



# United States Representative Rubén Hinojosa

The 15th District of Texas



## Grants Alert

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Washington, DC -- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced a grant for \$42,608 was awarded to the Harlingen Fire Department by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through FEMA.

first emergency responders including our firefighters”, said Rep. Hinojosa. “These crucial programs help the very people our firefighters work all of their lives to protect. I commend the Harlingen fire department for their continued work in community programs that surely save lives.”

The grant funds will be used to purchase a specialized computer that will be used by Fire Inspectors in the field. Specialized software will also be purchased for use by the Fire Inspector while in the field. The equipment will make fire inspection more efficient



and less time consuming. The funding will also be used to buy and install 300 smoke detectors for low-income families and the hard of hearing and deaf residents.

Fire Marshall Danny Warner says the smoke detectors campaign began several years ago but with this grant money the fire department will be able to expand its program and reach even more of the residents they serve.

“This grant comes just at the time when Republicans want to strip away Department of Homeland Security/FEMA grants that fund state and local programs for our

Congressman Hinojosa added, “While I believe some budget cuts are necessary, I also believe we must pay particular attention as to who these cuts will affect. In this case, the budget cuts will affect our firefighters and our residents. When it comes to safety, I believe we cannot and should not short change them.”

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Save money and energy this summer!

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Visit: <http://www.energy.gov/energytips.htm>

## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARD OF NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO UTPA

*Washington, DC--*Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a **\$482,904** grant to the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) for a project entitled, RET Site: Research Experiences for Teachers Emerging and Novel Engineering Technologies (RET-ENET) in the Rio Grande Valley. The project will build an effective long-term collaborative partnership between middle and high school science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teachers from school districts in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) and the UTPA engineering faculty by actively involving the teachers in research activities in the area of Emerging and Novel Engineering Technologies complemented with a professional development program that provides them with learning experiences and resources in order to bring new knowledge of engineering into their classrooms.

**"This is a great leap forward in the promotion of STEM field education in the Rio Grande Valley,"** said Rep. Hinojosa. **"I congratulate UTPA for being awarded this grant from the National Science Foundation. Through this grant many teachers and even more students will receive advanced education in fields that will surely prepare them for the future."**

The teachers will gain hands-on experiences in problem-based engineering research and innovative design under the mentorship of the Electrical Engineering faculty. Teachers will have use of state-of-the-art engineering research laboratories. Research topics will include renewable energy, robotics, telecommunications, radar systems, and microelectronics.

**"The Rio Grande Valley is on the verge of becoming one of the United States' prime areas for international trade,"** said Rep. Hinojosa. **"This combined with a well educated workforce, will surely keep the RGV competitive in a global market. UTPA is consistently on the right track in preparing our students for the world of the future."**

Over the three year period of the grant, 36 STEM teachers from the RGV school districts will be recruited to spend 6 summer weeks working on cutting-edge research projects at UTPA under the mentorship of UTPA's Electrical Engineering researchers. Twelve RGV teachers will be recruited for the first Summer Internship in 2012. Teachers will receive stipends for completing the six week summer program. Also, they will receive funding for equipment and supplies to implement the newly developed engineering-based curriculum units in their classrooms.

The program is expected to improve students' learning in STEM subjects and to motivate students to pursue careers in engineering.

The project is under the direction of Mounir Ben Ghallia with the UTPA Electrical Engineering Department. The award is effective July 1, 2011.



## TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

### SUSPENSION OF GRANT FUNDING

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature has suspended all Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA), and all Large County & Municipality Recreation and Parks Account funding for the FY 2012-2013 biennium. The following grant programs are affected by these cuts; Outdoor Recreation, Indoor Recreation, Small Community, Urban Outdoor, Urban Indoor, and the Community Outdoor Outreach Program. Limited federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund may be available for some of these programs. Please check our website periodically for updates. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants>

### RECREATIONAL TRAIL, BOATING ACCESS, AND BOAT PUMP-OUT GRANT FUNDING

The Recreational Trail, Boating Access, and Boat Pump-out Grant Programs are federally funded through provisions in the Federal Highway Funding Bill. At present, we expect funding to be available for these programs. The Federal Highway Funding Bill expired in October 2009, but Congress has authorized funding for all programs in the Bill through a series of continuing resolutions that has kept funding at 2009 levels. If Congress passes a new Highway Funding Bill, these programs could be altered or eliminated. At present,

the application deadline is October 31 for Boating Access Grants; February 1 for Recreational Trail Grants and Boat Pump-out Grants are accepted on a rolling basis. Please check our website for updates.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

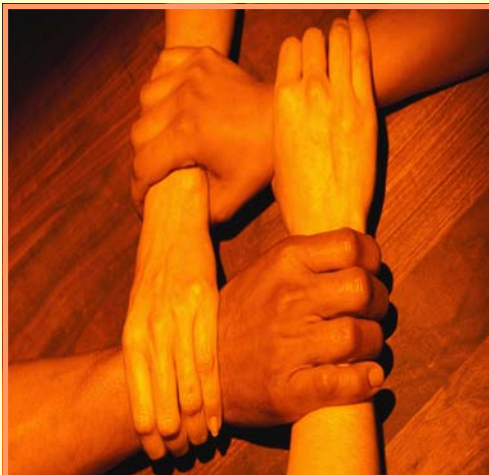


Connect Your Community to America's Great Outdoors!

