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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES FEDERAL GRANT AWARD FOR NEARLY \$2 MILLION FOR THE CITY OF MCALLEN BUS SYSTEM

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced that the City of McAllen was awarded a federal grant of \$1,906,908 through the U.S. Department of Transportation for the conversion of public transportation buses from diesel to electric vehicles.

The funds will be used to implement electric bus technology on a portion of its fixed route fleets to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas.

"The City of McAllen is paving the way for many cities in tapping into the latest measures towards creating cleaner and more efficient methods for their public transportation system," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "The U.S. Department of Transportation's vision of creating an effective electronic roadway matches the same plans and designs the City of McAllen wants to create for its residents."



This project is designed to create a cost effective means of converting the existing diesel fleet to electric vehicles as well as the over-all effectiveness of using en-route charging technology to create an effective electronic roadway.

The grant funding is awarded through the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2011 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program.



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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDED TO UTPA C.H.A.P.S. PROGRAM

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a grant for **\$99,425** was awarded to the University of Texas-Pan American program Community Historical Archaeology Project with Schools (C.H.A.P.S.) by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"The C.H.A.P.S. program offers students hands on lessons about their environment and culture," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "I congratulated everyone involved in keeping this innovative program that also teaches the importance of preserving and protecting our land and other resources." The C.H.A.P.S. program was established in 2009 to create archaeologically and historically literate citizens who are aware of their local cultural and natural history and of its importance to the future of the Rio Grande Valley.

The program helps local school districts develop a K-12 curriculum to prepare students for future enrollment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. C.H.A.P.S. also teaches students the importance of stewardship to include site preservation, ethics and laws that affect our non-renewable local resources.

The funding will be used to begin a series of summer workshops for 7th and 8th grade teachers from the Rio Grande Valley School Districts to learn more about local history and how events of the world and the United States and Mexico shaped the Rio Grande Valley. Project Director Russell Skowronek says the lessons will run the gamut from pre history to modern times. The idea is to encourage students to have a deep appreciation of the region.

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES

NEA ANNOUNCES CHALLENGE AMERICA FAST TRACK GRANT PROGRAM



Washington, DC -- As National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Rocco Landesman has noted, "Art works everywhere," which is why the agency's Challenge America

Fast-Track (CAFT) program supports projects from primarily small and mid-sized arts organizations that extend the reach of the arts to underserved audiences -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Chairman Landesman announced that 162 Challenge America grants totaling \$1,620,000 will be awarded to organizations in 46 states, plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Challenge America Fast-Track grants are all \$10,000 and receive expedited application review. Organizations are notified approximately six months after they apply with the possibility to start a project shortly after notification. For smaller organizations that operate on compressed timeframes, having an expedited review (in addition to competing for grant dollars with organizations of similar size) enhances their access to federal funding.

"Taken together, these Challenge America Fast-Track grants provide an extraordinary sampling of the work that arts organizations do to reach underserved communities," said Chairman Landesman. "With these grants, we are helping to ensure that art works for all Americans."

Along with not-for-profit arts organizations, grantees in this announcement include a community housing authority, municipal tourism department, state mining and technology institute, and social service agency -- all using the arts to engage audiences and make their communities more liv-

able. In addition, among the 162 grantees, 47 or about 30 percent are first-time grantees to the NEA, a significant number that demonstrates the program's important gateway role.

Examples of projects supported in this round of Challenge American Fast-Track are:

- Abilene Arts Alliance in Abilene, Texas to support Artfully Abilene, a cultural tourism initiative designed to increase awareness among residents and visitors of the range of cultural activities in the metro area.
- The Mimbres Region Arts Council in Silver City, New Mexico to support the Youth Mural Program, pairing young people with professional artists to create murals that express the culture and history of the Grant County region.
- Pro Musica of Joplin, Missouri to support a residency by the Cavani String Quartet featuring a public concert and lecture-demonstrations for Joplin public schools students.

The National Endowment for the Arts was established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. To date, the NEA has awarded more than \$4 billion to support artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. The NEA extends its work through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector. To join the discussion on how art works, visit the NEA at www.arts.gov.

GUIDE: WHERE TO SEARCH FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS



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Grants.gov Grants Site

More than 1,000 grant programs are offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies, and these programs fall into 21 categories. Click on the link below and select any of the categories

to learn more about specific grants and agencies. Some agencies may be listed in multiple grant categories.

