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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES HUD GRANT AWARDED TO MCALLEN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Washington, D.C.--- **Congressman Rubén Hinojosa** announced the McAllen Housing Authority was awarded **\$40,138** by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist homeless valley military veterans, and their families, find and pay for existing housing with tenant-based vouchers.

Each veteran who receives a voucher will also receive various supportive services provided by the Veteran's Administration.

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.

“We owe a great deal to our returning veterans especially when it comes to making sure that they, and their families, have a comfortable place to call home,” said Rep. Hinojosa. **“For some veterans, returning home can be a very difficult process, and finding an affordable place to live can be one of the most difficult tasks. This program is designed to help our veterans in need.”**



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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES KARNES CITY ISD AWARDED OVER HALF OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL GRANTS

Washington, D.C.---- **Congressman Rubén Hinojosa** announces the **U.S. Department of Education** has awarded the **Karnes City Independent School District \$602,128** under their School Climate Transformation Grants Program to school districts. Karnes City ISD will use the funds for several programs that will improve the learning environment in schools.

They include:

- * Counseling (mental & conflict resolution)
- * Training of students, teachers, and staff
- * Character Building, Self-Esteem Building, Conflict Resolution
- * Hiring of 2 counselors, and a preventive specialist

These programs will be implemented beginning January 1, 2015.

"Creating a safe learning environment in our schools is the first step in encouraging our students to learn and to build confidence," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "I congratulate Karnes City ISD for their dedication to assisting their students in every way possible. This grant funding will help the school district build on an already sturdy foundation of educational success."

The grant funding to be used to help keep students safe and improve their learning environments, the U.S. Department of Education awarded more than \$70 million to 130 grantees in 38 states. The Department made the awards under four new grant programs that were among the common-sense proposals included in President Obama and Vice President Biden's ["Now Is The Time"](#) (link is external)," a comprehensive plan to make our schools safer, re-

duce gun violence by keeping guns out of dangerous hands, and increase mental-health services.

The School Climate Transformation Grant funds will be used to develop, enhance, or expand systems of support for implementing evidence-based, multi-tiered behavioral frameworks for improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students. The School Climate Transformation grants to school districts provide more than \$35.8 million to 71 school districts in 23 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The goals of the program are to connect children, youths, and families to appropriate services and supports; improve conditions for learning and behavioral outcomes for school-aged youths; and increase awareness of and the ability to respond to mental-health issues among school-aged youths. School districts also will use funds to implement models for reform and evidence-based practices that address the school-to-prison pipeline—the unfortunate and often unintentional policies and practices that push our nation's school-children, especially those who are most at-risk, out of classrooms and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems. The grants provide funding for up to five years, for a total of nearly \$180 million. Many of the school districts receiving this funding also will coordinate their efforts with support from Now Is The Time programs administered by other agencies. One hundred school districts received the Department of Health and Human Services' Project AWARE grants, including 29 of the Department of Education grantees. In addition, five grantees will receive assistance through the Department of Justice's School Justice Collaboration program.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR THE CITY OF PHARR

Washington, D.C.-- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced the City of Pharr has received a \$1, 200,000 grant from the **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** for the construction of an **International Trade Center** which will also serve as a disaster recovery center when needed. The 15,000 sq. ft., two story building will be a regional international trade center for education and professional association meetings. This Center will serve as a focal point for business and trade along the Texas/Mexico border.

“This is exciting news for the City of Pharr as well as Hidalgo County because this will continue the incredible progress already achieved in creating international trade on our border with Mexico”, said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “I congratulate everyone involved in obtaining the grant from the EDA. This will be a great asset to our community and to all of the residents in the region.”

The job creation and/or career training will take place with the assistance of South Texas College's (STC) manufacturing training department: North American Advanced Manufacturing Research and Education Initiative. Along with the cooperation of the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC), STC has agreed to assist with providing national trade/logistics certification and training at this Center where international trade is taking place. Three office spaces will be leased to the Mexican governmental agencies involved in international trade with the City of Pharr. The projected economic benefits are as follows:

- Increase cross-border traffic (commercial/domestic).
- Growth in manufacturing (light/heavy), logistics, cold storage and other related industries.
- Higher demand for skilled workers/higher demand for specialized training.
- Continued attraction of service industries.
- Expansion of markets.
- Boom in property tax revenue from new commercial and residential.
- Spike in sales tax revenue.
- Decrease in unemployment rate.

