



**U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congresswoman
Nydia M. Velázquez
12th Congressional District of New York**

Grants Alert July 2009

As of July 15, 2009

Department of Health and Human Services: Grantees will develop and implement a new program which provides realistic prevention education services focused on the connection between juvenile delinquency and STD/HIV infection for female adolescents/youths. This program specifically targets female adolescents/youths age 9-17 who are deemed at-risk for juvenile delinquency. This program will be evaluation-intensive and build capacity within communities to serve the needs of female adolescents/youths. Nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) IRS status, small businesses, and faith-based or community-based organizations are among the entities eligible for the program. To view the full announcement, visit: https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/servlet/document.DownloadPdfPublicServlet?document_id=101610. For assistance in the application process, contact: Aleisha Langhorne, MPH, MHSA Health Scientist, 5200 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 401-8325 or aleisha.langhorne@hhs.gov. Deadline: July 27, 2009

Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation: The foundation supports programs that provide youth (birth to 25 years of age) with new opportunities for health, personal growth, and success in the United States. The purpose of the foundation's Evaluation Grants program is to identify innovative methods that are effective in addressing these issues. Successful grantees will be encouraged to apply to the foundation's Replication or Dissemination Grants program in order to expand the use of their creative approaches by other organizations. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations can apply for evaluation grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each. For learn more about the program and answer any questions you may have, visit: <http://www.rmyf.org/>. Deadline: July 31, 2009

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, containing provisions expanding the CHIP program, includes increases in outreach funding and activities to enroll eligible, uninsured children. CMS is accepting applications for Outreach and Enrollment Grants from eligible entities to conduct targeted outreach, resulting in increased enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP of eligible but unenrolled children, especially those who are most difficult to reach. National, state, local, or community-based public or nonprofit private organization, including organizations that use community health workers or community-based doula programs, elementary or secondary schools, and faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. Direct any questions about the grant to: CHIPRA Grants Mailbox, CHIPRAOutreachGrants@cms.hhs.gov. Deadline: August 6, 2009

National Council on Disability: Applications are being solicited for a grant evaluating how Americans with disabilities are faring in this new digital media age. The research funded would focus on the accessibility of new media and technologies developed, documenting successful development processes, understanding consumer needs, and identifying the facilitators and barriers to the technology transfer for employment purposes. The research will be used to educate designers about how specific new technologies intersect with the employment needs of individuals with disabilities, and will aim to provide technology developers with knowledge on how their complex products can be developed in a cost-effective way and used to increase the employment of people with disabilities. For more information, contact: Joan Durocher, Senior Attorney/Advisor, 1331 F Street, NW Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004, jdurocher@ncd.gov. To read the full grant announcement, visit: http://www.ncd.gov/research_opportunity/EmploymentTech2009RFP.doc. Deadline: August 7, 2009

U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development: The Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (DDRG) program enables doctoral candidates enrolled at institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to complete their dissertations on policy-relevant housing and urban development issues. Institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education that sponsor doctoral students are eligible to apply, and may sponsor more than one doctoral student. Each student is responsible for the completion of his or her own application (with the assistance of the institution) and must meet certain program requirements. Doctoral students may contact Susan Brunson, Office of University Partnerships at (202) 402-3852 or Susan.S.Brunson@hud.gov or Sherone Ivey at (202) 402-4200. Deadline: August 7, 2009

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Grants are available to assist Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. A Hispanic-Serving Institution is defined as an institution of higher education in which at least 25 percent of the full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an institution are Hispanic. In addition, all applicants must be institutions of higher education granting two-or four-year degrees that are fully accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information about the grants, contact: Madlyn Wohlman-Rodriguez at (202) 402-5939 or Susan Brunson at (202) 402-3852. Deadline: August 7, 2009

New York Department of Health: Nine grants have been made available for organizations to operate Regional Resource Development Centers (RRDC) to provide both Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) waiver resource development and assistance to individuals seeking community-based health care. Applications will be accepted only from not-for-profit organizations or agencies other than governmental entities. For more information, contact: Charlotte Mason, Department of Health, Bureau of Long Term Care Medicaid Waivers, Division of Home and Community Based Services, 518-474-6580. To read the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/rfa/0905010831/0905010831.pdf>. Deadline: August 12, 2009

Gannett Foundation: The Gannett Foundation Community Action Grant Program provides support to nonprofit organizations in communities across the United States where Gannett Co., Inc. owns a newspaper or broadcast station. Community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. About 60 percent of the foundation's community grants target grassroots organizations in the areas of social/human services, health, and mental health, and are intended to benefit the most disadvantaged people in local communities. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible for an average grant amount in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range. For more information, visit: <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/>. Deadline: August 17, 2009

