness and spreads easily from person-to-person worldwide.

[The H5N1 \(Bird\) flu virus](#) is an influenza A virus subtype that is highly contagious among birds. Rare human infections with the H5N1 (Bird) flu virus have occurred. The majority of confirmed cases have occurred in Asia, Africa, the Pacific, Europe and the Near East. Currently, the United States has no confirmed human [H5N1 \(Bird\) flu](#) infections, but H5N1 (Bird) flu remains a serious concern with the potential to cause a deadly pandemic.

[The H1N1 \(Swine\) flu virus](#) caused more illness in the 2009-2010 flu season in young people and pregnant women than is usual for prior flu seasons. Like seasonal flu, illness in people with H1N1 can vary from mild to severe.

**Get Vaccinated.** Vaccination is the best protection against contracting the flu. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get vaccinated against the flu as soon as the 2010-2011 season vaccine is available in your area.

**If you do contract the flu, talk to your doctor about antivirals.** Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that can be used for prevention or treatment of flu viruses. If you get sick, antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster.

**Take these everyday steps to protect your health:**

- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. You can also use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs spread this way.
- **Try to avoid close contact with sick people.**
- **Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100°F or 37.8°C) or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®).**

• **While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them**

For more information in keeping you and your family in good health, visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



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## AGRICULTURE

### Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 11/22/2011**

NIFA requests applications for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) for fiscal year (FY) 2012. The BFRDP provides resources to support the development of educational outreach curricula, workshops, educational teams, training, and technical assistance programs to assist beginning farmers and ranchers (includes beginning forest landowners, hereafter) in the United States and its territories with entering, establishing, building and managing successful farm and ranch enterprises. NIFA anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2012 will be approximately \$19 million. The primary goal of BFRDP is to enhance food security by providing beginning farmer and rancher producers and their families in the U.S. and its territories, with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to make informed decisions for their operations, and enhance their sustainability. Other goals include enhanced sustainability of resources and consistent availability of inputs for biofuel production. The term farmer is used in the broadest sense and should be interpreted to include traditional agricultural farmers, ranchers, and tree farmers. Applications from partnerships and collaborations that are led by or include non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach will be given priority in funding.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted by a collaborative state, tribal, local, or regionally-based network or partnership of qualified public and/or private entities. These collaborations may include the following entities: State Cooperative Extension Services; Federal, State, or tribal agencies; community based organizations; nongovernmental organizations; junior and four-year colleges or universities or foundations maintained by a college or university; private for-profit organizations; and other appropriate partners. Inclusion of beginning and/or non-beginning farmers and ranchers as part of the collaborative group is strongly encouraged. Applications submitted by individuals are not eligible for consideration under any category applicable to the BFRDP.

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## 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

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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>

### Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 12/01/2011**

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country are responsible for collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light, and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters. As museums, libraries, archives, and other collecting institutions strive to be effective stewards of humanities collections, they must find ways to implement preventive conservation measures that are scientifically sound and sustainable. This program therefore helps cultural repositories plan and implement preservation strategies that pragmatically balance effectiveness, cost, and environmental impact. Projects should be designed to be as cost effective, energy efficient, and environmentally sensitive as possible, and they should aim to mitigate the greatest risks to collections rather than to meet prescriptive targets. To help institutions develop sound preventive conservation projects, NEH encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary planning, which is important for identifying sustainable strategies. Such planning should include consideration of the following factors: the nature of the materials in a collection; the performance of the building, its envelope, and its systems in moderating internal environmental conditions; the capabilities of the institution; the nature of the local climate and the effects of climate change; the cost-effectiveness and energy efficiency of various approaches to preventive conservation; and the project's impact on the environment.

