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**Rubén Hinojosa**

The 15th District of Texas



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## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$49 MILLION AWARDED TO REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER FOR GEAR Up PROGRAM

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Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced the U.S. Department of Education has awarded Region One Education Service Center \$49 Million over a 7 year period for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR Up). Gear Up is designed to increase the number of low-income students, from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, in completing postsecondary education.

"This is great news for Region One and for the thousands of students this program will continue to help in Deep South Texas," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "I have seen first hand how the GEAR Up program has helped our students succeed through high school and become better prepared for higher education."

GEAR Up funds are also used to provide college scholarships to low-income students.

Congressman Hinojosa added, "I have met so many of our students who say it was through the GEAR Up program that they realized earning a college degree is within their reach. GEAR Up gives these students the tools, the encouragement and the belief that they too can become college graduates. I congratulate Region One for receiving this outstanding grant award."



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## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$35,000 GRANT AWARDED TO THE SAN DIEGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a \$35,000 grant was awarded to the San Diego Independent School District by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program.

“This USDA grant offers great opportunities to so many students in San Diego schools,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “Our students are so eager to learn through modern technology and it is especially important that

those who live in our rural communities are given every opportunity to achieve their goals in school.”

The funds will be used to purchase computer and technology equipment that includes virtual desktop computers for the libraries and a server to connect them. S.D. I.S.D. will fund the remainder of the project. The total cost of the project is \$109,200.

## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$3 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR 11 CITIES IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 15 OF TEXAS

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced federal grants totaling \$3,210,728 were awarded to the Cities of Beeville, Falfurrias, Karnes City, Kenedy, Mathis, Premont, Runge, San Diego, Santa Rosa, Sinton and Yorktown by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for water treatment, water lines and sewer lines.

“I’ve been a strong supporter of the Community Development Block Grant Program throughout the years because I have seen first-hand how this funding helps the quality of life of our rural residents in South Texas,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “This funding will go directly into low to moderate income neighborhoods and will offer close to 30 thousand residents better water systems.”

**Beeville** was awarded \$300,000 for water lines on Springer, Crockett, Milam and Corpus Christi streets.

**Falfurrias** was awarded \$300,000 for water and sewer lines on Crockett to Forest, Crockett from Lincoln to Williams. Sewer improvements will be installed on N. Nopal from W. Lopez to W. Travis on W. San Saba/W. Garrett Alley from W. Lopez to W. Travis on W. Adams/W. Bennett Alley from S. Hartmann to S. Negri street.

**Karnes City** was awarded \$275,000 for water lines and 7 fire hydrants on Mayfield, Esplanada, Anona and Houston streets.

**Kenedy** was awarded \$275,000 to replace broken sewer lines near Highway 181 Business between the junction with 181 by-

pass and downtown.

**Mathis** was awarded \$300,000 to replace a deteriorated water line from the water tower to the entire city and a main feeder line along Front Street.

**Premont** was awarded \$300,000 for a primary trunk line, manholes, bypass pumping and to remove in-line obstructions.

**Runge** was awarded \$275,000 for repairs to the city water treatment plant at Aransas and Muggle Streets. Construction and repairs include, include a new roof, wall rehabilitation, a new pump and a new generator.

**San Diego** was awarded \$300,000 for the replacement of an old and deteriorated water main, fire hydrants and related valves that will benefit the residents of the north side of the city.

**Santa Rosa** was awarded \$322,728 for new sewer services to 27 households in the southern portion of Santa Rosa. Construction will include one lift station, 12 manholes and service yard lines around State Highway 506, Huisache Drive and Retama Drive.

**Sinton** was awarded \$300,000 to rehabilitate the city’s 500,000 gallon water storage tank.

**Yorktown** was awarded \$263,000 to replace old deteriorated cast iron water lines on 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, Church and Burrow Streets.

## **CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES USDA GRANT FOR \$35,000 FOR DUVAL COUNTY CONSTABLE'S OFFICE**

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a grant for \$35,000 was awarded to Duval County by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program to purchase new 4X4 trucks for County Constables.

"This is a very welcomed grant from the USDA Rural Development Program because it directly helps our residents by providing Duval County Constables a better means to patrol the rural areas where many county residents live," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa.