Are you trying to protect your local rivers, save an unspoiled landscape, or build trails where everyone in your community can enjoy nature? Every year, the National Park Service helps hundreds of locally-driven projects that create opportunities for healthy outdoor recreation, connect youth with the outdoors, and connect communities to parks.

Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance from the National Park Service provides no funding, but our experienced staff can help communities plan for success. Applications for technical assistance will be accepted until August 1. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project ideas with a staff member in your area before preparing an application.

Visit [www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca) for complete information and application.



The University of Texas-Pan American, Stronger Together Initiative invites you to attend FREE workshop

#### Nonprofit Board Institute

July 14, 2011

5:30 pm—8:30 pm

The University of Texas-Pan American, International Trade and Technology Bldg.—International Room

Open to anyone interested in being Board approved and certified to serve on local boards of directors. For more information: Phone: 956-665-5307, E-mail: [sti@utpa.edu](mailto:sti@utpa.edu), or visit:

[www.utpa.edu/sti](http://www.utpa.edu/sti)

## HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY: MEETING THE FUNDAMENTAL HOUSING NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

**June 29, 2011**—Owning a home remains a fundamental part of the American dream and the largest personal investment many families will ever make. Economists have been able to establish a correlation between homeownership, higher property values, lower crime, and higher civic participation, foster more responsible behavior among youths including higher academic achievement.

The 2010 Census showed our population in Hidalgo County increased 36.1 percent and 21.2 percent in Cameron County. Simply put, more families will need more homes. Providing affordable, decent housing in my district and easing a family's transition from renting to homeownership is one of my top priorities.

As Chairman of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus and Co-Chair of the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, I promote cooperation of the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, including the Federal, State and local governments to improve homeownership, particularly in rural areas, and provide credit counseling, housing counseling, closing and post-closing mortgage counseling. For over 35 years, Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc., (AHSTI) has developed land and turned them into beautiful communities.



AHSTI was created when McAllen Housing Service and the Community Development Corporation of South Texas were combined to meet the housing needs of residents in the Rio Grande Valley. AHSTI helps the region's at-risk population, including the elderly, single-parent and poor households, including the colonias. In the past 35 years, AHSTI has made improvements to over 3,400 homes and has built over 1,900 affordable homes for low-income families. Several of these households include seasonal jobs such as migrant farm workers and could not afford decent housing while providing for a family's needs on a minimum wage salary. To provide farmworkers with adequate housing, Congress has appropriated, at my request, substantial funding for farmworker housing programs over the years as well as funding for the single family direct loan program.

Coordinated efforts among AHSTI, the Urban County Program, Community Development Block Grants, the Housing Assistance Council's (HAC) mutual self-help "sweat equity" program, USDA's Rural Housing Services, and other entities have made it possible for families in rural communities to own their own home. The fund-

ing HAC receives from the Self-Help Opportunity Program (SHOP) allows homebuyers to use their "sweat equity" for down payment assistance, thereby reducing the amount of their mortgage loan. HAC in turn allocates some of those funds to AHSTI helping it meet the housing needs of the Rio Grande Valley.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in conjunction with NeighborWorks® America announced the launch of the "Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program (EHLP)," to help homeowners who have experienced a reduction in income and are at risk of foreclosure due to involuntary unemployment or underemployment, due to economic conditions or a medical condition in 27 states, including Texas, and Puerto Rico. AHSTI became a charter member of NeighborWorks® America in 2010. The EHLP program will accept pre-applicants through July 22, 2011. Under EHLP guidelines, eligible homeowners can qualify for an interest free loan that pays a portion of their monthly mortgage, including missed mortgage payments or past due charges including principal, interest, taxes and insurance for up to two years, or up to \$50,000, whichever comes first. Eligibility is based on income, mortgage loan delinquency, the likelihood of foreclosure, and the ability to resume payments within 2 years in their primary residence. Those who own more than one residence do not qualify for this program. The EHLP is administered in the Rio Grande Valley by AHSTI through the NeighborWorks® America program.

It is important that we recognize June 2011 as National Homeownership Month to honor those throughout the Valley dedicated to providing decent, affordable, quality homes. To ensure their success, it is of the utmost importance that we maintain the mortgage interest deduction and the 30-year fixed rate mortgage product. Their elimination would harm the availability and cost of mortgage capital for millions of Americans, especially while the housing market recovery remains fragile.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rubén Hinojosa".

Rubén Hinojosa  
Member of the U.S. Congress



This past month, the IRS put 275,000 nonprofit organizations out of business, the nonprofit business anyway.

These organizations' nonprofit [tax exemptions](#) were revoked after they failed to file annual tax forms. Before federal law governing nonprofits was changed in 2006, nonprofits with less than \$25,000 in yearly income did not have to file [Form 990](#). After 2006, those small organizations needed to file the [990-N](#).