Website: www.grants.gov

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Database

Database of all available federal programs. Contains information on grant eligibility, application procedures, selection criteria, and program deadlines.

Website: www.cdfa.gov

USDA Water and Wastewater Grants and Loans

The Rural Utilities Service's Water Programs Division of the USDA has four programs which provide financial and technical assistance for development and operation of safe and affordable water supply systems and sewage and other forms of waste disposal facilities. These programs are administered by USDA Rural Development offices. Brief descriptions of the programs are provided by clicking on the link below.

Website:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm#PROGRAMS>

U.S. Department of Justice Grant Programs

Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies. This site has a listing of open solicitations for Justice related grants.

Website:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/solicitations.htm>

Office of Violence Against Women

OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Currently, OVW administers one formula grant program and eleven discretionary grant programs.

Website:

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/ovwgrantprograms.htm>

U.S. Department of Education Grants

The U.S. Department of Education offers Discretionary Grant Application Packages at this site. On the site you can find a list of currently open grant competitions.

Website:

<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>

U.S. Health and Human Services Grants

It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to maximize opportunities for competition for all discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. Consistent with that policy, HHS publicizes grant-funding opportunities through this site.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/FundOther.htm>

HHS Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

This site lists more than 170 grants programs across several Federal agencies - including the Department of Health and Human Services - that may be of interest to faith-based and community organizations.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/funding/index.html>

Institute of Museum and Libraries Funding Opportunities

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grant programs and deadlines can be sorted by name, by eligible institution type, and by project type. To View available grants click on links below to help you find the right grant for your institution. There is also information that will introduce you to the process of applying so you can properly prepare for your application.

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Website:

<http://www.imls.gov/applicants/applicants.shtml>

USDA CSREES Funding Opportunities

To learn more about available or anticipated competitive grants on the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service web site, click on the link below. On each individual funding opportunity page you will find links to full requests for applications (RFAs) and application forms.

Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm>

Environmental Protection Agency Grants and Environmental Financing

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD) Grants Competition web site provides information about the Agency's Policy for Competition of Assistance Agreements. It also includes information on competitive grant opportunities available at EPA, including a list of open competitive grant opportunities, and information on past competitions.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/index.htm>

Economic Development Agency Funding Programs

The Economic Development Administration Programs page provides descriptions of EDA's different investment programs: Public Works and Economic Development, Economic Adjustment Assistance, Research and National Technical Assistance, Local Technical Assistance, Planning Program, University Center Economic Development, and Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml>

Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>

National Trust for Historical Preservation Funding Opportunities

The National Trust Preservation Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation offers several types of financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit companies, and individuals involved in preservation-related projects. Generally, financial assistance available to restore historic buildings and homes can be divided into the three categories included on this site.

Website:

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>

USDA Federal Financial Assistance for Rural Housing

This United States Department of Agriculture web site hosts information about single-family housing, multi-family housing, and other programs to help rural Americans find capital to fund housing.

Website:

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/program_info.htm#MFH

FEMA Grants and Assistance Programs

FEMA web site lists FEMA grants and assistance programs. Click on the link below to find out what grant programs are available for your community.

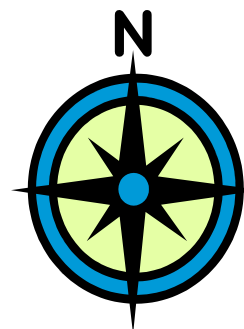
Website:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtml>

Federal Funding Sources for Rural Areas

The USDA rural information center hosts a funding resource of federal funding databases. On this site is a listing of department/agency with the United State Government. It is a Searchable database of federal funding programs available to rural areas. Search by keyword or agency.

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_Grants.html



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Texas eGrants Site

The State of Texas is proud to present the eGrants website. Using the eGrants website, you can search for and view the details of competitive

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Website:

<https://www.texasonline.state.tx.us/tolapp/egrants/search.htm>

TEA Grant Opportunities

This site is a central resource for and link to all State and Federal grant opportunities administered by TEA. Grant seeking opportunities, grant management and administrative guidance, and other tools and resources are also included in this site.