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.: Grant applications are being accepted from nonprofit organizations for three philanthropic funding platforms: Meeting Basic Needs, Supporting Community Vitality, and Volunteer Driven Causes. Grants will preferably be made to direct funding to specific projects that can demonstrate innovative approaches with measurable results or capacity building rather than general operating support. In the Meeting Basic Needs category, the company supports programs and services that help at-risk populations stabilize their lives and become more self-sufficient. Consideration will be given to programs that help provide food, shelter, and self sufficiency. The Supporting Community Vitality category supports programs and services that build strong communities by creating economic vitality and cultural enrichment. Support is provided in the areas of community development, cultural enrichment, civic leadership, disaster response and recovery, and environmental awareness. The Volunteer Driven Causes category allows Ameriprise employees, advisors, and retirees to help determine where and how a portion of the grants are directed. For a full description of the program and for contact information, visit: <http://www.ameriprise.com/about-ameriprise-financial/company-information/ameriprise-community-relations.asp>. Deadline: September 1, 2009

Environmental Protection Agency: Proposals are being solicited from eligible entities for demonstration, training, outreach and/or education cooperative agreements that will have a national scale impact to reduce exposure to indoor air contaminants and yield measurable environmental outcomes. Applicants must address one or more of the following EPA indoor air quality program priority areas: radon, indoor asthma triggers, and indoor air quality management programs in schools. All questions or comments regarding this program must be communicated in writing via e-mail to Victoria Drew at QsonNationalIndoorAirRFP2009@epa.gov. To view the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/09-09.pdf>. Deadline: September 14, 2009

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council: The New York State Council on the Arts will provide funds to support small and midsized nonprofit organizations that provide high-quality local arts programs. Grants ranging from \$750 to \$5,000 are awarded through the fund to nonprofit organizations and artists applying through a fiscal sponsor for arts projects with a public component that will benefit Manhattan communities. Applications will be accepted from Manhattan-based nonprofit organizations such as arts organizations, social service agencies, senior centers, faith-based organizations, folk societies, and cultural centers. Individual artists residing in other boroughs may apply if their fiscal sponsor is Manhattan-based and their project

takes place in Manhattan. Applications will be accepted for ongoing or new projects in any artistic discipline. First-time applicants and returning applicants who have not attended an information session about the program in the past three years (prior to 2006) are required to attend. If you have questions regarding your application, please contact Liza Green, Program Manager, Grants & Services at lgreen@lmcc.net. To view the full grant announcement, visit: <http://www.lmcc.net/grants/boroughwide/fundcreativecomm/2010/index.html>. Deadline: September 22, 2009

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council: Funded by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the Manhattan Community Arts Fund supports local arts organizations and artists by awarding grants ranging from \$750 to \$5,000 to Manhattan-based individual artists or nonprofit organizations such as arts organizations, social service agencies, senior centers, faith-based organizations, folk societies, and cultural centers. Applicant organizations must have operating budgets under \$100,000 for two of the last three fiscal years. Individual artists must live in Manhattan. Unincorporated and collaborative groups must have at least a three-year working relationship, and an artistic lead residing in Manhattan must apply on behalf of the group. Ongoing or new projects in any artistic discipline are eligible. Questions should be directed to Liza Green, Program Manager, Grants & Services at lgreen@lmcc.net. To view the grant announcement, visit: <http://www.lmcc.net/grants/boroughwide/fundcreativecomm/2010/index.html>. Deadline: September 22, 2009

Herb Block Foundation: The Defending Basic Freedoms grant program seeks proposals to safeguard the basic freedoms guaranteed in America's Bill of Rights, to help eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and to assist government agencies to be more accountable to the public. Anti-discrimination projects which involve joint efforts of two or more nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations located in the United States are encouraged to apply. The foundation will also consider funding for programs to address contemporary societal issues that may arise during the project. Grants in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000 each will be considered for one year's funding. Grants will not be made for capital or endowment programs, nor for sectarian religious purposes. Grants cannot be used for lobbying or other partisan purposes. For more information, visit: http://www.herblockfoundation.org/HerbBlockFoundation/content.aspx?page=2183192&_redir=130. Letters of inquiry are due by October 10, 2009

The Heckscher Foundation for Children: The Foundation funds organizations serving youth in the fields of education, family services, job training, health, arts and recreation. Grants take the form of program support, capacity-building, capital projects and general operating support to "level the playing field" for underserved youth. All of the Foundation's giving activities stress the achievement of positive, measurable, clear outcomes and are particularly interested in programs that are prepared to critically evaluate their work. Applicants are reviewed periodically throughout the year, with responses to applications usually delivered within 30 days of receipt. For more information about the grants program and contact information, visit: <http://www.heckscherfoundation.org/>.