The IRS has been very patient about the new filing, originally giving small nonprofits until May of 2010 to file, and then extending the deadline to Oct 15 of 2010. Besides this, the agency mounted a massive campaign to get the word out to nonprofits that might still be unaware of the changes to their reporting requirement.

Still, by that date, many organizations had not complied, and the IRS has now revoked their nonprofit status.

The *New York Times* [reported](#) that the action will reduce the non-profit sector, which has burgeoned in recent years, by some 17%. That will leave about 1.3 million nonprofits, which includes charities, trade associations, membership groups and labor unions. The IRS thinks that many of the 275,000 non-complying nonprofits may just be defunct.

**What does revocation mean to a nonprofit?** The [Foundation Group lists](#) these ramifications:

- 501(c)(3) status is revoked retroactively to May 17, 2010.
- Donations are no longer tax deductible to donors as of the date of the pending IRS notification letter.
- A for-profit corporate tax return may be due.
- Possible repercussions at the state level which could mean sales and property taxes, payroll and unemployment taxes and workers' compensation.
- Other consequences yet to be determined.

**How does this affect donors?** Basically, we won't be able to rely on our charity's listing in [IRS Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations](#), to determine if our donation is tax-deductible. We'll need to check an updated version of the list, which will be posted by the IRS soon. If you are concerned, you can also check the [list of revoked nonprofits](#) at the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* website.

## THE IRS AX FINALLY FALLS ON NONFILING NON PROFITS

**Can a charity be reinstated?** Yes, there is a process that provides relief to small nonprofits that have had their tax-exempt status revoked by their failure to file the 990-N. Ellis Carter explains the procedure at her [CharityLawyerBlog](#); or you can check the [IRS site](#),

In addition, the National Council of Nonprofits has been working to get the word out to nonprofits across the country and educate the public about what all of this means. The Council has set up a [special webpage on automatic revocation](#) and created a [tip sheet for nonprofits](#) on what to do if your organization's tax-exempt status was revoked.

The National Council of Nonprofits released this statement about the revocation:

"On June 8, 2011, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released a list of more than 275,000 nonprofits that had their tax-exempt status revoked because a form was not filed. With more than 75 percent of all charitable nonprofits having income of less than \$25,000, the vast majority of America's nonprofits are small community-based groups meeting local needs. Most of the nonprofits on this list are believed to be defunct, but this automatic revocation will also affect many small, volunteer-led organizations that are still operating in communities all across the country.

"While great care has been taken by the IRS to cull this list, the consequences of a loss of tax exemption are severe to the organization, the people who support it, and the community that benefits from its work," said Tim Delaney, President and CEO of the National Council of Nonprofits. "It is important that every person whose life is touched by a nonprofit organization -- and that is just about everyone -- check the revocation list to make sure his or her favorite charitable nonprofit isn't on the list."

**Article By Joanne Fritz at About.com**

**Guide** <http://nonprofit.about.com/b/2011/06/09/the-irs-ax-finally-falls-on-nonfiling-nonprofits.htm?n1=1>

# Funding Opportunities

## AGRICULTURE

### Value-Added Producer Grant

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

**Deadline: 08/29/2011**

The primary objective of this grant program is to help Independent Producers of Agricultural Commodities, Agriculture Producer Groups, Farmer and Rancher Cooperatives, and Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Business Ventures develop strategies to create marketing opportunities and to help develop Business Plans for viable marketing opportunities regarding production of bio-based products from agricultural commodities. Cooperative Programs will competitively award funds for Planning Grants and Working Capital Grants directly related to the processing and/or marketing of value-added products. In order to provide program benefits to as many eligible applicants as possible, applicants may apply only for a Planning Grant or for a Working Capital Grant, but not both. Grants will only be awarded if Projects are determined to be economically viable and sustainable.

Maximum Grant Size: \$116,000

Number of Awards: 250

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for this program, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements specified in 7 CFR 4284.920. Applicants will be ineligible according to the requirements specified in 7 CFR 4284.921.

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

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

### Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: Various (see below)**

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

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

### Public Television Digital Transition

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

**Deadline: 07/25/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$750,000

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

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

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

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### Mockingbird Foundation Invites Applications for Children's Music Education Program Grants

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

The Mockingbird Foundation, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization created by fans of the rock band Phish, annually provides competitive grants to U.S. nonprofit organizations and public schools for children's music education programs. The foundation is accepting inquiries for its fifteenth round of competitive grants. The foundation is particularly interested in projects that encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form (including composition, instrumentation, vocalization, or improvisation), but also recognizes broader and more basic needs within conventional instruction. Mockingbird encourages applications associated with diverse or unusual musical styles, genres, forms, and philosophies. The foundation is interested in programs targeting children 18 years of age or younger, but will consider projects that benefit college students, teachers, instructors, and adult students. Mockingbird is particularly (though not exclusively) interested in programs that benefit disenfranchised groups, including those with low skill levels, income, or education; with disabilities or terminal illnesses; and in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote or isolated situations. Grants ranging between \$100 and \$5,000 will be awarded to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, organizations with an eligible fiscal sponsor, and public schools. In its fourteenth round of funding, the foundation made six new grants totaling \$26,300.