Website:

<http://burleson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx#disc>

ORCA Grants & Funding Clearinghouse Site

ORCA's Grants & Funding Clearinghouse provides rural communities, grant seekers, and grant writers with current funding opportunities, tools for grant writers; and resources for nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations.

Website:

<http://www.orca.state.tx.us/index.php/Home/Grants+Clearinghouse>

TxDOT Grant Site

This site is an index of grants offered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Website: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/grants/index.htm>

Texas Water Development Board Financial Programs

The Texas Water Development Board's web site lists by project type and financial program assistance that their agency can provide for infrastructure.

Website:

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/financial/infrastructure/project-program.asp>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Recreation Grants and Assistance

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hosts a grant site. On it is a listing of grants, assistance, education, and outreach programs. These programs help to build new parks,

conserve natural resources, preserve historical sites, provide access to water bodies, develop educational programs for youth, and much more.

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

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

This site lists the grant funding sites of several Federal, state, and private organizations that fund museums and libraries.

Website: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/>

Texas Department of Agriculture Rural Economic Development

The Rural Economic Development Division has several programs to assist rural communities and businesses to create and retain jobs through business development and community assistance.

Website:

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/sort_render/0,1980,1848_23122_0_0,00.html?channelId=23122

Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Funding Alert Grant Database

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website is set up to assist you in pursuing grants and funding opportunities. Grant writing resources are available from the Funding Information Center.

Website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/search.asp>

Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management

Governor's Division of Emergency Management GDEM is charged with carrying out a comprehensive all-hazard emergency management program for the State and for assisting cities, counties, and state agencies in planning and implementing their emergency management programs. GDEM is also responsible for supporting development of the Governor's Homeland Security Strategy and implementing programs and projects to achieve state homeland security goals and objectives. The following link opens the GDEM's Grant site that lists federal grants, state-administered grants, Homeland Security grants, and a link to help develop your grant proposal.

Website:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/grants.htm>

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs across the United States that provide 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>

Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums

Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)

Deadline: 02/01/2012

The Sparks Grants are a special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants program. These small grants encourage libraries, museums, and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Sparks Grants support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. You may propose activities or approaches that involve risk, as long as the risk is balanced by significant potential for improvement. Eligible institutions of all sizes and types are encouraged to apply.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

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: a) 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 sub-

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mitting 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; b) 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; c) 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; d) 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; e) 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 f) 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.

Contact: Anthony Donovan Smith, Phone: 202-653-4768, Email: asmith@imls.gov

Website: www.imls.gov

Big Read Invites Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 02/01/2012

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

Website: http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

Our Town

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 03/01/2011

Art works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are engaging design and leveraging the arts to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, distinct identities, a sense of place, and vibrant local economies that capitalize on existing local assets. The NEA defines these efforts as Creative Placemaking: "In creative placemaking, partners from public, private, nonprofit, and community sectors strategically shape the physical and social character of a neighborhood, town, tribe, city, or region around arts and cultural activities. Creative placemaking animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired.": Ann Markusen, Markusen Economic Research Services Anne Gadwa, Metris Arts Consulting From Creative Placemaking Through Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to: Improve their quality of life, Encourage creative activity, Create community identity and a sense of place and revitalize local economies.

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Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

Eligible Applicants: All applications must have partnerships that involve two primary partners: a nonprofit organization and a local governmental entity. One of the two primary partners must be a cultural (arts or design) organization. Additional partners are welcomed. One of the two primary partners must act as the official applicant (lead applicant). This lead applicant must meet the eligibility requirements, submit the application, and assume full responsibility for the grant. Eligible lead applicants are: 1) Local governments, including counties, parishes, cities, towns, villages, or federally recognized tribal governments. Local arts agencies, local education agencies (school districts), and local government-run community colleges are eligible local governments. The following do not qualify as local governments: state level government agencies, state higher education institutions, regional governments, and quasi-government organizations (e.g., regional planning organizations, economic development authorities, business improvement districts); 2) A public entity or a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization with a documented three-year history of programming.

To be eligible, the lead applicant organization must: a) For an organization other than a local government, have a three-year history of programming prior to the application deadline, b) Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements," including nonprofit, tax-exempt status, as detailed in the Grants for Arts Projects guidelines, at the time of application and c) Have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date(s) for all Arts Endowment award(s) previously received.