The total project is expected to cost \$2,900,000. EDA grants are awarded through a competitive process based upon the application's merit, the applicant's eligibility, and the availability of funds.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$1.5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO AFFORDABLE HOMES OF SOUTH TEXAS

Washington, D.C.-- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a federal grant of \$1.5 million was awarded to Affordable Homes of South Texas by the U.S. Department of Treasury to help finance homes for families in South Texas.

"For many years now, Affordable Homes of South Texas has been helping so many families buy homes," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "In most cases these families would not be able to call a home their own without the assistance and guidance of those who work at Affordable Homes of South Texas. I have seen the face of a young working mother, who was also tak-

ing college classes, filled with joy after being given the keys to a home she could now afford and where she could live with her children. These grants provide a way for organizations like Affordable Homes of South Texas to help many of our families live their lives with a sense of pride in being homeowners. I congratulate them on their good work."

The U. S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) selected Affordable Homes of South Texas for this award through the FY 2014 CDFI Program funding round.

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED TO EDINBURG AND MCALLEN FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT

Washington, D.C.--Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced grants from the U.S. Department of Justice were awarded to the cities of McAllen and Edinburg for over **\$43,000** to be used to increase public safety.

The **City of Edinburg** was awarded **\$24,028** through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for the purchase of portable radios for law enforcement officers. The **City of McAllen** was awarded **\$19,614** to upgrade the Police Department's Explosive Ordinance Device Unit by purchasing a F6A Bomb Robot. The project goals are to enhance public and officer safety.

"I would like to congratulate those who dedicated their time and efforts to ensure that the Cities of Edinburg and McAllen would be recipients of the JAG grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "Funds provided by JAG grants are used to buy equipment or to provide training for our law enforcement officers in an effort to help them protect our residents."

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allows states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas: 1) law enforcement programs; 2) prosecution and court programs; 3) prevention and education programs; 4) corrections and community corrections programs; 5) drug treatment and enforcement programs; 6) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; and 7) crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).



FEMA ANNOUNCES OPEN PERIOD FOR AFG

APPLICATION PERIOD FOR FY 2014 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS (AFG) OPENS AT 8 A.M. EST MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014, TO 5 P.M. EST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014

The FY 2014 AFG application period will open this coming Monday, November 3, 2014, at 8 am EST, and will close on Friday, December 5, 2014, at 5 pm EST. Application assistance and tools are available. Begin your application now by utilizing the application assistance tools available below:

FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application Assistance Tools:

- Workshop Presentation
- FY 2014 Workshop Presentation
- SAM.gov Get Ready Guide
- SAM.gov application preparation guide
- AFG Get Ready Guides
- Get Ready Guide – AFG Narrative
- Get Ready Guide – Grants Management
- Get Ready Guide – Grant Application
- AFG Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- Program Guidance
- AFG Application Checklist
- A sneak peak at the application

USER ID REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this message is to remind AFG applicants of the "User ID" requirements for creating or accessing AFG applications or awards. The FY2014 Assistance to Firefighter Grants application is now available and we want to remind everyone that only the unique "User ID" associated with your organization may be used to create or access an application. Please read the following information to ensure a smooth start to your application process.

1. If your organization has applied in the past, you **MUST** use the user ID used to submit previous AFG applications. If you do not have access to that information, please do the following to request that information:

Send a letter explaining why you need this information, and if you also need to change the Primary Contact information. Please be aware changing the Primary Contact on one grant will cause the Primary Contact to be changed on all other department grants submitted under the same user ID. Contact changes may take up to three days to process. The letter must be on fire department letterhead and signed by the Fire Chief of the department. Fax or email a copy of the letter to Annette Robinson at 1-866-274-0942 or Annette.Robinson2@fema.dhs.gov.

DHS/FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate
 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
 Annette Robinson - Room 5026
 Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor
 500 C Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20472-3620

The following information must be included in the letter:

1. Grant number
2. Previous primary contact person's name
3. Explanation of why access to the grant is needed
4. New contact person's name
5. New contact person's mother's maiden name
6. New contact person's date of birth
7. New contact person's e-mail address
8. Two phone numbers for the new contact person

Once processed, you will receive an e-mail from Pinky Sheets indicating the online system has been updated. You will also receive an automated e-mail from EOPS@dhs.gov with your user ID and temporary password.

If you do not receive this automated e-mail from EOPS@dhs.gov within two days of faxing your request and receiving the e-mail from Ms. Sheets, you should look in your junk mail file. The electronic e-mails are sometimes filtered and sent directly to junk mail.

If you are still unable to get a new user ID and password, go onto the Web site at www.fema.gov/firegrants and choose e-grant application. You will get an application sign-in screen. Click on forgot password, answer the two security questions and submit your request.