Website: <http://mbird.org/funding/guidelines/>

### Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

**Deadline: 08/15/2011**

These grants will support the planning and designing of up to 30 Learning Labs in libraries and museums throughout the country. The Labs are intended to engage middle- and high-school youth in mentor-led, interest-based, youth-centered, collaborative learning using digital and traditional media. Grantees will be required to participate, in-person and online, in a community of practice that will provide technical assistance, networking, and cross-project learning. Projects are expected to provide prototypes for the field and be based on current research about digital media and youth learning. There will be two project deadlines for this grant program, with the second deadline planned for spring 2012.

Maximum Grant Size: \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: An eligible applicant must be: either a unit of state or local government or a private nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code; 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 one of the five types of organizations listed below: 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, 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, and private or special libraries that have been deemed eligible to participate in this program by the state in which the library is located; 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; 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; 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 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.

Eligibility for Museums: An eligible applicant must be: either a unit of state or local government or a private nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code; 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 three types of organizations: a museum that, using a professional staff, is organized on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes; owns or uses tangible objects, either animate or inanimate; cares for these objects; and exhibits these objects to the general public on a regular basis through facilities that it owns or operates. an organization



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or association that engages in activities designed to advance the well-being of museums and the museum profession, or an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities. Please note that a museum located within a parent organization that is a state or local government or multipurpose not-for-profit entity, such as a municipality, university, historical society, foundation, or cultural center, may apply on its own behalf if the museum: is able to independently fulfill all the eligibility requirements listed above; functions as a discrete unit within the parent organization; has its own fully segregated and itemized operating budget; and has the authority to make the application on its own. When any of the last three conditions cannot be met, a museum may apply through its parent organization.

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### America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Implementation Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 08/17/2011**

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs in order to deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. The Division of Public Programs supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that excite, inform, and stir thoughtful reflection upon culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways. Grants for America's Historical and Cultural Organizations should encourage dialogue, discussion, and civic engagement, and they should foster learning among people of all ages. To that end, the Division of Public Programs urges applicants to consider more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public. NEH offers two categories of grants for America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: planning and implementation grants. Implementation grants support the final preparation of a project for presentation to the public. Applicants must submit a full walkthrough for an exhibition, or a prototype or storyboard for a digital project, which demonstrates a solid command of the humanities ideas and scholarship that relate to the subject. Applicants for implementation grants should have already finished most of the planning for their projects, including the identification of the key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to public, school, academic, and research libraries; museums; disciplinary and professional associations; cultural institutions; state humanities councils; and institutions of higher learning. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

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### America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants

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Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and

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### America's Media Makers: Development Grants

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Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to public, school, academic, and research libraries; museums; disciplinary and professional associations; cultural institutions; state humanities councils; and institutions of higher learning. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

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

### America's Media Makers: Production Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 08/17/2011**

Grants for America's Media Makers support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs in order to deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. The Division of Public Programs supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that excite, inform, and stir thoughtful reflection upon culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways. Grants for America's Media Makers should encourage dialogue, discussion, and civic engagement, and they should foster learning among people of all ages. To that end, the Division of Public Programs urges applicants to consider more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public. NEH offers two categories of grants for media projects: development grants and production grants. Production grants support the preparation of a program for distribution. Applicants must submit a script for a radio or television program, or a prototype or storyboard for a digital media project, that demonstrates a solid command of the humanities ideas and scholarship related to a subject. The script for a radio or television program, or prototype or storyboard for a digital media project, must also show how the narrative elements, visual approach, and interactive design combine to present the project's humanities ideas. Applicants must have consulted with appropriate scholars about the project and obtained their commitment as advisers. Finally, applicants must have recruited the media team, including at a minimum the producer, director, writer, and, for a digital media project, the interactive designer.

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and

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federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to public, school, academic, and research libraries; museums; disciplinary and professional associations; cultural institutions; state humanities councils; and institutions of higher learning. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

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### The Arts in Media

*National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)*

**Deadline: 09/01/2011**

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

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

Contact: Laura Welsh, Phone: 202-682-5738, Email: [welshl@arts.gov](mailto:welshl@arts.gov)

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

### COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#### Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

Website: [www.eda.gov](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.msp>

#### Bank of America Launches 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

**Deadline: Open/ Various**

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, the Bank of America Foundation's signature philanthropic program, is designed to recognize, nurture, and reward

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

### Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Program

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

**Deadline: 07/08/2011**

HUD announces the availability on its website and Grants.gov, applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD's FY2011 Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Program NOFA. Specifically, this NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$5.65 million made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112-10, enacted April 15, 2011. The purpose of the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities program is twofold. The first purpose is to assemble a collection of capacity building service providers to work directly with the FY2010 and FY2011 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning and Community Challenge grant recipients, HUD Preferred Sustainability Status Communities, and EPA Sustainable Community Technical Assistance recipients and Brownfield Area Wide Planning grant recipients (collectively --Sustainable Communities Grantees), to enable them to fulfill their anticipated outcomes. HUD and other Partnership agencies will work regularly with all selected intermediary service providers to maintain a coordinated and leveraged delivery approach that ensures the maximum benefit to local governments, regions, and planning entities and partners engaged in the prescribed activities. The second purpose of the Program is to build a national coalition and leadership network of the Sustainable Communities grantees. The purpose of the network is to facilitate the exchange of successful strategies, lessons learned, emerging tools and public engagement strategies, and approaches for avoiding or minimizing pitfalls. HUD will work with the selected intermediaries to develop a robust evaluation component for the network.