Additional partners beyond the two primary partners are encouraged. These may include a variety of entities such as state level government agencies, foundations, arts organizations and artists, nonprofit organizations, design professionals and design centers, educational institutions, real estate developers, business leaders, and community organizations, as well as public and governmental entities. Federal agencies cannot be monetary partners. The designated state and jurisdictional arts agencies (SAAs) and their regional arts organizations (RAOs) may serve as partners, but not primary partners, in Our Town projects. However, all grant funds must be passed on to the other partners. NEA funds can't support any SAA or RAO costs.

Contact: Our Town Program Office, Email: OT@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

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

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-

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wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress, these programs are designed to enhance the competitiveness of regions. Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of investment assistance include a(n): District Organization; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. EDA is not authorized to provide grants directly to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non-profit economic development organizations serving the region in which the project will be located.

Website: www.eda.gov

Microsoft Unlimited Potential-Community Technology Skills Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

Eligibility: Nonprofit community technology centers (CTCs)

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

Bank of America Launches 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Deadline: Open/ Various

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

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

Deadlines: Various (see below)

ARAMARK Building Community is ARAMARK's signature philanthropic and volunteer program designed to enrich the lives of disadvantaged families by strengthening the capacity of community centers to engage residents and community leaders to create neighborhood change and lasting opportunity for residents. The ARAMARK Building Community Innovation Awards will present a total of \$100,000 in 2012 to community centers showing innovation in workforce readiness programs, and will provide selected organizations with a platform to share best practices as well as replicate and scale programs that are successful at putting people back in the workforce. Three \$20,000 programmatic grants will recognize excellence in workforce readiness — preparing people for, and connecting them to jobs — and will support future program execution in the following categories: preparation for growth industries; skills training for targeted populations; and business ventures as training ground. Members of the United Neighborhood Centers of America and the Alliance for Children and Families may apply for the workforce program innovation awards. Only one program per organization per year will be considered for a pro-

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grammatic award. A program must have taken place during 2011 but may be a year-long and/or a seasonal module; it must be scheduled to recur in 2012. (Deadline: January 12, 2012).

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

Community Development Financial Institutions: Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance

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

Date: 01/11/2012

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

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

Contact: CDFI Program Office, Phone: 202-622-6355, Email: cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov

Website: www.cdfifund.gov

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Campell's: Labels for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com 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

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

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

Deadline: 12/22/2011

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$15,000

Number of Awards: 40

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

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Website: www.epa.gov

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

Deadline: 12/31/2011

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

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

Libri Foundation: Books for Children

Deadline: 01/23/2011

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

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

Toshiba/NSTA: ExploraVision Awards

Deadline: 02/01/2012

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

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

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

NGA/Mantis: Mantis Award

Deadline: 03/01/2012

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline: 01/20/2011

The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education and Ag in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program is a NIFA-administered competitive grants program focused on improving formal, K-14 agricultural sciences education. Guided by critical societal issues laid out in the "New Biology for the 21st Century" report, as well as the five, compelling NIFA Priority Areas, SPECA-funded projects ensure a competent and qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system. At the same time, SPECA-funded projects improve the economic health and viability of rural communities through the development of degree programs emphasizing new and emerging employment opportunities in agriscience and agribusiness. Finally, SPECA

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projects are also focused to address the national challenge to increase the number and diversity (i.e., having an agricultural sciences workforce representative of the Nation's population) of students entering agriculture related science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Therefore, applications submitted to this grants program must state how the funded project will address the two SPECA Program Goals: 1) To increase the number and diversity of students who will pursue and complete a 2- or 4-year postsecondary degree in the food and agricultural sciences, or other STEM fields closely related to the food and agricultural sciences, and for FY 2012, encourage study in areas that contribute to any of the five NIFA Priority Areas listed above; and 2) To enhance the quality of secondary and postsecondary instruction in order to help meet current and future national food and agricultural sciences workplace needs.

