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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES FEMA GRANT AWARDED TO SCHERTZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced a grant of \$31,041 was awarded to the Schertz Fire Department by FEMA under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG).

Schertz Fire Chief David A. Covington submitted the grant proposal that would provide funding for equipment to increase firefighters ability to safely provide service to the traveling public and freight haulers along interstates and state highways.

The grant would replace worn and broken equipment hydraulic rescue tools. It will add equipment that the Schertz Fire Department had not had before such as cribbing, shoring, cutting saw, warning signs, extrication PPE, and upgrade equipment that does not meet the most current safety standard traffic vests.

"I commend and congratulate Chief Covington for all that he and his fellow firefighters do every day and every night to provide essential services to the residents of Schertz," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "Federal grants such as the AFG provide a significant boost to the budgets of fire departments and EMS services across our great country."

The AFG Program award grants directly to fire departments and Emergency Medical Services organizations (EMS) that are unaffiliated with a hospital.

Press release by — Patricia Guillermo , Communications Director for Congressman Hinojosa

Earth Day



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Save the Date! Workshops Announced!

See page 3 for more information on FREE workshops

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$6 MILLION IN FEMA FUNDING TO BUILD 4 STORM/COMMUNITY CENTERS IN CITY OF PHARR

(Funding for these projects and others in Texas are associated with Hurricane Ike)

Washington, D.C.- **Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15)** announced the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted **\$6,412,500,000** to the City of Pharr in partnership with Hidalgo County for the construction of 4 hurricane/tornado safe room shelters that will also serve as community centers.

This federal funding is a result of funds provided to the state of Texas for the aftermath of hurricane Ike in 2008. Hurricane Ike is recorded as the costliest hurricane in Texas history, and the second costliest hurricane in the United States, surpassed only by hurricane Katrina of 2005.

"The Rio Grande Valley is no stranger to the damage hurricanes can and have caused to property and lives and this is why the funding from FEMA is not only greatly appreciated it is much needed for our increasing population in the Pharr area," said U.S. Representative Hinojosa. "The new shelters will be able to facilitate our residents who have special needs and will be equipped to also handle those with medical special needs so that families can stay together. The construction of the new structures will also create local jobs during the duration of the projects."

The 4 domed structures will serve residents with special needs and medical special needs in times of severe storms. The shelter locations and federal funding amounts are as follows:

- \$1,800,000.00 - 920 S Fir Street Pharr, TX
- \$1,800,000.00 - 400 W. El Dora street Pharr, TX
- \$1,800,000.00 - 1011 W. Kelley Ave Pharr, TX
- \$1,012,500.00 - 1201 W. Rosa Ln Pharr, TX

The structures will be built of concrete and will be multi-purpose serving centers that can be used yearly as community centers. Total project cost for each shelter is estimated at \$1,350,000 -\$2,400,000.

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The Office of Congressman Rubén Hinojosa
15th District of Texas

And

The University of Texas-Pan American
Data and Information Systems Center

In Partnership with

U.S. Census Bureau-Denver Region

Invite You to Attend

Using Census Data for Business Planning and Market Analysis

8:30 am to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16, 2013

“Accessing Census Data for Health Care Planning and Community Assessments“

8:30 am to 12:00 p.m.
Friday, May 17, 2013

Please register online with UTPA. Contact Sai Mullapudi with Community Engagement
at The University of Texas-Pan American: 956-665-2301

TRAINING LOCATION OFF MAIN CAMPUS -- at:
Community Engagement and Student Success Building (CESS 1.201)
The University of Texas-Pan American
E. Freddy Gonzalez Dr.
Edinburg, TX



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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>

Challenge Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 05/01/2013

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support and enhance ongoing program activities. Challenge grants may also provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects, such as acquisitions for archives and collections, the purchase of equipment, and the construction or renovation of facilities needed for humanities activities. Funds spent directly must be shown to bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly. Grantee institutions may also expend up to 10 percent of total grant funds (federal funds plus matching funds) to defray costs of fundraising to meet the NEH challenge. Because of the matching requirement, these NEH grants also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools (public or private) and school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency, private nonprofit organization, federally recognized Indian tribal government) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (for example, a university museum) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility. Institutions that support research, education, preservation, and public programming in humanities disciplines are eligible to apply for an NEH challenge grant.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: challenge@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

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Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 05/10/2013

The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous, and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing.