Maximum Grant Size: \$40,000

Eligible Applicants: U.S. nonprofit organizations are eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

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### Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

**Deadline: 12/15/2011**

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) invests in the nation's information infrastructure by funding projects designed to address the education and training needs of the professionals who help build, maintain, and provide public access to the world's wide-ranging information systems and sources. In 2012, the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program will support projects to develop faculty and library leaders, to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians and archivists, to conduct research, to build institutional capacity in graduate schools of library and information science, and to assist in the professional development of librarians and archivists. This grant program is especially interested in developing information professionals who can help manage the burgeoning data generated by the nation's researchers, serve as stewards of the nation's cultural legacy, and meet the information needs of the underserved. The program also seeks to help librarians develop the information and digital literacy of their communities, as well as other critical skills their users will need to be successful in the 21st century. This program addresses the field's need to advance the work of new faculty in library and information science by supporting an early career development program for untenured, tenure-track faculty. Research conducted under the early careers program should be in the faculty member's particular research area and is not restricted to research on the profession. The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program invites all members of the library community to play an active role in ensuring that the profession is prepared to meet the challenges of



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the 21st century by fostering the development of a new generation of faculty, librarians, and archivists preparing library leaders, and strengthening schools of library and information science.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: be either a unit of State or local government or a private nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code; be located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau; and qualify as one of the following six types of organizations: 1) a library or a parent organization, such as a school district, a municipality, a state agency, or an academic institution, that is responsible for the administration of a library. Eligible libraries include public libraries, public elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries, research libraries and archives that are not an integral part of an institution of higher education and that make publicly available library services and materials that are suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available. Research libraries, under the supervision of at least one permanent professional staff librarian, must be either generally recognized as possessing unique scholarly research materials and services that are made available to the public, or able to demonstrate that such is the case when submitting an application to IMLS. Private or special libraries that have been deemed eligible to participate in this program by the state in which the library is located, 2) an academic or administrative unit, such as a graduate school of library and information science that is part of an institution of higher education through which it would make application; 3) a digital library, if it makes library materials publicly available and provides library services, including selection, organization, description, reference, and preservation, under the supervision of at least one permanent professional staff librarian; 4) a library agency that is an official agency of a state or other unit of government and is charged by the law governing it with the extension and development of public library services within its jurisdiction; 5) a library consortium that is a local, statewide, regional, interstate, or international cooperative association of library entities that provides for the systematic and effective coordination of the resources of eligible libraries, as defined above, and information centers that work to improve the services delivered to the clientele of these libraries, or 6) a library association that exists on a permanent basis, serves libraries or library professionals on a national, regional, state, or local level, and engages in activities designed to advance the well-being of libraries and the library profession.

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### Big Read Invites Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs

*National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 02/01/2012**

The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013. Organizations selected to participate in the Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, and educational and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement and participation. Approximately seventy-five organizations from throughout the United States will be selected. Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; a division of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible applicants include such organizations as literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations. Community organizations participating in the Big Read are expected to develop and produce a well-planned, well-attended, community-wide read with innovative, diverse programming, and widespread community involvement and participation. Activities should last approximately one month and focus on one book or poet from the Big Read Library. Organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 each, depending on community size and number of activities planned. Grants must be matched at least 1 to 1 with nonfederal funds. Grant funds may be used for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental.

Website: [http://www.neabigread.org/application\\_process.php](http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php)

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### COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#### Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The purpose of RMAP is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises (businesses generally with ten employees or fewer and in need of financing in the amount of \$50,000 or less as defined in 7 CFR 4280.302). Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include the provision of loans and grants to rural Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) for the provision of microloans to rural microenterprises and microentrepreneurs; provision of business-based training and technical assistance to rural microborrowers and potential microborrowers; and other such activities as deemed appropriate by the Secretary to ensure the development and ongoing success of rural microenterprises.

Total Funding Available: \$13,910,351

Number of Awards: 35

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for this program, the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements in 7 CFR 4280.310. Applications will only be accepted from eligible Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs). Eligible MDOs must score a minimum of 70 points out of 100 points to be considered to receive an award. Awards each Federal fiscal quarter will be based on ranking with the highest ranking applications being funded first, subject to available funding.

Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

#### 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](http://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.aspx>

#### 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

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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 succession 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](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_grantapp)

### Brownfields Assessment Grants

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)*

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to publish guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. EPA provides brownfields funding for three types of grants: 1) Brownfields Assessment Grants: provides funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfield sites, 2) Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants: provides funds for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving fund and to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites, 3) Brownfields Cleanup Grants: provides funds to carry out cleanup activities at a specific brownfield site owned by the applicant.