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

Contact: P. Gregory Smith, Phone: 202-720-1973, Email: SPEC@nifa.usda.gov

Website: www.nifa.usda.gov

Broad Agency Announcement

Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deadline: 09/30/2013

The purpose of this notice is to request applications for special projects and programs associated with NOAA's strategic plan and mission goals, as well as to provide the general public with information and guidelines on how NOAA will select proposals and administer discretionary Federal assistance under this Broad Agency Announcement. This BAA is a mechanism to encourage research, education and outreach, innovative projects, or sponsorships that are not addressed through our competitive discretionary programs. It is not a mechanism for awarding congressionally directed funds or existing funded awards. Funding for potential projects in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for any potential activities in this notice. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to review an application, or to award any specific project, or to obligate any available funds. As an agency with responsibilities for maintaining and improving the viability of marine and coastal ecosystems, for delivering valuable weather, climate, and water information and services, for understanding the science and consequences of climate change, and for supporting the global commerce and transportation upon which we all depend, NOAA must remain current and responsive in an ever-changing world. We do this in concert with our partners and stakeholders in federal, state, and local governments and private organizations, applying a systematic approach that links our strategic goals through multi-year plans to the daily activities of our employees. Every year we are committed to re-evaluate our progress and priorities, look for efficiencies, and take advantage of new opportunities to improve our information, products, and services. In furtherance of this objective, NOAA issues this BAA for extramural research, innovative projects, and sponsorships (e.g., conferences, newsletters etc.) that address one or more of the following four mission goal descriptions contained in the NOAA Strategic Plan: Long-term mission goal: Climate Adaptation and Mitigation and responding to climate and its impacts, Long-term mission goal: Weather-Ready Nation, Long-term mission goal: Healthy Oceans and Long-term Mission goal: Resilient Coastal Communities and Economies.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants may be institutions of higher education, nonprofits, commercial organizations, international or foreign organizations or governments, individuals, state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Website: www.noaa.gov

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Education Program Grants

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Research Education (R25) grant applications from applicant organizations that propose to create educational opportunities for undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows in areas of biomedical or behavioral research of particular interest to the NIDDK, while fostering the career development of these students and fellows. The structure of the educational opportunity can include an intensive summer research program, a curriculum-based program or a combination of both experiences. The NIDDK is especially interested in attracting students and postdoctoral fellows from scientific disciplines underrepresented in disease-oriented biomedical research, such as engineering, informatics, computer science, and computational sciences, to encourage them to apply their expertise to research relevant to diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive and liver diseases; nutrition; obesity research and prevention; and kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases.

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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.

Website: www.nih.gov

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.

Contact: Jeanette M. Hosseini , Phone: 301-594-5972 , Email: jeanetteh@mail.nih.gov

Website: 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),

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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

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

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

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

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Website: www.nih.gov

Health Impact Project

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

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

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.

Funding Opportunities

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

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

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

Website: www.hud.gov

Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program

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

Deadline: 1/18/2012

The purpose of this Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program is to assist Sponsors of projects that receive Fund Reservation Awards pursuant to the FY 2010 NOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program, as amended to include FY 2011 appropriations, by providing pre-development grant funding for architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning related expenses that are eligible for funding under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. Subsequent to providing pre-development grant funding to the selected applicants, HUD will assess the impact of the availability of such funding on the ability of project Sponsors to expedite the development processing of projects from Section 202 Fund Reservation to Initial Closing within 18 months. HUD is aware of the complexities of developing Section 202 projects and understands that a lack of pre-development funding may be a contributing factor in many instances where project Sponsors are not able to move their approved projects from Fund Reservation award to Initial Closing within the required 18-month time frame. Funding under this program is not intended to duplicate Section 202 Capital Advance funding, but rather to provide a source of funding for pre-development costs that would otherwise not be reimbursable until Initial Closing or would be payable from eligible funding resources secured outside of Section 202 Capital Advance funding.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Eligible Applicants: All private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives that submitted an application for funding consideration under the FY 2010 Section 202 Program NOFA are eligible to apply for funding under this Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program. (Please refer to the FY 2010 Section 202 Program NOFA for a discussion on the eligibility criteria for the Section 202 program.) However, funding awards under this Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program will be restricted to those applicants that were selected for Fund Reservation Awards under the FY 2010 program NOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program.

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Website: www.hud.gov

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

Funding Opportunities

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

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

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

Deadline: 12/22/2011

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

Website: http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOVFoG/b.7790191/k.3796/Soccer_for_Success_SIF_SubGrant.htm

For information on these and other funding opportunities, please contact:



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