Preservation and Access Education and Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national or regional (multistate) education and training programs. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices.

Preservation and Access Education and Training grants support activities such as these:

preservation field services that provide a wide range of education and training programs (for example, surveys, workshops, consultations, reference services, and preparation of informational materials about the care of humanities collections), especially for staff at smaller libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural organizations;

master's degree programs in preservation and conservation; and

workshops that address preservation and access topics of national significance and broad impact, such as:

- o preventive conservation and sustainable preservation strategies;
- o the preservation of and provision of access to recorded sound and moving image collections;
- o digital preservation;
- o collections care training for staff members who are responsible for the day-to-day care and management of humanities collections;
- o disaster preparedness, response, and recovery; and
- o best practices for enhancing and integrating access to collections in libraries, archives, and museums.

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, Phone: 202-606-8570

Website: www.neh.gov

Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation Seeks Proposals to Fund Guest Artists for University Productions

Deadline: 05/13/2013

The Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation is accepting proposals for the SDCF Guest Artist Initiative, which helps fund guest artists positions for professional directors and choreographers involved in stage productions at American colleges and universities. The program will award up to \$6,000 to be shared by at least two American colleges or universities for stage productions to be chosen by a panel of professional directors and choreographers, arts administrators, and college educators. To be eligible, the project must be produced by an American college or university located in the United States, be mounted by December 31, 2014, and be fully funded. See the Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation Web site for eligibility and application guidelines.

Website: <http://www.sdcweb.org/foundation/guest-artist-initiative-program/>

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Aaron Siskind Foundation Invites Applications for 2013 Individual Photographer's Fellowships

Deadline: 05/24/2013

The Aaron Siskind Foundation is accepting applications for its 2013 Individual Photographer's Fellowship program. The annual program encourages and celebrates artistic achievement in contemporary photography by supporting the creative endeavors of artists working in photography and photo-based art media. A limited number of fellowship grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to artists working in photography and photo-based art. Qualified applicants must provide a portfolio of still photography in or created by any subject matter, genre, or process. Works submitted may be traditional photography projects or experimental works, but photographic techniques must be pivotal to the work submitted. Examples of ineligible work include film, video, and interactive multimedia. Recipients will be determined by a panel of distinguished guest judges on the basis of artistic excellence, accomplishment to date, and the promise of future achievement in the medium. Fellowship funds must be used to further the artist's creative endeavors. Students enrolled in a college degree program are not eligible to apply. Students who graduate before the 2013 application deadline will be considered. Previous fellowship recipients are not currently eligible for a new award, and artists in the United States on a temporary visa are ineligible as well.

Website: <http://aaronsiskind.org/grant.html>

Grants for Arts Projects: Design: Art Works

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 06/01/2013

The NEA's guiding principle is embodied in one sentence: "Art works."

"Art works" is a noun; the creation of works of art by artists. "Art works" is a verb; art works on and within people to change and inspire them. "Art works" is a statement; arts jobs are real jobs that are part of the real economy. Art Works encourages and supports the following four outcomes: 1)

Creation: The creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, 2) Engagement: Public engagement with diverse and excellent art, 3) Learning: Lifelong learning in the arts, and 4) Livability: The strengthening of communities through the arts.

Maximum Grant Size; \$100,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment.

Contact: Jen Hughes, Phone: 202-682-5547, Email: hughesi@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

Open Society Foundations Invites Applications for Human Rights Photography Audience Engagement Grants

Deadline: 06/18/2013

The Open Society Foundations' Audience Engagement Grant program is designed to support photographers in taking an existing body of work on a social justice or human rights issue and devising an innovative and effective way of using that work as a tool for social change. The program seeks proposals for projects that will serve as interventions on pressing problems and provide concrete ways for photographers, organizations, and their target audiences to create a positive impact. To be eligible, partnerships should include a photographer or curator/project organizer whose expertise is in the production or presentation of documentary photography, and an audience engagement partner(s) with expertise in a specific issue and existing connections to the target audience. Partnerships may also include a distribution partner with expertise in the dissemination or presentation method. Projects should include an existing body of photographs that document a human rights or social justice issue (preference will be given to projects that address issues and geographical areas of concern to OSF); effective and innovative ideas for using photography to spark deeper engagement with a particular community on a social justice or human rights issue; well-designed dissemination strategies that are uniquely tailored to meet the needs and interests of a target audience; a detailed plan for engaging targeted audiences in concrete ways; and a clearly articulated theory of change that explains how the project will result in concrete solutions. The program will provide between five to eight grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Grant funds cannot be used to shoot new imagery. Optional Letters of Intent may be submitted until April 3, 2013. Full applications are due June 18, 2013.