2. If you have represented a different organization in the past, YOU CANNOT use the user ID used to submit applications for the previous department. USER ID's belong to the organization and NOT to the person filling out the application. In this instance use the USER ID that belongs to the new organization that you represent.
3. The creation of a NEW USER ID is only for organizations who have NEVER applied for AFG Grants in the past. This is for truly "New Users(organizations)"
4. If you have issues with logging in, please call the help desk 1-866-274-0960.

AFG Home Page: www.fema.gov/firegrants

AFG Help Desk: E-mail: firegrants@fema.dhs.gov

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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>

Our Town

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 12/15/2014

The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on October 1, 2015, or any time thereafter, and extend for up to two years. OUR TOWN: Grant Program Description Art works to support creative, economically-competitive, healthy, resilient, and opportunity-rich communities. Excellent art is an essential part of building a strong community, as important as land-use, transportation, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety. Artists and community development practitioners across our nation --sometimes one and the same, sometimes working together -- are striving to make places more livable with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, a distinct sense of place, and vibrant local economies that together capitalize on their existing assets. The NEA defines these efforts as Creative Placemaking. Through Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants for creative placemaking projects that contribute towards the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Our Town prioritizes partnerships between arts organizations and government, private, and nonprofit organizations to achieve livability goals for communities. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: • Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities • Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking

Eligible Contacts: •Independent school districts

- Private institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

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- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- State governments

Website: www.nea.gov

Heritage Preservation Seeks Nominations for Commitment to Collection Preservation Award

Deadline: 12/15/2015

Heritage Preservation, in partnership with the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, is seeking nominations for the AIC/Heritage Preservation Ross Merrill Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections. The award is presented annually to an organization in North America that has been exemplary in terms of the importance and priority it gives to conservation concerns and in the commitment it has shown to the preservation and care of cultural property within the context of its broader mission, which may include interpretation, research, scholarship, education, and/or public outreach. Anyone may submit a nomination. Nominees should be organizations of any size responsible for cultural property, which is defined as material that may be artistic, historic, scientific, religious, or social and represents an invaluable and irreplaceable legacy that must be preserved for future generations. Collections can include fine arts, library and archival materials, natural history and science materials, musical instruments, textiles, technology, archaeological artifacts, ethnographic materials, and photography. Visit the Heritage Preservation website for complete program guidelines, information about past recipients, and nomination instructions.

Website: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/awards/aic.htm>

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Accepting Grant Proposals to Strengthen Performing Arts

Deadline: 02/27/2015

Through its Fund for National Projects, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation awards up to \$1 million in grants annually in support of national projects in the professional nonprofit dance, jazz, presenting arts, and/or theater fields. Specifically, the fund supports projects that strengthen the national infrastructure of the nonprofit performing arts, as well as those that improve conditions for the national community of performing artists in professional nonprofit dance, jazz, and theater. Eligible projects engage a broad constituency, occur once (or periodically) rather than annually, and have the potential to significantly impact a field, including research projects assessing the national health of professional nonprofit arts groups or of individual professional artists. Projects may also involve special national convenings for entire professional nonprofit performing arts fields (beyond traditional national annual conferences) and efforts to address unique circumstances that impact an entire professional nonprofit field. Highest priority will be given to projects that improve the health of the foundation's priority performing arts fields and do not duplicate ongoing efforts or existing services. Grant amounts will range between \$60,000 and \$200,000, and may not exceed 40 percent of the total project cost. The fund does not support projects by single performing arts entities; ongoing annual conferences; individually produced conferences, performances, or symposia; re-granting programs; translations or commissions of new works; production start-up activities/production costs; arts education; avocational arts activities; capital projects; and endowments.

Website: <http://www.ddcf.org/Programs/Arts/Initiatives--Strategies/National-Sector-Building/Fund-for-National-Projects/>

American Music Therapy Association Issues Call for Applications for Arthur Flagler Fultz Award

Deadline: 05/08/2015

The American Music Therapy Association, a professional association dedicated to the progressive development of the therapeutic use of music in rehabilitation, special education, and community settings, is accepting applications for the annual Arthur Flagler Fultz Award. The award program is designed to encourage, promote, and fund music therapy research and the exploration of new and innovative music therapy treatments.

- 1) Clinical research: Grants in this category support projects that are designed to assess the efficacy of music therapy interventions and help define best practice.
- 2) Health services research: Grants in this category support projects that are designed to assess the role of music therapy practice in the context of emerging healthcare delivery models.