Eligible Applicants: Under this program, the following types of entities are eligible applicants: A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; A local or state public agency; A for-profit organization (for-profit firms are eligible, however, while they are allowed to cover their direct and indirect costs, they are not allowed to earn a profit from the project, and they are not eligible to receive EPA funding); A nationally recognized and accredited University or College; or Any combination of the aforementioned entities as a Capacity Building Team to combine their skills and offer a coordinated program. A Capacity Building Team must designate a lead applicant to act as the fiscal agent for the grant.

Contact: Zuleika K. Morales-Romero, Phone: 202-402-7683, Email: [Zuleika.K.Morales@hud.gov](mailto:Zuleika.K.Morales@hud.gov).

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

### Community Economic Development Projects

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

**Deadline: 07/09/2011**

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Community and Economic Development (CED) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will provide up to \$16 million in grants (\$800,000 maximum per project) to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for projects designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of employment and business opportunities. CED funding may be used to provide technical and financial assistance in order to create sustainable new employment and business opportunities for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other low-income

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individuals whose income level does not exceed 125 percent of the Federal poverty level. This year, in coordination with the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), the CED program will provide up to \$10 million of this funding to CDCs for CED projects located in food deserts and designed to improve access to healthy, affordable foods. HFFI is the first time the Federal government has coordinated its efforts to eliminate food deserts around the country. Together, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U. S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) and HHS have created the Healthy Food Financing Working Group (Working Group).

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Number of Grants: 20

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

Contact: Rafael J. Elizalde, Phone: 1-800-281-9519, Email: [OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov)

Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)

### Do Something Invites Young People to Apply for Summer Jobless Grants Program

**Deadline: 07/10/2011**

In response to this summer's high teen unemployment rate, Do Something, a national nonprofit organization that helps young people create and participate in community service projects, is offering a grant program to help young people get involved in or create their own local projects to provide youth with volunteer opportunities in place of jobs. Summer Jobless Grants can be used to help cover the costs of implementing a youth volunteer project, including food, materials and supplies, event space, and transportation, and include more teens in community action projects. All applicant programs must engage at least twenty-five teens in volunteerism. The program will provide eight grants of \$2,000 and eighteen grants of \$500. Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger and must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen. Applications are due by July 10, 2011; applicants will be notified whether or not they have won by July 15, 2011.

Website: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/summer-jobless-grants>

### Rural Cooperative Development Grants

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

**Deadline: 07/22/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$225,000

Number of Awards: 35

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

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

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

### Public Welfare Foundation: Grants for Organizations that Serve Disadvantaged Communities

**Deadline: 07/22/2011**

The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in

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a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems. The foundation provides both general support and project-specific grants. The foundation is currently focusing on two program areas: criminal and juvenile justice, and workers' rights. Maximum award: \$50,000. Eligibility: public and private entities, including nonprofit organizations and for-profit organizations.

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

### Revolving Fund Program

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

**Deadline: 07/25/2011**

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

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

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

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

Contact: Joyce Taylor, Phone: 202-720-0499, Email: [joycem.taylor@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:joycem.taylor@wdc.usda.gov)

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

### State Farm: Community Grants

**Deadline: 10/31/2011**

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

Website: [http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/grants/cogrants.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp)

## 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

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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)

### Fender Music Foundation: Grants

**Deadline: 07/15/2011**

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

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

### Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for Math and Science

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

The Toshiba America Foundation makes grants for projects in math and science designed by classroom teachers to improve instruction for students in grades 6-12.

Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: Grades 6-12. Deadline: August 1, 2011.

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

### Best Buy Children's Foundation: @15 Community Grants

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

The Best Buy Children's Foundation Community Grants program allows teams of Best Buy employees across the U.S. to select nonprofit organizations working to help teens excel in school and develop life and leadership skills. This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation will provide a total of \$2 million in community grants. Best Buy seeks applications from organizations that have current 501(c)(3) tax status and serve a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills, and leadership. Special consideration will be given to programs that provide youth with access to opportunity through technology. To be eligible, nonprofit organizations must be located within fifty miles of a Best Buy store or regional distribution center. Applicants should serve a diverse population in local or regional communities; aim to build social, academic, leadership, and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13 to 17); show positive results against a demonstrated community need; and reach at-risk children in working families. Grant amounts will average between \$4,000 and \$6,000 and will not exceed \$10,000. The online grant application submission process will open on July 1, 2011, and close on August 1, 2011.