Website: <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/audience-engagement-grant>

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COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

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Website: www.usda.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>

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation Offers Support for National Projects to Empower Youth With Disabilities

Deadline: 06/01/2013

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation's National Grants program provides support for innovative model projects of national scope focused on the foundation's mission of helping youth with disabilities lead productive lives through increased employment. The program seeks to fund innovative projects that help youth with disabilities develop the leadership and employment skills they need to succeed, particularly for careers in science, technology, and the environment. MEAF defines youth from birth through college (about 26 years of age). The foundation will also consider projects to create tools that help break down barriers to employment and increase job opportunities for young people with disabilities entering the workforce, including returning veterans with disabilities. Grants will be provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States with 501(c)(3) status for projects that present an innovative approach leading to measurable employment outcomes for youth with disabilities. Projects should be national in scope or have a definite plan for national dissemination and replication; should promote the full-inclusion of youth with disabilities alongside their peers without disabilities; and should promote inclusive competitive employment practices. Preference is given to projects that take place in Mitsubishi Electric community locations or involve Mitsubishi Electric Employee Volunteers. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to \$75,000 per year, for one to three years. Six to twelve grants are awarded each year.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=404100006

Intermediary Relending Program

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

Deadline: 06/28/2013

This Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) announces the acceptance of applications under the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) to provide direct loans to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community developments in a rural area. The Agency will make awards each Federal fiscal quarter following the appropriation of funding. In the event all program funds are not obligated in a quarter, the remaining unobligated funds will be carried over to the subsequent quarter. This Notice is being issued prior to a determination of Fiscal Year 2013 funding for this program in order to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare and submit their applications and to provide the Agency time to process applications within Fiscal Year 2013. The Agency will publish a subsequent notice in the Federal Register identifying the program funding available for Fiscal Year 2013 for this program

Eligible Applicants: This Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) announces the acceptance of applications under the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) to provide direct loans to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community developments in a rural area. The Agency will make awards each Federal fiscal quarter following the appropriation of funding. In the event

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Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

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>

American Honda Foundation Invites Applications for STEM Programs

Deadline: Quarterly

The American Honda Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Honda Motor Company, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations and schools for programs that support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. Environmental projects, job training, and literacy programs also will be considered. Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, public school districts, and private/public elementary and secondary schools listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The foundation accepts applications on a quarterly basis. Deadlines for the 2013 grantmaking cycle are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=409800011

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>

Toyota U.S.A. Foundation Accepting Proposals for K-12 Math, Science, Environmental Science Initiatives

Deadline: 10/01/2013

The Toyota U.S.A. Foundation is committed to improving the quality of K-12 education in America by supporting innovative programs and building partnerships with organizations dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of mathematics, science, and environmental science. Grants are provided to colleges and universities as well as to nonprofit organizations engaged in pre-collegiate math and/or science education. The foundation places priority on programs that are broad in scope and incorporate systemic approaches; creative programs that develop the potential of students and/or teachers; and cost-effective programs that possess a high potential for success and relatively low duplication of effort.

Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation does not make grants for publications, lobbying activities, advertising, capital campaigns, or endowments. K-12 public and private schools are not eligible to apply.

Website: http://www.toyota.com/about/philanthropy/education/toyota_usa/

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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.

Website: <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

Examples of Excelencia

Deadline: 04/26/2013

The Examples of Excelencia initiative recognizes programs and departments at the forefront of increasing academic opportunities and improving achievement for Latino students at the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate levels. Maximum award: \$5,000; recognition at special events; a highlight in the 2013 edition of What Works for Latino Students in Higher Education; and inclusion in the web-based Growing What Works Database.

Eligibility: programs and departments at the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate levels of higher education.

Website: <http://www.edexcelencia.org/2013>

Earth Island Institute: Brower Youth Award

Deadline: 05/13/2013

The Earth Island Institute Brower Youth Award recognizes young people for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. Maximum Award: \$3,000, a trip to California for the awards ceremony, and a wilderness camping trip. Eligibility: youth ages 13-22.