A single grant of \$15,000 will be awarded for projects in either of the above categories. To be eligible, the project's primary investigator must be an AMTA

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member in good standing. See the AMTA website for complete program guidelines, application instructions, and a list of previous award recipients.

Website: <http://www.musictherapy.org/research/fultz/>

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Stand Down Grants

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

"Stand Down" is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops assemble in a base camp to receive new clothing, hot food, and a relative degree of safety before returning to the front. Today more than 160 organizations across the country partner with local businesses, government agencies, tribal governments, community, and faith-based service providers to hold Stand Down events in local communities for homeless veterans and their families.

Each year, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training awards Stand Down grants to assist with the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force through programs that enhance employment and training opportunities and promote self-sufficiency. Typically, services available at these events include temporary shelter, showers, haircuts, meals, clothing, hygiene care kits, medical examinations, immunizations, legal advice, state identification cards, veteran benefit information, training program information, employment services, and referral to other supportive services. Stand Down funding is provided in the form of non-competitive grants that are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until available funding is exhausted. For the purpose of a Stand Down grant award, applicants must describe a plan that clearly demonstrates how grant funding will be used for homeless veterans only. While both veterans and non-veterans may participate in Stand Down events, grant funding can only be used to purchase items, to include food and meals, for homeless veteran participants. The following minimum services must be available for homeless veteran participants:

- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)--benefits, medical and mental health services;
- Department of Labor--State Workforce Agency employment and training services to include Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist or other American Job Center staff, where available; and
- Referral services to secure immediate emergency housing.

Eligible Applicants: The following organizations may apply for grants under this solicitation: state and local Workforce Investment Boards, Veterans Service Organizations, local public agencies, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations including community and faith-based organizations. Organizations registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)(4) organizations are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

Website: <http://www.dol.gov/vets>

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This Notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. Funding to support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants is currently available. The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Website: www.usda.gov

Community Development Financial Institutions Program

U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury)

Deadline: 11/24/2014

Through the CDFI Program, the CDFI Fund provides (i) FA awards of up to \$2 million to Certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to build their financial capacity to lend to their Target Markets, and (ii) TA grants of up to \$125,000 to build Certified, Certifiable, and Emerging CDFIs' organizational capacity to serve their Target Markets. All awards provided through this NOFA are subject to funding availability.

Contact: CDFI Program Staff, Phone: 202-653-0421, Email: cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov

Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov>

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Brownfield Assessment Grants

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

Deadline: 12/19/2014

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act ("Brownfields Law", P.L. 107-118) requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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. Brownfields Assessment Grants – provides funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfield sites.

Eligible Applicants: •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 Contact 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

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer>

Brownfield Clean up Grants

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

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Eligible Applicants: •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.

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Technical Assistance and Training Grant

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 12/31/2014

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Drinking water systems are basic and vital to both health and economic development. With dependable water facilities, rural communities can attract families and businesses that will invest in the community and improve the quality of life for all residents. Without dependable water facilities, the communities cannot sustain economic development. The Rural Utilities Services (RUS) supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need. The Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Grant Program has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems through free technical assistance and/or training provided by the grant recipients. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive TAT grant funds to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas, assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made at the State level offices, and improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas.

Eligible Applicants: •Is a private, non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Is legally established and located within one of the following: •a state within the United States, •the District of Columbia, •the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, •a United States territory

- Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose;
- Has a proven record of successfully providing technical assistance and/or training to rural areas;
- Has capitalization acceptable to the Agency, and is composed of at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership being citizens of the United States or individuals who reside in the United States after being legally admitted for permanent residence;
- Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt;
- Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements.
- Contracts with a nonaffiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide the proposed assistance.

Contact: Water and Environmental Programs Staff, Phone: 202-720-9589, Email: anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

Technical Assistance and Training Grant

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 12/31/2014

Solid Waste Management systems are basic and vital to both health and economic development. With dependable facilities, rural communities can attract families and businesses that will invest in the community and improve the quality of life for all residents. Without dependable facilities, the communities cannot sustain economic development. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need. The Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program has been established to assist communities through free technical assistance and/or training provided by the grant recipients. Qualified organizations will receive SWM grant funds to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas, and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

Eligible Applications: •Is a private, non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS); •Is a Public body; •Is a federally acknowledged or State-recognized Native American tribe or group; •Is an Academic institution; •Is legally established and located within one of the following: •a state within the United States, •the District of Columbia

- the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, •a United States territory, •Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose; •Has a proven record of successfully providing technical assistance and/or training to rural areas; •Has capitalization acceptable to the Agency, and is composed of at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership being citizens of the United States or individuals who reside in the United States after being legally admitted for permanent residence; •Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt; •Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements. •Contracts with a nonaffiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide the proposed assistance.