The funds will be used to purchase four new fully equipped ½ ton 4X4 trucks to be used by four Duval County Constables. Currently, the constables are relying on vehicles supplied by the Duval County Sheriff's Department which have been decommissioned due to high mileage. The vehicles

are also sedans which are not built to cover rough rural areas.

Congressman Hinojosa added, "I am very grateful to the USDA for providing the needed funding to make these important purchases. Our constables need reliable and efficient equipment that will allow them to patrol all rural areas in Duval County. The constables well deserve this as do the residents who rely on their services."

## **CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HUD GRANTS FOR NEARLY \$8 MILLION AWARDED BY HUD TO McALLEN AND PHARR**

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced grants totaling \$7,804,582 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were awarded to the cities of McAllen and Pharr for housing and for the expansion of economic opportunities for low-income families as well as a swimming pool for schools and the public.

"With the ever increasing population of the Rio Grande Valley, especially in Hidalgo County, our area is always in need of housing for all of its residents," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "The federal resources we are awarded are always put to very good use and they continue to help our communities and our residents thrive."

The City of Pharr will receive \$5,600,000 for Section 108 loan funds towards two separate public improvement projects. \$2,050,000 will finance the widening and reconstruction of sidewalks and school crossings in the Las Milpas neighborhood.

\$3,550,000 will be used to finance the development of a city park that will include a competitive swimming pool. According to the grant, the City of Pharr will partner with the P.S. J.A. School District which will lease its property to the City of Pharr for the construction of the park and swimming pool. The pool will be used by the schools for competitive events and by the public during non-school hours.

The City of McAllen will receive \$1,618,789 through the Community Development Block Grants program (CDBG) to develop viable urban communities by providing suitable housing and by expanding economic opportunities for low-income persons. The City of McAllen was also the recipient of a grant for \$585,793 through HUD's HOME program. The grant funds will be used for housing programs for low and very low-income families.

## CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA FALL EVENTS



Congressman Hinojosa with the South Texas Literacy Coalition celebrating My Librarian Rocks Awardees



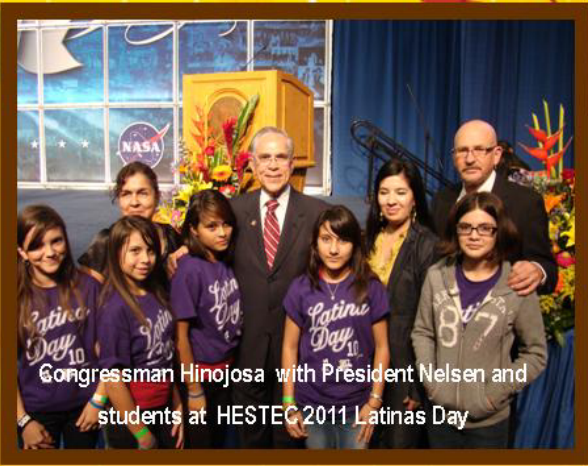
Congressman Hinojosa with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nelsen at South Texas Literacy Coalition event



Congressman Hinojosa at HESTEC 2011 Congressional Round Table, seated with President Nelsen, Dr. Ellen Ochoa, Mr. Saldivar from Shell Oil and Asst. Secretary of the Navy, Juan Garcia



Congressman Hinojosa at HESTEC Leadership Day addressing students with Astronaut Mike Fossum



Congressman Hinojosa with President Nelsen and students at HESTEC 2011 Latinas Day

## COLLEGE RESOURCE GUIDE : TOOLS FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

### FINANCIAL RESOURCES

#### **FAFSA**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Learn all about the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, usually the first step in seeking financial aid for higher education.

#### **The Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA)**

[www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)

The Department of Education's Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs are the largest source of student aid in America. These programs provide more than \$80 billion a year in grants, loans, and work-study assistance. Learn more about and how to apply for this aid.

#### **National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators**

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators offers a range of resources to help students, parents, and counselors navigate the college aid process.