Website: <http://www.broweryouthawards.org/article.php?list=type&type=54>

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation: Talent Development Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The JKCF Talent Development Award celebrates K-8 educational organizations committed to the deliberate cultivation of high-potential students' talents, skills, and passions. Major criteria considered for the Talent Development Award include: alignment with the Foundation's commitment to identifying, cultivating, and/or promoting exceptionally talented students who have financial need; focus on students in grades K-8; high apparent effectiveness as demonstrated through internal reviews, external evaluations, and/or scientifically-confirmed research; strong leadership with a clear vision and the capacity to influence stakeholders; a noteworthy, innovative solution that could be replicated. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: K-8 educational organizations.

Website: <http://www.jkcf.org/grants/youth-education/talent-development/>

Earthwatch Institute: Fellowships

Deadline: 05/01/2012

The Earthwatch Institute offers educators fully-funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of over 100 projects around the world. Maximum award: fully-funded fellowship. Eligibility: elementary, middle, and high school educators and administrators of any discipline.

Website: <http://www.earthwatch.org/aboutus/education/edopp/>

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American Psychological Foundation Invites Proposals to Promote Psychology in Secondary Schools

Deadline: 05/01/2013

The American Psychological Foundation provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential. APF's Pre-College Psychology Grant program provides financial support for efforts aimed at improving the quality of education in psychological science and its application in secondary schools for talented students. The program awards grants of up to \$20,000 to projects that improve the quality of high school education in psychology and/or encourage talented high school students to pursue careers in psychology. Priority is given to projects that reinforce the discipline of psychology as a science in secondary school curricula; expand the profile of psychology as a science among talented high school students; convey to high school students that psychological science is a tool to improve society; and teach students about career options that apply psychology outside of an academic setting. Proposals must focus on supporting the education of talented high school students. Generally, grants are restricted to educational institutions, organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and/or individuals affiliated with a qualifying institution.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.html?id=411900025

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Accepting Applications for Youth Literacy Grants

Deadline: 05/23/2013

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations in the forty states where Dollar General stores are located. The foundation's Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations working to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grants are available to support organizations that provide literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers, or readers with learning disabilities. Grant funding is provided to assist in implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and/or purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs. Applicants must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, a K-12 private or public school, a college or university, or a public library. Organizations must be located and provide services within twenty miles of a Dollar General store. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000.

Website: http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx

USA Funds Accepting Applications for Key Transitions in Postsecondary Education Initiative

Deadline: 05/24/2013

USA Funds is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations working to provide education support services that help students and adult learners complete college. Through its Key Transitions in Postsecondary Education initiative, the organization will award grants of between \$400,000 to \$800,000 to three organizations for programs that support recent high school graduates, adult learners transitioning into a postsecondary education environment, and students transitioning between the first and second year of college, particularly at the community college level. Qualified programs must primarily serve high school seniors or undergraduate students from USA Funds target populations, including students from low-income households, students who are the first in their family to attend college, and students of color. To be eligible, organizations must be based in the United States and be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; be a university, college, school, or other institution described in Section 170(c)(1) of the code; or be a public agency, unit of government, tribal government, or tribal program under Section 7871 of the code. Organizations also must have been legally established for at least five years, have been operational for at least three years, and have an annual budget of more than \$500,000 in their most recent fiscal year.

Website: <http://www.usafunds.org/community/Documents/KeyTransitionsRFP.pdf>

Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program

US Department of Education, Office of Secondary Education

Deadline: 05/31/2013

The MSEIP is designed to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific and technological careers.

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Competitive Preference Priority: Increasing Postsecondary Success. Projects that are designed to address the following priority area: Increasing the number and proportion of high-need students (as defined in this notice) who persist in and complete college or other postsecondary education and training

Eligible Applicants: The eligibility of an applicant is dependent on the type of MSEIP grant.

Contact: Krish Mathur, Phone: 202-502 7512, Email: krish.mathur@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov

Crayola Invites Proposals from Elementary Schools for 2013 Creative Leadership Grants

Deadline: 06/21/2013

Crayola, in collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals, is accepting applications for the 2013 Creative Leadership Grant program. The program will award up to twenty grants of \$2,500 to elementary schools working to develop a team of leaders who can help increase arts-infused education within school and beyond. In addition, each program will receive an in-kind grant of Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications will only be accepted from principals who are members of NAESP. Principals whose schools received a Creative Leadership grant in 2012 will not be eligible to apply for a grant this year, but may apply again in 2014. Every school that submits an application by June 10 will receive a Crayola product Classpack.