Total Funding Available: \$39,000,000

Number of Awards: 112

Eligible Applicants: The following information indicates which entities are eligible to apply for an assessment grant. Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply for an assessment grant. General Purpose Unit of Local Government. (For purposes of the brownfields grant program, EPA defines general purpose unit of local government as a "local government" as defined under 40 CFR Part 31.) ;Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government; Government Entity Created by State Legislature; Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government; Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state; State; Indian Tribe other than in Alaska. (The exclusion of Alaskan tribes from brownfields grant eligibility is statutory at CERCLA §104(k)(1). Intertribal Consortia, comprised of eligible Indian Tribes, are eligible for funding in accordance with EPA's policy for funding intertribal consortia published in the Federal Register on November 4, 2002, at 67 Fed. Reg. 67181. This policy also may be obtained from your Regional Brownfields Coordinator listed in Section VII.; and/or Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community. (Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Alaska Native Village Corporations are defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 and following).

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/bfpages/sfbfhome.htm>

### Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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Maximum Grant Size: \$8,000,000



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Number of Awards: 8

Eligible Applicants: The following information indicates which entities are eligible to apply for an RLF grant. Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply for an RLF grant. General Purpose Unit of Local Government. (For purposes of the brownfields grant program, EPA defines general purpose unit of local government as a "local government" as defined under 40 CFR Part 31.) ;Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government;Government Entity Created by State Legislature; Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government; Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state; State; Indian Tribe other than in Alaska. (The exclusion of Alaskan tribes from brownfields grant eligibility is statutory at CERCLA §104(k)(1). Intertribal Consortia, comprised of eligible Indian Tribes, are eligible for funding in accordance with EPA's policy for funding intertribal consortia published in the Federal Register on November 4, 2002, at 67 Fed. Reg. 67181. This policy also may be obtained from your Regional Brownfields Coordinator listed in Section VII.; and/or Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community. (Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Alaska Native Village Corporations are defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 and following).

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*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)*

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or the Superfund law) was amended by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law) to include section 104(k), which provides federal financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, and RLF. A brownfield site is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land. As described in Section V, proposals will be evaluated, among other factors, on the extent to which the applicant demonstrates: economic and environmental needs of the targeted communities; a vision for the reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites and the capability to achieve that vision; reasonable and eligible tasks; partnerships and leveraged resources to complete the project; and economic, environmental, health, and social benefits associated with the reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites. A critical part of EPA's assessment and cleanup efforts is to ensure that residents living in communities historically affected by economic disinvestment, health disparities, and environmental contamination have an opportunity to reap the benefits from brownfields redevelopment. EPA's Brownfields Program has a rich history rooted in environmental justice and is committed to helping communities revitalize brownfield properties, mitigate potential health risks, and restore economic vitality.

Total Funding Available: \$18,000,000

Eligible Applicants: The following information indicates which entities are eligible to apply for a clean up grant: General Purpose Unit of Local Government. (For purposes of the brownfields grant program, EPA defines general purpose unit of local government as a "local government" as defined under 40 CFR Part 31.; Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government;Government Entity Created by State Legislature; Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government; Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state; State; Indian Tribe other than in Alaska. (The exclusion of Alaskan tribes from brownfields grant eligibility is statutory at CERCLA §104(k)(1). Intertribal Consortia, comprised of eligible Indian Tribes, are eligible for funding in accordance with EPA's policy for funding intertribal consortia published in the Federal Register on November 4, 2002, at 67 Fed. Reg. 67181. This policy also may be obtained from your Brownfields Coordinator listed in Section VII.; Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community. (Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Alaska Native Village Corporations are defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 and following). For more information, please refer to Brownfields FAQs at:

[http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/proposal\\_guides/FY12\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/proposal_guides/FY12_FAQs.pdf); Nonprofit organizations. (For the purposes of the brownfields grant program, the term "nonprofit organization" means any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that is operated mainly for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purpose in the public interest; is not organized primarily for profit; and uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the operation of the organization. Nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that lobby are not eligible for EPA grant funding.)