#### **COSTEP**

[www.costep.org](http://www.costep.org)

Economic Progress ([COSTEP](http://www.costep.org)) was founded in 1972 by former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Jr., and other South Texas political and community leaders, who shared his deep concern for the economy of this region. COSTEP is a non-profit corporation, an ideal industry partner providing financial aid assistance and information to students as well as, their families throughout Texas. COSTEP, in partnership with numerous Texas lending institutions, is an originator and Servicer of low interest, Federal Guaranteed student loans through the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFEL).

#### **VAMOS**

[www.vamosscholars.org](http://www.vamosscholars.org)

The Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities & Scholarships (VAMOS) is a nonprofit organization run

primarily by devoted volunteers to provide renewable scholarships to all deserving Hispanic students in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Starr counties for the purpose of completing a post secondary education.

#### **South Texas Academic Rising Scholars (STARS)**

[www.southtexasstars.org](http://www.southtexasstars.org)

South Texas Academic Rising Scholars (STARS) was founded with the goal of making higher education accessible to the students of South Texas. The STARS Scholarship Foundation of South Texas has helped local students obtain higher education at the college or university of their choice.

#### **College for all Texans**

[www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)

By visiting this website, you're just a few clicks from everything you need to select the Texas university, college, junior college or technical school that's best for you. And you'll find tools here that will help you plan everything in detail. You can even fill out an application for the college you choose and apply for financial aid. So relax, take a deep breath, and get started. Good luck!

### GENERAL RESOURCES

#### **KnowHow2Go**

[www.KnowHow2Go.org](http://www.KnowHow2Go.org)

This site primarily targets middle and high school students, and their parents, with motivational content to encourage them to get ready for college. KnowHow2Go is a multiyear, multimedia effort designed to encourage more Texans to plan, enroll and succeed in college.

#### **T.G. The Guarantor of Choice**

[www.tgslc.org](http://www.tgslc.org)

We will form direct relationships with families and students in collaboration with our business associates to make the educational experience simpler, more productive, and less threatening.

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### Project Grad USA

[www.projectgrad.org](http://www.projectgrad.org)

Project GRAD® has a 10-year track record of successfully helping at risk students make it through K-12 school systems and graduate from college.

### What Kids Can Do, Inc. (WKCD)

[www.whatkidscando.org](http://www.whatkidscando.org)

What Kids Can Do, Inc. (WKCD) is a national non-profit organization founded in 2001 for the purpose of making public the voices and views of adolescents. On its Web site, WKCD documents young people's lives, learning and work, and their partnerships with adults both in and out of school.

### First in the Family

[www.firstinthefamily.org](http://www.firstinthefamily.org)

First in the Family is packed with useful resources and heartfelt stories from students who are the first in their families to go to college. First in the Family guides students through the key issues--from cultural conflict to academic challenges--facing first-generation students.

### The ACT

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

The ACT student site provides information on many aspects of planning for college, including career planning and financial aid. You can also register for the ACT and find materials to prepare for the test.

### The College Board

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The College Board offers a variety of tools and resources to help you prepare and plan for college. Use "College MatchMaker" to generate a list of colleges that match your preferences. Create and manage your personal list of colleges with "My Organizer." Get ready for the SAT by taking an official, free practice test.

### National Association for College Admission Counseling

[www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)

National Association for College Admission Counseling offers online resources for college preparation.

### CampusCompare

[www.campuscompare.com](http://www.campuscompare.com)

CampusCompare is a free, comprehensive online resource for college-bound students searching for the school that is right for them. CampusCompare offers data on a range of topics--academics, campus life, athletics, college trends, financial aid, scholarships and more--for more than 3,000 colleges and universities. Search, compare and connect with schools in one all-inclusive site that features a number of fun and interactive tools.

### College Grazing

[www.collegegrazing.com](http://www.collegegrazing.com)

College Grazing offers free, interactive, self-discovery surveys to help you identify your college needs and desires. Based on the premise that self-awareness will lead to better college decisions, College Grazing offers immediate feedback about your college preferences, readiness, characteristics, and much more.

### RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL

#### Excelencia Educativa

[www.yosipuedo.gov](http://www.yosipuedo.gov)

Esto es la Iniciativa de la Casa Blanca en la Excelencia Educativa para Americanos hispanos. Encuentre información a sobresalir en la escuela en todos niveles del grado.