Contact: Water and Environmental Programs Staff, Phone: 202-720-9589, Email: water@wdc.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

Walmart Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grant Program

Deadline: 12/31/2014

The Walmart Foundation is accepting applications through its Community Grant Program. Through the program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations within the service area of individual Walmart stores in support of initiatives in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. To be eligible, an organization must be tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity (state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes); a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college,

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state/private college, or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

Website: <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Lego Children's Fund Seeks Grant Proposals for Youth Creativity Programs

Deadline: Open/Quarterly

The Lego Children's Fund is accepting grant proposals for programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity. The fund supports programs serving in children from birth to age 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth.

Each quarter, the fund awards grants ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 to organizations working with disadvantaged children and special projects or programs designed to elevate a child's opportunities for exploring creativity. The fund also awards grants to organizations supported by LEGO employee volunteers and organizations serving Connecticut and western Massachusetts. In addition, \$100,000 per year is awarded to a single organization identified and selected by the fund's board of directors.

Qualified grantees must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations (including educational organizations) that require support for projects in the areas of early childhood education and development; technology and communications that help advance learning opportunities; and sports or athletic programs on underserved youth. Grant program guidelines and applications are available at the Lego Children's Fund Web site

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

Whole Kids Foundation Announces Funding for School Salad Bars

Deadline: Open/Rolling

In partnership with Whole Foods Market, the Whole Kids Foundation has announced that it is seeking to raise \$2 million through its annual fall fundraising program for school-based programs, including school gardens, salad bars, and healthy eating education for teachers. One hundred percent of all proceeds raised will go directly to school programs designed to help children reach optimal health, strength, and nutrition through smart food choices. To date, the Whole Kids Foundation has funded nearly nine hundred school garden grants in partnership with FoodCorps and more than fifteen hundred salad bars with Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools. Beginning this month, public and private K-12 schools can apply for a salad bar grant online through the Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools Web site. Any K-12 school district participating in the National School Lunch Program is eligible to apply. Schools currently awarded with the bronze status or above in the Healthier US School Challenge automatically qualify for a salad bar donation, with the stipulation that the school or district desires and can support a salad bar every day at lunchtime. (The foundation will also accept applications for its School Garden Grant Program during the month of October. Check the foundation Web site for school garden grant program updates.) When funding is available, salad bar grants will be awarded based on application approval dates. Complete program information and application procedures are available at the Salad Bars to Schools Web site.

Website: <http://saladbars2schools.org/guidelines>

Lockheed Martin: Grants for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Lockheed Martin provides grants for K-16 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education. This includes Lockheed Martin's K-12 STEM Education Initiative, Engineers in the Classroom, as well as STEM-focused curricular and extracurricular programs that provide employee engagement opportunities in a community in which Lockheed Martin has employees or business interests. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations that deliver standards-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to students in K-16. Website:

<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy/funding-guidelines.html>

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.

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

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Sodexo: Steven J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship

Deadline: 12/05/2014

The Sodexo Steven J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship program supports the education of young people working to end hunger in communities across the United States, and brings attention to the innovative and effective solutions they are implementing toward ending hunger in their lifetime. Maximum award: a \$5,000 scholarship award and a matching \$5,000 grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice. Eligibility: students enrolled in an accredited education institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the United States who can demonstrate an ongoing commitment to hunger-relief activities in their community.

Website: http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries Accepting School Library Grant Applications

Deadline: 12/15/2014

The mission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, a fund of the George W. Bush Foundation, is to help school libraries encourage and foster a love of reading, support student learning, and make books and reading materials available to students who otherwise wouldn't have access to them. To that end, grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded to help libraries expand, update, and diversify their book collections at schools where 85 percent or more of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches. Schools serving pre-K through 12th grade students in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, all American territories, and Department of Defense schools in other countries are eligible to apply. This includes all public, private, parochial, charter, city, state, county, and reservation schools — including special schools, social services schools, and juvenile detention center schools in any of those jurisdictions that serve any combination of pre-kindergarten through high school students.

Website: <http://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu/lbf-grant-application>

Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators Invites Applications for K-12 Programs

Deadline: 12/31/2014

The Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators, in partnership with Pitsco/Hearlihy & Company, is accepting applications for technology and engineering education programs at any grade level. Through the Excellence in Teaching Technology and Engineering grant program, the foundation will award grants of \$2,000 to K-12 teachers to encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program in their school's curriculum. Applications must demonstrate evidence of an effective technology and engineering education program and show documented success in the integration of technology and engineering education with other academic subjects. In addition, the application should include plans for professional development related to the anticipated grant. To be eligible, applicants must be teachers (elementary or secondary) who are successfully integrating technology and engineering education in their school's curriculum. In addition, teachers must be ITEEA members and be registered for the ITEEA annual conference. Membership materials may be enclosed with scholarship application.