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/bfpages/sfbfhome.htm>

### Applications Invited for National ARAMARK Building Community Innovation Awards for Workforce Readiness Programs

**Deadlines: Various (see below)**

ARAMARK Building Community is ARAMARK's signature philanthropic and volunteer program designed to enrich the lives of disadvantaged families by strengthening the capacity of community centers to engage residents and community leaders to create neighborhood change and lasting opportunity for residents. The ARAMARK Building Community Innovation Awards will present a total of \$100,000 in 2012 to community centers showing innovation in workforce readiness programs, and will provide selected organizations with a platform to share best practices as well as replicate and scale programs that are successful at putting people back in the workforce. The Peter B. Goldberg ARAMARK Building Community Executive Leadership Award will honor a local executive director and support their community center with a \$40,000 grant. **(Deadline: November 30, 2011.)**

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Three \$20,000 programmatic grants will recognize excellence in workforce readiness — preparing people for, and connecting them to jobs — and will support future program execution in the following categories: preparation for growth industries; skills training for targeted populations; and business ventures as training ground. Members of the United Neighborhood Centers of America and the Alliance for Children and Families may apply for the workforce program innovation awards. Only one program per organization per year will be considered for a programmatic award. A program must have taken place during 2011 but may be a year-long and/or a seasonal module; it must be scheduled to recur in 2012. **(Deadline: January 12, 2012).**

Website: <http://www.aramarkbuildingcommunity.com/>

### AMA/Leader to Leader Institute: AMA Scholarship

**Deadline: 12/15/2011**

The American Management Association and Leader to Leader Institute scholarship program is intended to assist social-sector nonprofit organizations in developing strong leadership. The AMA Scholarship is designed to provide nonprofit leaders with an opportunity to step out of the day-to-day, interact with peers across the sectors, and develop practical skills they can apply immediately within their organizations. Maximum award: one-year scholarship. Eligibility: employees of 501(c)3 organizations with a minimum of three years of work experience in the social sector.

<http://www.leadertoleader.org/collaboration/ama/index.html>

### Community Development Financial Institutions: Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance

*U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury), Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (The Fund)*

**Date: 01/11/2012**

Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides FA awards and TA grants. FA awards are made to certified CDFIs that complete and submit the CDFI Program Application and meet the requirements set forth in this NOFA, subject to funding availability. In FY 2012, subject to the availability of funding, the CDFI Fund will also make FA awards under the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI-FA) to certified CDFIs that meet the requirements set forth in this NOFA. TA grants are made to certified CDFIs and entities proposing to become certified that complete and submit the CDFI Program Application and meet the requirements set forth in this NOFA.

Eligible Applicants: Small and/or Emerging CDFI and/or Certified/Certifiable CDFI

Contact: CDFI Program Office, Phone: 202-622-6355, Email: [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov)

Website: [www.cdfifund.gov](http://www.cdfifund.gov)

## 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.

<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](http://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](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm)

### IRA/Weekly Reader: Eleanor M. Johnson Award

**Deadline: 11/15/2011**

The International Reading Association/Weekly Reader Eleanor M. Johnson Award recognizes an outstanding elementary classroom teacher of reading/language arts. The award honors Eleanor M. Johnson, founder and editor-in-chief of Weekly Reader, who died in 1987. Maximum award: \$1,000. Eligibility: classroom or reading teachers working directly with students on a consistent basis in an elementary classroom setting who have taught for five full years and are nominated by at least four persons; applicants/nominees must be IRA members.

Website: [http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers\\_johnson.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers_johnson.aspx)

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### Applications Invited for Martin Luther King Day of Service Lead Organizer Grants

**Deadline: 11/18/2011**

Youth Service America and the Corporation for National and Community Service will support up to sixteen MLK Day Lead Organizers working to coordinate Martin Luther King Day of Service (January 16, 2012) activities. The goal of the MLK Day Lead Organizers program is to engage youth and adult volunteers on the MLK Day of Service and throughout the year by encouraging families to address some of the nation's most pressing issues. MLK Day also may provide a starting point for a Semester of Service and/or involvement in national days of service and other volunteer activities in 2012. The program is open to nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Up to sixteen grantees will receive \$4,000 planning grants as well as significant training and technical assistance from YSA. Grantees will be required to engage at least three thousand volunteers (including at least one thousand youth volunteers between the ages of age 5 and 25) in community service or service-learning projects on MLK Day; build or strengthen partnerships with at least five partner organizations; engage the media and public officials; and address one or more strategic issue areas (economic opportunity, health, environment, education and literacy, disaster preparedness and response, and veterans and military families). Visit the YSA Web site for complete program information and the application form.