Website: [http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community\\_grants\\_rfp.htm](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community_grants_rfp.htm)

### Gateway to College National Network Offers Start Up Funding for College/K-12 Partnerships to Serve Out-Of-School Youth

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

The Gateway to College National Network, a nonprofit organization supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other major grant makers, has funds available for partnerships between colleges and K-12 school districts to implement the Gateway to College dropout recovery program. The GtC National Network works to build the capacity of colleges, school districts, and states to revolutionize education for high school dropouts and underprepared college students so that all young people can achieve college credentials. The nationally recognized dual-credit program serves youth (ages 16 to 21) who have dropped out of school or are significantly behind in credits and unlikely to graduate. GtC classes are taught on the college campus. After completing a program of developmental skills courses in a learning community of their peers, students transition to regular college classes where they continue working toward their high school diploma and, simultaneously, an associate's degree. The initial start-up funding from GtCNN pays for planning and early implementation costs. The programs are then funded through formal partnerships between colleges and school districts. K-12 districts provide funds on a per-pupil basis to cover the cost of tuition, books, and support staff. Colleges can work with multiple school district partners. The network currently serves programs at thirty-one community colleges in seventeen states. This year, GtCNN will select up to nine college/K-12 partnerships to enter into multiyear contracts of between \$300,000 and \$450,000 each. In addition to start-up funds, successful applicants will receive training, technical assistance, professional development opportunities, and program evaluation — from the initial year of planning and training through program implementation — for as long as the program remains in the network. The network has identified the following target states for the current round of funding: Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington. Successful applicants for start-up funds will demonstrate flexible systems that allow students to earn a high school diploma (either through the college or in cooperation with a K-12 partner) and provide access to public K-12 education funds for high school completion; strong partnerships between the college and the local school district(s) involved in program implementation; the desire to embrace the GtC academic approach and student support strategies at every level throughout the college; and, compatibility of the GtC model with the mission and vision of the college and school

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district in order to support the required commitment to working with dropout youth.

Website: <http://www.gatewaytocollege.org/start.asp>

### Elsevier Foundation Offers Grants to Support Women Scholars in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

**Deadline: 09/01/2011**

The Elsevier Foundation is seeking new grant proposals for its New Scholars program, which provides funding for projects to help support women scholars during the early stages of their careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The program is designed to actively address the attrition rate of talented women scientists caused by the difficulty of balancing a demanding academic career with family responsibilities. The foundation provides grants to STEM institutions and organizations that are working towards a more equitable academia by: encouraging networking and collaborations among institutions and/or across STEM disciplines in ways that support faculty and staff with family responsibilities; developing and implementing strategies to promote knowledge, awareness, and application of programs to retain, recruit, and develop women in science; and/or enabling scientists to attend conferences, meetings, workshops, and symposia that are critical to the development of a career in science by helping them with childcare and other family responsibilities when attending scientific gatherings. Grants will range between \$5,000 and \$50,000 per year for up to three years.

Website: <http://www.elsevierfoundation.org/new-scholars/how-to-apply/>

### Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Grants

**Deadline: 09/09/2011**

The Barbara Bush Foundation For Family Literacy Is Pleased To Announce Our 2012 National Grant Competition. The Foundation's Grant-making Program Seeks To Develop Or Expand Projects Designed To Support The Development Of Literacy Skills For Adult Primary Care Givers And Their Children. A Total Of Approximately \$650,000 Will Be Awarded; No Grant Request Should Exceed \$65,000.

Eligible Applicants: In order to be considered eligible for a grant, an organization must meet the following criteria: The organization must have current non-profit or public status and have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application, the organization must have maintained fiscal accountability, the organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least 2 years, and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults; parent education; pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-k to grade 3; intergenerational literacy activities.

Website: [http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4425435/k.544A/Current\\_Funding\\_Opportunities.htm](http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4425435/k.544A/Current_Funding_Opportunities.htm)

### P. Buckley Moss Foundation: Grants for Teachers of Children Who Learn Differently

**Deadline: 09/30/2011**

P. Buckley Moss Foundation Education Grants aid and support teachers who wish to establish an effective learning tool using the arts in teaching children with learning disabilities and other special needs. Maximum award: \$1,000. Eligibility: new or evolving programs that integrate the arts into educational programming.

Website: <http://www.mossfoundation.org/mossfoundation.org/paged708.html?id=3>

### Build-A-Bear Workshop Announces 2011 Grantmaking Schedule

**Deadline: 10/28/2011**

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

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



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### FFVF: Leavy Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education

**Deadline: 11/01/2011**

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

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

### 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 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 and Regional Organizations.