Website: <http://www.iteea.org/Awards/granthearlihy.htm>

AAUW Accepting Applications for 2014-2015 Community Action Grants

Deadline: 01/15/2015

Since the inauguration of its Research and Projects Fund in 1972, the American Association of University Women has provided support to hundreds of communities around the United States working to advance education and equality for women and girls. AAUW Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations, and community-based nonprofit organizations to support innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on the achievements of K-12 girls and community college women in science, technology, engineering, or math. Topic areas are unrestricted but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equality for women and girls. One-year grants of up to \$7,000 will be awarded for community-based projects. Two-year grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded as startup funding for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Applicants must be women who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, and nonprofit organizations applying for a grant also must be based in the United States. Grant projects should be able to demonstrate direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the U.S. or its territories.

Website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/community-action-grants/>

American Association of School Librarians Invites Applications for Innovative Reading Projects

Deadline: 02/01/2015

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, is accepting applications from school librarians for its AASL Innovative Reading Grant program.

One grant in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded in support of the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially among struggling readers. Projects should promote the importance of reading and facilitate literacy develop-

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ment by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy. In addition, projects must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting, encourage innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading, and should demonstrate potential to improve student learning. To be eligible, applicants must be a member of AASL. Grant recipients may be invited to write an article that delineates their reading incentive project and demonstrates their successes, trials, and recommendations so others may replicate the project.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative>

Middle School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Christopher Columbus Awards

Deadline: 02/05/2015

Sponsored by the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, the Christopher Columbus Award program is a national community-based STEM contest for middle school students. The program challenges students in grades six to eight working in teams of three to four with an adult coach to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. The program can be implemented in science or social studies classes, for cross-curricular use in team teaching or block-scheduled classes, or as an afterschool program. Eight finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend the program's National Championship Week and compete for cash prizes as well as development grants of \$200 to further refine their ideas. Two gold medal-winning teams will receive \$2,000 per team member as well as a medal for each team member.

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

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Announces RFP for Peer Support Programs

Deadline: 11/24/14

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health advances recovery and wellness in Texas by funding mental health services, policy analysis, research, and public education. The foundation was created in 1940 by the children of former Texas governor James S. Hogg and is part of the division of diversity and community engagement at the University of Texas at Austin. The foundation has announced a Request for Proposals for projects that advance peer support in community health centers delivering integrated health care. The first year of the grant program is anticipated to include substantial time for planning, with each planning phase grant expected to provide approximately \$30,000. The second and third grant periods will focus on project implementation, with grants expected to be funded at approximately \$100,000 a year. For grant period four, grants are expected to be funded at approximately \$70,000, on the condition that the grant-funded positions will be successful at generating revenue through billing to supplement the final year of grant funding.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible, applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit community health centers, including federally qualified health centers, federally qualified health center look-alikes, and nonprofit non-federally funded health centers in Texas. In addition, applicant organizations must already have an integrated health care approach/model in place and not be planning to use the grant funds to develop a new integrated healthcare program.

The goal of this initiative is to support community health centers in the planning and implementation of peer services and to further establish recovery and peer support as core principles in the delivery of integrated care (primary care and behavioral health).

Website: <http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/initiatives/rfpaps.html>

Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 12/15/2014

The primary goal of the FINI grants program is to fund and evaluate projects intended to "increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by low-income consumers participating in [SNAP] by providing incentives at the point of purchase" (FCEA, § 4405(b)(2)(A)(ii)(II)). For FINI grants, NIFA defines "fruits and vegetables" as "any variety of fresh, canned, dried, or frozen whole or cut fruits and vegetables without added sugars, fats, or oils, and salt (i.e. sodium)." The program will test strategies that could contribute to our understanding of how best to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to inform future efforts, and develop effective and efficient benefit redemption technologies. The Act requires the Secretary to conduct an independent evaluation of funded projects, to measure the impact of projects on: "improving the nutrition and health status of participating households receiving incentives" and "increasing fruit and vegetable purchases in participating households." Incentivizing purchases of fruits and vegetables increases their affordability and consumption. For example, USDA recently completed an evaluation of the Healthy Incentives Pilot (HIP), which investigated the impact of making fruits and vegetables more affordable to SNAP participants. Under HIP, SNAP households received 30