Website: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/MLKDay>

### NGA/Home Depot: Youth Garden Grants

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants provide support to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.

Maximum award: a \$500 gift card to The Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA.

Eligibility: schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-youth-garden-grants-1>

### Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Invites Applications for Community Garden Grants and Makeovers

**Deadline: 12/05/2011**

Fiskars, a global supplier of consumer products for the home, garden, and outdoors, has announced that the application process for 2012 Project Orange Thumb garden grants and makeovers in the United States and Canada is open. Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. Fiskars will choose eleven recipients from the pool of grant applicants. Ten will receive \$5,000 in cash and tools, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. During a Project Orange Thumb garden makeover, Fiskars works with neighbors, business leaders, volunteers, and community partners to transform a barren lot into a beautiful, productive community gathering space — all in a single day. Applications will be accepted from any nonprofit organization within the U.S. or Canada. All applicants will be considered for a grant; however, only those that specify they are interested and meet Fiskars' criteria will be considered for the garden makeover. Visit the Fiskars Web site for complete program information and application guidelines.

Website: <http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>

### AVANCE Announces Call for Proposals to Implement Parent-Child Education Program

**Deadline: 12/15/2011**

AVANCE, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that provides parent and early childhood education programs along with other family support services, is accepting proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations serving low-income Hispanic families to expand the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program. PCEP promotes community economic development, positive parenting skills and behaviors, school readiness, parental school involvement, adult education, and civic engagement to achieve a simultaneous impact on both parent and child. The program has been shown to improve the school readiness of children from birth to three years of age and has had a life-changing impact on Latino families through partnerships with community-based organizations. With a \$12.6 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, AVANCE created the Unlocking America's Potential Project to expand PCEP across the country. As part of the project, AVANCE will re-grant funds over a three year period to twelve qualified organizations who are serving low-income Hispanic families to adopt the PCEP model. This is the second RFP of three through which four new UAAP re-grant partners will be chosen. AVANCE selected the first four re-grant partners in April 2011. Applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations with the capacity to serve a minimum of twenty-five families. The UAAP re-grant program allows for a one-time payment of \$50,000 to selected organizations to help with initial year setup costs. Selected partners must commit to continuing the AVANCE program as a licensee for two years. Beyond the first year, the cost to continue the program will be approximately \$20,000 per year. AVANCE will provide intensive training to the staff selected to deliver the program, as well as technical assistance and monitoring and

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evaluation visits. Visit the AVANCE Web site for information on the Parent-Child Education Program and the Unlocking America's Potential Project, the complete RFP, and application instructions.

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

### A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet

*A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet, National Center for Environmental Research (NCER)*

**Deadline: 12/22/2011**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of the P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. The P3 Awards program was developed to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, protection of the planet, and improved quality of life for its people-- people, prosperity, and the planet – the three pillars of sustainability. The EPA offers the P3 competition in order to respond to the technical needs of the world while moving towards the goal of sustainability.

Maximum Grant Size: \$15,000

Number of Awards: 40

Eligible Applicants: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of the P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. The P3 Awards program was developed to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, protection of the planet, and improved quality of life for its people-- people, prosperity, and the planet – the three pillars of sustainability. The EPA offers the P3 competition in order to respond to the technical needs of the world while moving towards the goal of sustainability.

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### Whole Kids Foundation Invites Applications for New Grant Program to Support School Gardens