Website: <http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx>

Land o'Lakes Foundation Accepting Applications for Projects that Benefit Rural Communities

Deadline: 07/01/2013 and 10/01/2013

The Land O'Lakes Foundation was established to benefit nonprofit organizations working to improve communities where the Land O'Lakes company has a significant concentration of employees. The foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2013 Community Grants program for projects that address hunger, youth and education, civic improvements, and arts and culture in rural communities.

Typically, the foundation funds national programs and programs in the following twenty states: Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. Generally speaking, grants are restricted to organizations that have been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are limited to one per organization per calendar year. This year's application deadlines are April 1, 2013, for education proposals; July 1, 2013, for hunger/food-related proposals; and October 1, 2013 for all other proposals.

Website: <http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/communitygrants/giving/default.aspx>

Project Learning Tree Seeks Applications for Environmental Education Projects

Deadline: 09/30/2013

Project Learning Tree is accepting applications from schools and nonprofit organizations for environmental service-learning projects. Traditional GreenWorks grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in support of environmental projects that demonstrate service-learning, exemplify student voice, involve at least one community partner, and can be completed within a year. To be eligible, projects must secure at least 50 percent in matching funds (in-kind acceptable). GreenWork! grants for registered PLT GreenSchools of up to \$3,000 support projects that meet all the parameters for traditional GreenWorks grant funding. To be eligible, applicants must be a school (public or private), be registered on the PLT GreenSchool! Web site, have an established Green Team, have completed one or more of the PLT GreenSchools Investigations, and propose a project based on the findings of one or more of the PLT GreenSchools Investigations.

Website: <http://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

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Toshiba America Foundation Invites Applications for K-5 Science and Math Projects

Deadline: 10/01/2013

The Toshiba America Foundation is accepting applications from K-5 grade school teachers with innovative science or math projects. The foundation awards grants of up to \$1,000 to K-5 teachers in public or private nonprofit schools in support of hands-on science or math education projects. Grant funds may be used for project-related materials only. The foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms. Summer projects or afterschool programs will not be considered, nor will salaries, facility maintenance, textbooks, video production, audio-visual equipment, and education research be funded. Complete application and eligibility guidelines and information about past recipients are available at the Toshiba America Foundation Web site.

Website: http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_teachers.jsp

Mickelson/ExxonMobil: 2014 Teachers Academy

Deadline: 10/31/2013

The Mickelson ExxonMobil 2014 Teachers Academy offers a five-day program, with camp in New Jersey designed to provide third- through fifth-grade teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to motivate students to pursue careers in science and math. Maximum award: all expenses paid five-day program in July 2014. Eligibility: third- through fifth-grade teachers from all over the United States.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

RGK Foundation Accepting Proposals for 2013 Grants Cycle

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Austin-based RGK Foundation is inviting proposals in the broad areas of education, community, and health and medicine. The foundation's primary interests include formal K-12 education (particularly math, science, and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. The foundation's community grants support a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. The foundation's current interests in health and medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Although the foundation's grantmaking program doesn't have any geographic restrictions, the foundation no longer accepts unsolicited requests from international agencies or programs. While the foundation occasionally awards grants for operating expenses, capital campaigns, endowments, and international projects, such grants are infrequent and usually initiated by the foundation. Multiyear grants are rare, and most grants are awarded for a period of one year. Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply. Organizations that have completed and filed Form 1023 but not yet received an IRS determination letter are not eligible to apply.

Website: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

Cigna Foundation Invites Applications for Health Promotion Projects

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Cigna Foundation, the charitable arm of the Cigna Corporation and its subsidiaries, supports organizations that share its commitment to enhancing the health of individuals and families, and the well-being of their communities, with a special focus on those communities where Cigna employees live and work. The foundation focuses its funding in four areas: promoting wellness by building awareness, helping people manage their health challenges, and making health services available and affordable for all; expanding opportunities by reaching across barriers to tap the talents of every person; developing leaders by supporting the type of community service that gives talented individuals the experience to become future leaders; and embracing communities by connecting neighbors to create networks to address complex social and environmental challenges. There is no maximum or minimum grant. However, a typical first-time grant is \$5,000.