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cents on every SNAP dollar they spent on targeted fruits and vegetables at participating SNAP-authorized retailers including large supermarkets, grocery stores and farmers markets. This pilot operated in Hampden County MA between November 2011 and December 2012. A rigorous evaluation showed that HIP significantly increased the consumption of targeted fruits and vegetables and this increased consumption was on the order of about one quarter of a cup per day. All FINI projects must (1) have the support of the State agency responsible for the administration of SNAP; (2) increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by low-income consumers participating in SNAP by providing incentives at the point of purchase; (3) operate through authorized SNAP retailers, and in compliance with all relevant SNAP regulations and operating requirements; (4) agree to participate in the FINI comprehensive program evaluation; (5) ensure that the same terms and conditions apply to purchases made by individuals with SNAP benefits and with incentives under the FINI grants program as apply to purchases made by individuals who are not members of households receiving benefits as provided in 7 C.F.R. 278.2(b); and (6) include effective and efficient technologies for benefit redemption systems that may be replicated in other States and communities.

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility to receive this grant is limited to government agencies and non-profit organizations (FCEA, § 4405(b)(2)(A)). Eligible government agencies and non-profit organizations may include: an emergency feeding organization; an agricultural cooperative; a producer network or association; a community health organization; a public benefit corporation; an economic development corporation; a farmers' market; a community-supported agriculture program; a buying club; a SNAP-authorized retailer; and a State, local, or tribal agency. All applicants must demonstrate in their application that they are a government agency or non-profit organization.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov>

HOUSING

Surdna Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Environmental Infrastructure Programs

Deadline: Open /Rolling

The Surdna Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from nonprofit organizations for programs that connect and improve the infrastructure systems of urban places and surrounding areas in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic, and social consequences.

Through the Sustainable Environments program, the foundation supports four main categories of work: sustainable transportation networks and equitable development patterns, energy efficiency in the built environment, urban water management, and regional food supply. Requested grant amounts should relate directly to the size of the organization's budget and the amount needed to successfully complete the project. To be eligible, organizations must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, organizations should promote meaningful collaborations and an integrated approach to infrastructure solutions; focus on infrastructure decisions that better meet the needs of historically underserved communities, including low-income communities and people of color; promote long-term solutions and leverage strategic infrastructure investments; and/or highlight, especially through communications, the multiple benefits of next generation infrastructure. Upon review, selected organizations will be invited to submit full proposals.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=421200027

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/>

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Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Demonstration Program

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

Deadline: 11/24/2014

USDA Rural Development, which administers the programs of the Rural Housing Service (Agency), announces the availability of \$20 million in budget authority and the timeframe to submit applications to participate in a demonstration program to preserve and revitalize existing Rural Rental Housing (RRH) projects under Section 515, Section 514, and Section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended. Under the demonstration program, existing Section 515 Multi-Family Housing (MFH) loans and Sections 514/516 Off-Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans will be restructured to ensure that sufficient resources are available to preserve the ability of rental projects to provide safe and affordable housing for very low-, low-, or moderate-income residents. Projects participating in this program will be expected to be revitalized to extend their affordable use without displacing tenants because of increased rents. No additional Agency Rental Assistance (RA) units will be made available under this program.

Contact: Sherry Engel, Phone: 715-345-7677, Email: sherry.engel@wdc.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.hud.gov>

PARKS, ENVIRONMENT & WATER

Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Accepting Applications for Community Grants

Deadline: 12/10/2014

Wells Fargo and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation are offering financial assistance through Environmental Solutions for Communities, a grant program designed to help communities in the United States create a more sustainable future through responsible environmental stewardship. To that end, the program supports highly visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. Priority for grants will be given to projects that successfully address one or more of the following: innovative, cost-effective stewardship on private agricultural lands to enhance water quality and quantity and/or improve wildlife habitat for species of concern while maintaining or increasing agricultural productivity; community-based conservation of local habitats and natural areas; efforts to enhance water quality, promote urban forestry, educate and train community leaders on sustainable practices, promote related job creation and training, and/or engage diverse partners and volunteers; innovative, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly approaches to improving environmental conditions within urban communities by "greening" traditional infrastructure and public projects such as storm water management and flood control, public park enhancements, and renovations to public facilities; and the economic and biological resiliency of the nation's coastal communities and ecosystems (including the Great Lakes). For the 2015 program, preference will be given to projects in priority regions and states, with a particular emphasis on urban areas.