**Deadline: 12/31/2011**

The Whole Kids Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by Whole Foods Market to support schools and inspire families to improve children's nutrition and wellness, is accepting grant applications for its first major initiative, the School Garden Grant Program. Designed to help schools grow students' relationships with food through gardening, the new program stems from the Whole Kids Foundation's mission of supporting schools' efforts to improve children's nutrition. The grant program will be funded by a six-week, in-store donation drive at all Whole Foods Market stores and online at the Whole Kids Foundation Web site from August 17 to September 30. FoodCorps, a nonprofit national service organization that seeks to reverse childhood obesity by increasing children's knowledge of, engagement with, and access to healthy food, will help administer the grant program and will provide mentorship services and other resources to grant recipients. The program will provide grants of \$2,000, along with curriculum resources and mentorship, to one thousand schools to launch or expand school garden projects. To be eligible for a garden grant, applicants must be a nonprofit K-12 school or school district (public, private, or charter; elementary, middle, or secondary), or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working in partnership with one or more K-12 schools. Applicants must be developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development, planning, construction, or operation. For cases in which an applicant facilitates garden projects in more than one school, multiple garden grants may be requested under a single application. In occasional cases, additional funds may be awarded for special projects. In selecting grant recipients, priority will be given to both limited-resource communities and projects that demonstrate strong buy-in from stakeholders. There is a limit of one garden grant per school.

Website: <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>

### Libri Foundation: Books for Children

**Deadline: 01/23/2011**

The Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants donate new, quality, hardcover children's books for small, rural, public libraries across the country. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. The average total operating budget of a Books for Children grant recipient must be less than \$40,000.

Website: <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>

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### Toshiba/NSTA: ExploraVision Awards

**Deadline: 02/01/2012**

All inventions and innovations result from creative thinking and problem solving. The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science.

Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: students K-12.

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

### NGA/Mantis: Mantis Award

**Deadline: 03/01/2012**

The National Gardening Association Mantis Awards charitable and educational support garden projects that enhance the quality of life in their host communities.

Maximum award: NGA selects 25 outstanding applicants to receive Mantis tiller/cultivators. Eligibility: Applicants must operate a charitable or educational program that is not-for-profit in the United States.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-mantis-awards-community-and-youth-gardens>

### Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)*

**Deadline: 01/20/2011**

The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education and Ag in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program is a NIFA-administered competitive grants program focused on improving formal, K-14 agricultural sciences education. Guided by critical societal issues laid out in the "New Biology for the 21st Century" report, as well as the five, compelling NIFA Priority Areas, SPECA-funded projects ensure a competent and qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system. At the same time, SPECA-funded projects improve the economic health and viability of rural communities through the development of degree programs emphasizing new and emerging employment opportunities in agriscience and agribusiness. Finally, SPECA projects are also focused to address the national challenge to increase the number and diversity (i.e., having an agricultural sciences workforce representative of the Nation's population) of students entering agriculture related science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Therefore, applications submitted to this grants program must state how the funded project will address the two SPECA Program Goals: 1) To increase the number and diversity of students who will pursue and complete a 2- or 4-year postsecondary degree in the food and agricultural sciences, or other STEM fields closely related to the food and agricultural sciences, and for FY 2012, encourage study in areas that contribute to any of the five NIFA Priority Areas listed above ; and 2) To enhance the quality of secondary and postsecondary instruction in order to help meet current and future national food and agricultural sciences workplace needs.

Eligible Applicants: public secondary schools, public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit organizations.

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## HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### 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 Institu-



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tions, 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 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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Website: [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

### 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

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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](http://www.hhs.gov)

### 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](http://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>

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### 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 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>

### Women's Health Conference Support

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Women's Health (OWH)*

**Deadline: 10/31/2011**

This funding opportunity provides partial support for women's health conferences in the United States and its affiliated territories. Funding is available for non-federal conferences addressing issues that impact the health and well-being of women and girls. To be considered for funding, proposed conferences and/or webinars must meet the following requirements: Attendance by a minimum of 30 participants for on-site conferences; Address women's and/or girls' health issues; On-site conferences must last at least one day (6 hours minimum); Must have other sources of funding; Must occur within the funding period (December 2, 2011-September 14, 2012); Must take place within the U.S. and/or its territories; Must adhere to the funding levels specified below; Conferences and webinars will be funded at the following levels; Webinars: Up to \$2,500 (serving 50 or more participants); Local On-site Conference (serving one or more counties or communities): Up to \$5,000 and Regional On-site Conference (serving one or more states and/or territories): Up to \$10,000 and National On-site Conference (serving participants from across the United States and its affiliated territories). The conference must address the health of women and/or girls. Women and girls' health encompasses all aspects of health including mental, physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional well-being. The content and focus of the conference should provide unique opportunities to support wellness and enhance health outcomes for women and girls.