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All organizations requesting funding must be recognized as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Website: <https://secure17.easymatch.com/cignaive/applications/agency/default.aspx?Skip=Guideline&programid=2>

Medela Seeks Nomination for Breastfeeding Hall of Excellence

Deadline: 04/30/2013

Medela, a leading manufacturer of breast pumps and breastmilk feeding products, is accepting nominations for its Breastfeeding Hall of Excellence, a program that recognizes individuals whose work supports breastfeeding, increases the initiation and duration of breastfeeding, and improves the health of women and infants. Grants of \$5,000 will be awarded to selected lactation consultants and breastfeeding advocates to fund research, sponsor continuing education, purchase equipment for use in practices (if applicable), or donate to the breastfeeding charity of their choice. Nominees may be eligible in one of three categories: community breastfeeding advocate, professional breastfeeding advocate, and lactation consultant. Community Breastfeeding Advocate: Nominees must work locally, regionally, or nationally to support breastfeeding. In their professional position, however, nominees may not derive income from breastfeeding support or supplies. Community advocates can be bloggers who are dedicated to supporting breastfeeding by sharing related news and education and/or by leading discussions. Professional Breastfeeding Advocate: Nominees must fully support breastfeeding in their professional position while not being a board-certified lactation consultant. Examples include WIC breastfeeding peer counselors, registered nurses, and doctors. Lactation Consultant: Nominees in this category must be practicing and licensed by the International Board of Certified Lactation Consultants in the United States. Inductees are chosen by an independent judging panel comprised of respected lactation consultants and professional and community breastfeeding advocates.

Website: <http://www.medelabreastfeedingus.com/for-professionals/breastfeeding-hall-of-excellence-rules>

Caplow Children's Prize Invites Proposals for Best Plan to Save Children's Lives

Deadline: 05/01/2013

The Caplow Children's Prize, an initiative of the Miami-based Whole New World Foundation, is accepting proposals for the best plan to directly and quickly save the lives of children from birth to age 5 anywhere in the world. Proposals will be accepted from nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, government agencies and programs, academic institutions, and individuals age 18 or older.

The prize-winner will receive \$1 million to initiate the plan. The winning proposal will include a sound proposal to directly execute life-saving interventions with a high likelihood of success based on the experience and track record of the applicant. Proposals will be judged according to how many lives the plan will save, how credible the plan and the applicant are, how directly the funds can be applied, probability of success, and the ease of verification. To enter the contest, applicants must submit an online entry form detailing the proposed project by May 1, 2013. Upon review, select applicants will receive an e-mail invitation to submit a full prize plan in June 2013. Contest finalists will be showcased in August and September 2013, with the winner to be announced at an award ceremony in December 2013. See the Caplow Children's Prize Web site for eligibility and application guidelines. Applicants with questions may contact the foundation by email at info@childrensprize.org.

Website: <https://online.foundationsource.com/public/home/caplowchildrensprize>

Donaghue Foundation Invites Letters of Intent to Improve Senior Health in Care Facilities

Deadline: 05/10/2013

The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation in West Hartford, Connecticut, is accepting Letters of Intent for research projects with the potential to improve the quality of care and life for the elderly in nursing homes or other care facilities. Through its Another Look: Better Health for Elders in Care Facilities program, the foundation will award grants totaling \$450,000 for projects that address a particular problem affecting the elderly in care facilities with data that already exists. (New data collection will not be supported by the program.) Researchers applying for a grant must identify a stakeholder in the care delivery or policy arena with whom they will either consult or collaborate and who is willing to work with the researcher to develop a research product that may be readily used to improve care or quality of life. Investigators at nonprofit institutions in New England and New York that are considered tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. The applicant must demonstrate how his/her research question is important to the stakeholder and propose a rigorous research design. Grantees may use their award to augment funding for a project already funded through another grant. LOIs must be received no later than May 10, 2013. Upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit full appli-

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cations, which will be due on July 26, 2013. The grant term begins in January 2014.

Website: <http://donaghue.org/wp-content/uploads/another-look-grant-announcement-and-LOI-Instructions.pdf>

Center for Research in Emotional and Social Health Invites Applications for Children and Families Emotional Health Programs

Deadline: 05/10/2013

The Center for Research in Emotional and Social Health is accepting applications for projects that target the social and emotional health of children and families. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to individuals and organizations working to implement a new evidence-based social-emotional health intervention within a service setting. To qualify, organizations must demonstrate the effectiveness of the intervention through evidence reported in the registries list or in a peer-review journal, target social/emotional health for children and families, and evaluate the benefits of the intervention by measuring outcomes. In addition, projects must target bullying prevention, social skills, emotional literacy, and/or social and emotional learning. Grants are open to individuals and organizations that provide direct services to children and families, including teachers, schools, and school district personnel; community health providers; clinicians in private practice; and others in the health, human services, and educational fields.