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

#### Program Project Applications

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

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

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## Family Planning Services Grants

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

Total Funding Available: \$35,000,000

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

Website: [www.hhs.gov](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)

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### 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>

### Community Economic Development Projects

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

**Deadline: 07/09/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$800,000

Number of Awards: 20

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

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Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)

### Sodexo Foundation and Youth Service America Invite Applications for Childhood Hunger Volunteer Project Lead Organizers

**Deadline: 07/15/2011**

The Sodexo Foundation and Youth Service America are accepting applications from organizations across the U.S. interested in serving as 2011-12 Sodexo Lead Organizers. Sodexo Lead Organizers will work with partner organizations to engage at least six hundred youth volunteers (age 5 to 25) in learning about and addressing the issue of childhood hunger in their communities, beginning during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 14-20, 2011) and continuing through Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22, 2012). Lead organizers will also build new partnerships in their community and

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work to increase public awareness about the issue of hunger and young people's role in solving the problem. Finally, they will report on their efforts to YSA and document effective strategies for engaging youth in addressing childhood hunger. Selected applicants will each receive a \$2,000 planning grant; travel and lodging for the 2011 Youth Service Institute (October 24-26, 2011) in Philadelphia; and ongoing networking opportunities as well as training and technical assistance from YSA. The grant program is open to U.S. organizations only.

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

### American Academy of Pediatrics: CATCH Resident Funds Grants

**Deadline: 07/29/2011**

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

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

### Promoting Health Policy and Disease Prevention

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

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

CDC's mission is to collaborate to create the expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health – through health promotion; prevention of disease, injury, and disability; and preparedness for new health threats. CDC seeks to accomplish its mission by working with partners throughout the nation and the world to: monitor health, detect and investigate health problems, conduct research to enhance prevention, develop and advocate sound public health policies, implement prevention strategies, promote healthy behaviors, foster safe and healthful environments, provide leadership and training. This cooperative agreement will aid in creating policy approaches that will underpin the mission objectives above and support leadership in developing and implementing measurable public health policies. Provide content-specific technical review or background documents that aid CDC, states, and local municipalities in developing sound health policies. Provide technical assistance to state and local health departments, non-profit organizations, business and for-profit organizations, and community organizations in the form of guidelines on how to adopt and implement a range of policy interventions to promote health and reduce the risk factors for disease. Gather, synthesize, analyze, and evaluate up-to-date scientific and economic information as it relates to building health policy initiatives. Ensure measurable outcomes of each task will be in alignment with each task's performance goal(s). Impart ongoing input on CDC's health promotion/disease prevention policy priorities designed to aid national, state and local agencies in implementing relevant policies to support health priorities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Number of Awards: 8

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits with 501C3 IRS status (other than institution of higher education, Non-profits without 501C3 IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), for-profit organizations, Public/state controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Historically black colleges and universities, Tribally controlled colleges and universities, Women-owned businesses, Small and minority-owned small businesses, Other Special Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must have the depth, capacity and experience to perform myriad tasks that will aid local, state or federal health policy officials in implementing health policies having an analytical foundation. Additional must have expertise in effectively supporting the creation of and support for other prevention activities.

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

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### Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Invites Letters of Intent for Access to Care Grants

**Deadline: 08/15/2011**

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry seeks to support and promote service, education, and research that can advance the oral health of infants, children, and adolescents, including those with special health care needs. HSHC Access to Care Grants are matching/challenge grants of up to \$20,000 per year to support local service initiatives that provide dental care to underserved children. Special consideration will be given to programs that have demonstrated success and/or have potential for replication in other communities. Initiatives demonstrating collaboration with other institutions and organizations will be given priority consideration. HSHC funds may be applied to cover costs of clinic supplies and instruments, patient and parent education materials, take-home supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), education and/or outreach to recruit dentist participation in program activities, or other activities with clear, direct impact on child oral care. Applicants must be U.S. or U.S. territory-based organizations providing care to children in the U.S. or a U.S. territory. Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations; local health jurisdictions; county health departments; hospitals and clinics; state government agencies; colleges/schools of dentistry; colleges/schools of medicine (pediatric and family medicine departments only); national, state, and local dental societies; national, state, and local pediatricians' groups; and state and local gynecological/obstetric groups.

Website: <http://www.aapd.org/foundation/grants.asp>

### Health Care Service Corporation Offers Grants to Improve Children's Health

**Deadline: 08/15/2011**

Health Care Service Corporation, a customer-owned health insurer, has announced the launch of a three-year initiative called "Healthy Kids, Healthy Families" to improve the health of children in the four states where the company operates Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans (Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas). To foster greater community health improvement, HCSC is seeking alliances with local nonprofit organizations that offer sustainable, measurable programs designed to strengthen and enrich communities in any of the four states. The initiative will fund and partner with nonprofit organizations working to provide nutrition education, promote physical activity, prevent and manage disease, and/or support safe environments for children. Grants will be provided to 501(c)(3) organizations whose missions align with Healthy Kids, Healthy Families criteria. Funding may be used to enhance ongoing activities or create new programs.