Website: <http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/home.aspx>

Captain Planet Foundation: Grants for the Environment

Deadline: 01/31/2015

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects for to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including schools an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million.

Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

SPORTS

KaBOOM! Invites Applications for Community Playground Grants

Deadline: Open/Rolling

KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to saving play for America's children by creating great playspaces through community participation and leadership. To that end, the organization is accepting applications for playground grants through Build It with KaBOOM!, a program that provides eligible communities with most of the funds, tools, and resources they need to build a custom-made playground in one day. Through the program, selected community groups work closely with a KaBOOM! project manager who will lead activities as well as coordinate equipment and material purchases for the project. Community members take the lead in recruiting volunteers, securing food and tool donations, and completing any necessary site preparation.

Municipalities and nonprofits serving children of playground age are eligible to apply. Applicants must contribute \$8,500 toward the cost of playground equipment; recruit seventy-five to one hundred community volunteers to participate in playground build day; and own the land on which they wish to build, or possess a long-term lease and obtain permission from the landowner to construct a playground. In addition, they must complete any needed site prepara-

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ration on at least 2,500 square feet of flat, dirt surface; secure soil tests, utility checks, and appropriate build permits in a timely manner; and accept ownership, insurance, and maintenance responsibilities for the playspace upon completion of the project. Applications are accepted based on available funding in the area. However, KaBOOM! accepts and encourages applications on a rolling basis, as new funding opportunities change on a regular basis.

Website: https://kaboom.org/build_playground/build_it_kaboom_playground_grant

Tony Hawke Foundation Skatepark Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States. While we realize that not every area can afford to build big, expensive skateparks, we feel strongly that public skateparks should be designed and constructed by experienced contractors. We also believe that local officials should treat public skateparks the same way they treat public basketball courts or tennis courts, meaning that anyone may show up and use them anytime, unsupervised. The foundation primarily considers skatepark projects that: are designed and built from concrete by qualified and experienced skatepark contractors. include local skaters throughout the planning, fundraising, and design process. are in low-income areas and/or areas with a high population of "at-risk" youth. can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment to the project, particularly in the form of fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups. have a creative mix of street obstacles (rails, ledges, stairs, etc.) and transition/vert terrain (quarterpipes, bowls, halfpipes, etc.) don't require skaters or their parents to sign waivers. encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others without restricting their access to the park or over-regulating their use of it. are open during daylight hours, 365 days a year. don't charge an entrance fee. are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities.

If your proposed skatepark is not located in a low-income area, if you are not able to illustrate strong community and grassroots support for the project, and if your project does not meet the criteria listed above, you are unlikely to receive a significant grant from our foundation. All Tony Hawk Foundation Grant Applicants will receive a detailed review of their projects and skatepark designs, whether a grant is awarded or not. Before beginning the Grant Application process, you should review the Eligibility Questionnaire page.

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

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

Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation Invites Applications for Anti-Bullying Programs

Deadline: 11/30/2015

The Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation, the charitable foundation of rugby star Ben Cohen, works to raise awareness of the damaging long-term effects of bullying and raise funds to support those doing real-world work to stop it. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for programs and projects designed to stop bullying, help those hurt by bullying, and/or help increase equality and diversity in sports. The foundation does not support requests for event or conference sponsorship, for performances, films, or movie productions. To be eligible, applicants must be nonprofit organizations based in the United States with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Website: <http://www.standupfoundation.com/grants/requesting-funding/>

BoatUS Foundation Accepting Grant Applications for Safe and Clean Boating Projects

Deadline: 01/15/2015

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is accepting applications to its Grassroots Grants Program, which annually awards funds to nonprofit organizations, boating clubs, and student groups in the United States that provide education about safe and clean boating. The foundation is looking for creative projects that promote safe and clean boating on local waterways. Past topics have ranged from PSAs on the effects of boating under the influence to hands-on education about the effects of marine debris. Projects the foundation is most interested in funding will be unique (topic, methods, or delivery mechanism); include extensive outreach to boaters; use technology to educate boaters, including social media and the Web; have a widespread reach (not just a handful of boaters); include hands-on work with the boating community; and have a way to measure the success of the program. Applicants can include boating groups, clubs and associations, student groups, and local nonprofit organizations, including local chapters of national organizations. Grants will not be awarded to government agencies, international organizations, for-profit businesses, or individuals. Applicants may request up to

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\$10,000. Funded projects must be completed within a year. After review by foundation staff, the top-ranked applications will be posted for public voting on the BoatUS Foundation website. Grant applicants will have several weeks to promote their project and encourage others to vote.

Website: <http://www.boatus.org/grants/>



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