#### Education Planner

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

Education Planner es el único sitio de planificación de su carrera y la universidad. Tenemos la información que usted necesita para investigar carreras, elegir una escuela postsecundaria, solicitar en línea, y encontrar modos de financiar su educación.

#### FAFSA

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/spanish/fafsa.jsp>

Aprenda todo acerca del FAFSA, la Aplicación Libre para la Ayuda Federal de Estudiante, generalmente el primer paso a buscar la ayuda financiera para la educación superior.

# Breast Cancer and You: What You Need to Know

## What is breast cancer?

Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the breast, it is called breast cancer. The breast is made up of three main parts: glands, ducts, and connective tissue.

Sometimes breast cells become abnormal and grow faster than normal cells. These extra cells form a mass called a tumor. Some tumors are "benign," or not cancerous. Other tumors are "malignant," meaning they are cancerous and have the ability to spread to other parts of the breast and body and disrupt normal functions in those areas.

## Who gets breast cancer?

All women are at risk for breast cancer. Men can also get breast cancer, but this is rare. Not counting skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women of all combined major racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Among Hispanic women, it is the most common cause of death from cancer, and it is the second most common cause of death from cancer among white, black, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaska Native women. In 2006, (the most recent year for which statistics are available), 191,410 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 40,820 women died from the disease.<sup>†</sup> Although more white women get breast cancer, more black women die from it.

<sup>†</sup> U.S. Cancer Statistics Working Group. *United States Cancer Statistics: 1999–2006 Incidence and Mortality Web-based Report*. Atlanta (GA): Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Cancer Institute; 2010.

## How can I prevent it?

Scientists are studying how best to prevent breast cancer. Ways to help lower your risk of getting breast cancer include—

- Stay physically active by getting regular exercise.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Avoid using hormone replacement therapy (HRT), or find out the risks and benefits of HRT and if it is right for you.
- Limit the amount of alcohol that you drink.

## What raises a woman's chance of getting breast cancer?

Several factors may affect your risk of developing breast cancer, including—

- Getting older.
- Not having children, or having your first child later in life.
- Starting your first menstrual period at an early age.
- Beginning menopause at a late age.
- Having a personal history of breast cancer or certain benign breast diseases, such as atypical ductal hyperplasia.
- Having close family relatives (such as a mother, sister, father, or daughter) who have had breast cancer.
- Having a genetic condition, such as certain mutations in your BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes.
- Having been treated with radiation therapy to the breast or chest.
- Being overweight, particularly after menopause.
- Using hormone replacement therapy for a long time.
- Using oral contraceptives.
- Drinking alcohol.
- Being physically inactive.



## What are the symptoms?

When breast cancer starts out, it is too small to feel and does not cause signs and symptoms. As it grows, however, breast cancer can cause changes in how the breast looks or feels. Symptoms may include—

- A new lump in the breast.
- A lump that has changed.
- A change in the size or shape of the breast.
- Pain in the breast or nipple that does not go away.
- Flaky, red, or swollen skin anywhere on the breast.
- A nipple that is very tender or that suddenly turns inward.
- Blood or any other type of fluid coming from the nipple that is not milk when nursing a baby.

If you have any of these symptoms, talk to a health care professional. They may be caused by something other than cancer, but the only way to know is to see a health care professional.



# Funding Opportunities

## AGRICULTURE

### Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

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

**Deadline: 11/22/2011**

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

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

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Website: [www.nifa.usda.gov](http://www.nifa.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



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music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

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

### Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 12/01/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$40,000

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

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

### Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

*Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)*

**Deadline: 12/15/2011**

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

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

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

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### COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#### Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

Total Funding Available: \$13,910,351

Number of Awards: 35

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

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

#### Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

Pursuant to PWEDA, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Planning and Local Technical

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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 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 to further develop the leadership skills of students who demonstrate a passion for improving their communities. The program seeks leaders who are high school juniors and seniors in the United States and secondary students in sixth-form college or a college of further education in the United Kingdom. Five Student Leaders from each of the eligible markets will be selected to participate in an eight-week paid internship at a nonprofit/charitable organization and a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. (all expenses paid as part of the Student Leaders Program). (Student Leaders applications are closed for 2011, and will be due for the 2012 program in January 2012.)