Website: [http://www.hcsc.com/healthy\\_kids\\_healthy\\_families.html](http://www.hcsc.com/healthy_kids_healthy_families.html)

### 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>

## 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

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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)

### Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities

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

**Deadline: 07/21/2011**

HUD announces the availability on its Web site and Grants.gov, applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD's FY2011 Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities (CFCF) Program NOFA. Specifically, this NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$15 million made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112-10, enacted April 15, 2011. The purpose of the Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities (CFCF) Program is to provide capital funding to PHAs for the construction, rehabilitation, or purchase of facilities to provide early childhood education, adult education, and/or job training programs for public housing residents based on an identified need. Additionally, PHAs may use CFCF program funding to rehabilitate existing community facilities that will offer comprehensive, integrated services to help public housing residents achieve better educational and economic outcomes resulting in long-term economic self-sufficiency.

Maximum Grant Size: \$5,000,000

Eligible Applicants: All non-troubled public housing authorities (PHAs) are eligible to apply, subject to the requirements under Section III.A. of this NOFA. PHAs that manage only a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, tribes, and tribally designated housing entities are not eligible.

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

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### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)*

**Deadline: 08/02/2011**

HUD announces the availability on its Web site of the applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD's FY2011 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program NOFA. Specifically, this NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$9.1 million made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112-10, approved April 15, 2011 for the Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. The purpose of the HOPWA program is to advance HUD's implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS). HOPWA NOFA also addresses the Department's Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Strategic Plan and the Opening Doors Federal Strategic Plan To Prevent and End Homelessness. These actions address goals to: Prevent and end homelessness; increase the supply of affordable housing; and increase the coordination of mainstream housing resources and other health and human services. The HOPWA NOFA announces funds available for projects that address both: (1) Direct housing assistance and service delivery to low income persons and families living with HIV/AIDS, including homeless individuals and families; and (2) comprehensive planning and coordination of local resources in meeting housing and service needs of the population. As a result of project efforts, communities will be assisted in the development and use of an Integrated HIV/AIDS Housing Plan (IHHP) to be issued at the end of the third year of operation. The IHHP is an administrative function and should demonstrate local system changes in the delivery of housing and services. Grantees are expected to provide housing assistance to eligible persons in their communities while concurrently examining and comprehensively integrating local services for coordinating and streamlining where possible the delivery of those services in your community.

**Eligible Applicants: Eligibility for Funding to Nonprofit Organizations.** If you are a nonprofit organization, you must also satisfy the nonprofit requirements established in the definition for eligible nonprofit organization found in 24 CFR 574.3 and in the definitions section of this Program NOFA. Eligibility for Public Housing Authorities. If you are a Public Housing Authority you must satisfy the definition of Public Housing Authority in this Program NOFA. **General Eligibility.** Existing HOPWA grantees or project sponsors that have shown poor performance or have unresolved grants management issues at the time of the application due date will not be considered for funding. Unresolved problems and /or poor performance may include: noncompliance with HOPWA's enabling statute and regulations; HUD knowledge that activities approved under a grant agreement remain significantly delayed in their implementation; a significant number of the housing units approved under a grant agreement are vacant; untimely filing and inaccurate and/or incomplete submission of annual performance reports; unresolved monitoring findings not addressed in a HUD approved corrective action plan by the date of award; unresolved actions pending under a HUD notice of default on your current grant.

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

### Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Planning Grants

*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)*

**Deadline: 08/08/2011**

HUD announces the availability on its Web site and Grants.gov applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD's FY2011 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Program--Planning Grants NOFA. Specifically, this NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$3.6 million made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112-10, enacted April 15, 2011. The purpose of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative-Planning Grant Program is to support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which, when implemented, may be expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1)Housing: Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term; 2)People: Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and 3) Neighborhood: Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. This Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units, while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 12-15

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants for Choice Neighborhoods grants are Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity.

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

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### Home Depot Foundation Announces 2011 Community Impact Grants Program

**Deadline: 10/31/2011**

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

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

### PARK AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Outdoor Recreation Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

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

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

#### Indoor Recreation Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 08/01/2011**

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

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

#### Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

*Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife*

**Deadline: 10/01/2011**

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

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



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Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities

**Deadline: end of every quarter**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

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

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

Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

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

Website: [http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official\\_info/community/btf.jsp](http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp)

## Women's Sports Foundation

**Deadline: 09/23/2011**

The Goal Of The Fund Is To Provide Direct Financial Assistance To Aspiring Female Athletes Who Are U.S. Citizens Or Legal Residents.

Eligible Applicants: 1. Individual applicants and all members of a team must be female U.S. citizens or legal residents and be eligible to compete for a U.S. national team; 2. Those that have amateur status; 3. Those that demonstrate the ability, based on competitive record and years in training, to reach and compete at an elite level. Those that have competed regionally (outside their state), nationally and/or internationally and/or are ranked by a national governing body; 4. Those that have a successful competitive record within their sport and/or age group; and 5. In order to qualify for a team application, a team must consist of two or more females and 6. An individual or team may be awarded only one grant per calendar year and a maximum of three grants to an individual or team in a lifetime.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/home/programs/travel-and-training-fund/how-to-apply>

## Tony Hawk Foundation Invites Applications for 2011 Skatepark Grants

**Deadline: 10/01/2011**

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

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

## Funding Opportunities



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