Maximum Grant Size: \$15,000

Eligible Applicants: OWH funding is available to those eligible entities located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the six U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Eligible entities may include public and private non-profit organizations, community and faith-based organizations, health professionals' organizations, colleges and universities, community health centers, hospitals, health departments, and tribal and urban Indian organizations.

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Website: [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov)

### Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)*

**Deadline: 11/22/2011**

The Office of Rural Health Policy's Outreach Program supports projects that demonstrate effective models of outreach and service delivery through collaboration, adoption of an evidence-based or promising practice model, demonstration of health outcomes, replicability and sustainability. Proposed projects will have an outcomes-oriented approach that will enhance and sustain the delivery of effective health care in rural communities by tracking specific health indicators that will demonstrate the impact of their project at the end of their grant period. They will be based on evidence-based or promising practice models in order to avoid "reinventing the wheel" and demonstrate health status improvement in rural communities. Proposed Outreach projects can take the framework of an evidence-based or promising practice model and tailor it to their community's need and organization.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Number of Awards: 80

## Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) and Nonprofits having a 501 (C)(3) status with IRS, other than institutions of higher education

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### HOUSING

#### Enterprise Green Communities Offers Charrette and Sustainability Grants for Green Affordable Housing Projects

**Deadline: Open /Rolling**

An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, Enterprise Green Communities provides funds and expertise to enable affordable housing developers to build and rehabilitate homes that are healthier, more energy efficient, and better for the environment. In addition to loans and other funding options, Green Communities offers Charrette and Sustainability grants to help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing developments, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. Charrette grants provide up to \$5,000 per project for affordable housing developers to engage in integrative design. A Green Communities charrette involves an intense working session that brings together a diverse group of housing development professionals as well as residents, technical experts, funders, policy makers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. By supporting charrettes at the schematic design phase, Enterprise seeks to help developers establish green goals as early as possible so that the most cost-effective green strategies can be incorporated in the building and site plans. Projects applying for pre-development charrette funds must be in the early stages of planning or schematic design phase of development. Sustainability Training grants (post-construction) of up to \$5,000 each are provided for affordable housing developers to maximize the health, economic, and environmental benefits of green development throughout a project's life cycle. The grant program provides an opportunity to transfer the design knowledge that informed the Green Communities planning and construction process to residents as well as operations and management staff. Funding may be used to cover the cost of implementing a training program and related tools that support green resident engagement and operations. Projects must have completed construction at the time of application and be occupied prior to the grant award. For both programs, eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, tribally designated housing entities, and for-profit entities participating through joint ventures with qualified organizations.

Website: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/>

#### 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.

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Website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

## Funding Opportunities

### Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

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

**Deadline: 11/21/2011**

Through this NOFA/Request for Qualifications, HUD is announcing the availability of approximately \$20 million to fund NSP TA. All organizations that are experienced and successful in providing program, technical, planning, financial, and organizational capacity building assistance, or consulting in such areas as community development, affordable housing, organizational management, financing and underwriting, construction and rehabilitation management, landbanking, project management and strategic planning, are encouraged to apply. Applicants should be aware that HUD neither accepts applications from nor directly funds individuals in the competitive NOFA review process. If an individual attempts to submit an application, it will be rejected by Grants.gov. HUD will also reject applications from individuals without acknowledging receipt or review. Additional funds may become available under this NOFA as a result of HUD's effort to recapture unused funds or to utilize carry-over funds; their use being subject to applicable statutory constraints. No cost sharing is required. The purpose of NSP TA is to provide state government, local government and nonprofit recipients of federal NSP funding with the assessment tools and technical and capacity building assistance needed to fully understand their local market conditions, to increase their capacity to successfully carry out federal assistance programs while leveraging other public and private resources, and to achieve positive and measurable outcomes. Under NSP TA, technical assistance will involve the delivery of expert statutory, regulatory, and technical support that improves the program knowledge, skills and capacity of NSP grantees and their partners. Capacity building efforts will be directed at advancing the efficiency and performance of grantees and their partners (e.g., for-profit and public or private non-profit organizations) in the administration of NSP, the leveraging of other resources and the furthering of key Departmental objectives, including, but not limited to, energy efficiency and green building.