Website: [http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd\\_grantapp](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_grantapp)

### Brownfields Assessment Grants

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

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to publish guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. EPA provides brownfields funding for three types of grants: 1) Brownfields Assessment Grants: provides funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and com-

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munity involvement related to brownfield sites, 2) Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants: provides funds for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving fund and to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites, 3) Brownfields Cleanup Grants: provides funds to carry out cleanup activities at a specific brownfield site owned by the applicant.

Total Funding Available: \$39,000,000

Number of Awards: 112

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

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

### Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$8,000,000

Number of Awards: 8

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

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

### Brownfields Clean up Grants

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

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

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

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forts is to ensure that residents living in communities historically affected by economic disinvestment, health disparities, and environmental contamination have an opportunity to reap the benefits from brownfields redevelopment. EPA's Brownfields Program has a rich history rooted in environmental justice and is committed to helping communities revitalize brownfield properties, mitigate potential health risks, and restore economic vitality.

Total Funding Available: \$18,000,000

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: 12/15/2011**

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

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

### EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

#### Campell's: Labels for Education

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

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

#### Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

Website: [http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach\\_awards.htm](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm)

#### 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)

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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>

### IRA: Teacher as Researcher Grant

**Deadline: 11/1/2011**

International Reading Association Teacher as Researcher grants support classroom teachers who undertake action research inquiries about literacy and instruction.

Maximum award: \$4,000. Eligibility: All applicants must be members of the International Reading Association (IRA) and practicing PreK-12 teachers with full time or permanent half time teaching responsibilities (includes librarians, Title I teachers, classroom teachers, and resource teachers). Classroom teachers will be given preference. Applicants may apply as a collaborative group or individually.

Website: [http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/research\\_teacher\\_as\\_researcher.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/research_teacher_as_researcher.aspx)

### Freedom Foundation: Leavey Awards

**Deadline: 11/01/2011**

The Leavey 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: \$15,000. Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents employed full-time as an educator at an accredited American school (grades K-12), college, or university.

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

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

**Deadline: 11/15/2011**

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

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

### State Farm/NYLC: Project Ignition

**Deadline: 11/15/2011**

State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council are sponsoring Project Ignition, which funds programs that give high school students and their teachers the chance to work together to address the issue of teen driver safety.

Maximum award: \$2,000. Eligibility: students grades 9-12.

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

### The College Board: Costas Awards

**Deadline: 11/18/2011**

The Bob Costas Awards for the Teaching of Creative Writing support exceptional teachers who through their innovative teaching methods motivate their students to write. Winning teachers are awarded grants to enhance successful projects currently underway. Projects can be carried out in school (public or nonpublic), through an after-school writing workshop, or during a summer program. Maximum award: \$3,000. Eligibility: teachers from all academic disciplines grades 6-12.

Website: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/costas>

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

**Deadline: 11/18/2011**

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

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

### NGA/Home Depot: Youth Garden Grants

**Deadline: 11/28/2011**

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: 12/05/2011**

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: 12/22/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$15,000

Number of Awards: 40

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

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

### Libri Foundation: Books for Children

**Deadline: 01/23/2011**

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

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

### Toshiba/NSTA: ExploraVision Awards

**Deadline: 02/01/2012**

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

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

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

### NGA/Mantis: Mantis Award

**Deadline: 03/01/2012**

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

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

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

## 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 Gov-



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

### Family Planning Services Grants

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

#### Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Total Funding Available: \$35,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private nonprofit entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States 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

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must provide proof of nonprofit status. See Section IV.2 for information regarding acceptable proof of nonprofit status.

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

### Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

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

#### Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

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

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

### Health Impact Project

#### Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

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

### 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

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delivered by providers who participate in accountable community health care programs. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: nonprofit organizations.

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

### Women's Health Conference Support

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

**Deadline: 10/31/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$15,000

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

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

### Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

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

**Deadline: 11/22/2011**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Number of Awards: 80

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

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## HOUSING

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

**Deadline: Open /Rolling**

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

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

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

### 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

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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>

### **SPORTS**

#### **Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities**

**Deadline: end of every quarter**

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

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

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

#### **Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs**

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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

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

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

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