Eligible Applicants: A State or unit of general local government; A public housing authority; A public or private nonprofit organization or intermediary, including educational institutions and area-wide planning organizations; or Indian tribes; For-profit organizations and a combination of any of the above applying together in a joint application.

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### SPORTS

#### 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.

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.



## Funding Opportunities

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](http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp)

### USGA/Alliance: Grants for the Good of the Game

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The National Alliance for Accessible Golf (Alliance) and the United States Golf Association (USGA) believe that golf should be open to everyone and supports a wide variety of programs that create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in the sport. They especially encourage inclusive programming- opportunities that allow participants with disabilities and participants without disabilities to learn and play the game side by side.

Maximum award: \$20,000. Eligibility: tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations as defined under Section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or government entities such as public schools or municipalities.

Website: [http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/alliance\\_grants.cfm](http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/alliance_grants.cfm)

### American Hiking Society Offers Support to Maintain and Protect Hiking Trails

**Deadline: 12/15/2011**

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Fund is the only privately funded national grants program dedicated solely to building and protecting hiking trails. To date, the fund has awarded over \$500,000 to one hundred and sixty-five grassroots organizations in the United States working to establish, protect, and maintain foot trails. National Trails Fund grants are designed to give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools, and materials to repair and protect America's hiking trails. For the 2012 program, grants will be awarded for projects that have hikers as the primary constituency (although multi-purpose human-powered trail uses are eligible); projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in visible and substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, and/or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote constituency-building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and be a member of American Hiking's Alliance of Hiking Organizations. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000 per project. Except for land acquisition programs, acceptable projects should be completed in within a year. Multi-year projects will be considered only in exceptional cases. Visit the American Hiking Society Web site for complete program guidelines, the application form, and information on becoming a member of the Alliance of Hiking Organizations.

Website: <http://www.americanhiking.org/our-work/national-trails-fund/>

### National Football League Grassroots Field Grant Program Offers Funding to Improve Youth Football Fields

**Deadline: 12/16/2011**

The NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program, a partnership of the National Football League Youth Football Fund and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, provides financial and technical assistance to nonprofits working to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of youth football fields in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. In order to be eligible for a grant, projects must be sponsored by community-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations or middle or high schools. In addition, all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL target markets and serve low- to moderate-income areas within those markets. There are two levels of support: 1) General Field Support: Applicants may submit requests of up to \$50,000 for capital projects not associated with the actual field surface (e.g., installation/refurbishment of bleachers, concession stands, lights, irrigation systems). And 2) Field Surface Grants: Matching grants of up to \$200,000 are available to help finance the resurfacing of a community, middle school, or high school football field and the installation of synthetic sports turf. A smaller number of matching grants of up to \$100,000 will be available to help finance the resurfacing of a community, middle school, or high school football field utilizing natural grass/sod surfaces. Funds from the program must be used for capital expenditures only and may not be used to maintain field surfaces.

Website: <http://www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/youth>

### U.S. Soccer Foundation Invites Applications for Social Innovation Fund Subgrant Program

**Deadline: 12/22/2011**

The U.S. Soccer Foundation is offering the opportunity for organizations around the United States to apply for the 2012 Soccer for Success Social Innovation Fund Subgrant. The 2012 Soccer for Success SIF Subgrant will support the replication of Soccer for Success, the foundation's free after-school youth development soccer program, which was designed to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in low-income urban communities. The subgrant program seeks to invest in nonprofit organizations serving economically disadvantaged youth in grades K-8. Grant awards will range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 based on the number of children served and applicant's ability to provide matching funds. Grants will be funded for two years. The application window for the 2012 Soccer for Success SIF Subgrant cycle opened on October 27, 2011, and will close on December 22, 2011. Visit the U.S. Soccer Foundation Web site for complete program information and the application.

Website: [http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.ipIQKXOVFoG/b.7790191/k.3796/Soccer\\_for\\_Success\\_SIF\\_SubGrant.htm](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.ipIQKXOVFoG/b.7790191/k.3796/Soccer_for_Success_SIF_SubGrant.htm)

## Funding Opportunities



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