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

Drexel University Seeks Applications for Bayada Award for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice

Deadline: 05/17/2013

Drexel University is accepting applications for the Bayada Awards for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice, which recognize nurses who have made a significant contribution to nursing education or practice through the development and/or adoption of a new technology. Applications must be submitted under one of two categories: Patient Care and Nursing Education.

Patient care: A cash award of \$10,000 will be made to a nursing educator or practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved nursing education and student outcomes. The innovation may be related to improving the efficiency of patient care delivery, preventing errors in patient care, or improving outcomes. Examples include using current technology/equipment to develop a new way to monitor patient assessment data, alerting staff of status changes, developing new technological tools to assess patients, and decision support tools. Nursing education (both didactic and clinical): A cash award of \$10,000 will be made to a nurse educator or practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved patient care and patient care outcomes. The innovation may be related to curriculum delivery methods and improving student clinical competency and efficiency. Examples include developing a software program that assists nursing students with the collection of patient data and the creation of an electronic nursing care plan.

All submissions will be blind and reviewed for merit by a panel of Drexel University nursing and technology faculty. The judges will consider the technology's innovativeness and its impact on nursing education or direct patient care. The innovation must be new and be in use for six months or longer prior to submission of the application. Resubmissions are welcome. Employees of Drexel University are not eligible. The awards will be presented at the annual Drexel University Nursing Education Institute conference. The winners must be present to accept the awards; travel expenses will be paid.

Website: <http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp/newsEvents/events/BayadaAwards/>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for 2013 RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize

Deadline: 05/24/2013

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is accepting applications for the annual RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize, which recognizes outstanding community efforts and partnerships that are helping people live healthier lives. With the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally driven change across the country, up to six communities will receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their success stories shared broadly. Communities will be judged on their accomplishments as well as their capacity for and dedication to creating lasting change by harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members and for implementing a strategic approach that focuses on the factors that influence health, including health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. Priority will be given to communities that are addressing all four factors. Communities also will be assessed on how well they address problems that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations such as ethnic minorities and those with limited English skills, incomes, and/or education; develop sustainable, long-term solutions to shared community priorities; secure and make the most of available resources; and measure and share their results. For the purposes of the competition, "a community" is defined as a town, city, county, tribe or tribal commu-

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nity, or region. Each applicant community must designate a local governmental or tax-exempt public charity to accept the \$25,000 prize on its behalf, should it win.

Website: <http://pweb1.rwf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21422>

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/>

American Kennel Club Humane Fund Invites Applications from Women's Shelters that Permit Pets

Deadline: 05/15/2013

The American Kennel Club Humane Fund, the charitable arm of the American Kennel Club, works to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible pet ownership through education, outreach, and grantmaking. The fund is accepting grant applications from women's shelters that permit pets.

The Fund's Women's Shelter grants are awarded for essential operational support related to the housing of pets or capital improvements specifically for the housing and maintenance of pets. To be eligible, organizations must provide temporary or permanent housing for victims of domestic abuse and their pets or provide temporary or permanent housing for pets of victims of domestic abuse and have a formal, established working relationship with at least one nonprofit shelter for victims of domestic abuse. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants may not be used for fundraising purposes.

Website: http://images.akc.org/humane_fund/GrantApp_Women.pdf

Neighborhoods Planning Grants

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

Deadline: 05/28/2013

Choice Neighborhoods is HUD's signature place-based initiative and is a central element of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, an interagency partnership between HUD, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Justice, and Treasury. This federal partnership supports locally driven solutions for transforming distressed neighborhoods using place-based strategies to address the interconnected challenges of poor quality housing, inadequate schools, poor health, high crime and lack of capital. Choice Neighborhoods is designed to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, crime prevention strategies, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. Choice Neighborhoods will ensure that current public and assisted housing residents will be able to benefit from this transformation, by preserving affordable housing or providing residents with the choice to move to affordable and accessible housing in

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another existing neighborhood of opportunity. Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; People: Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

To achieve these core goals, successful applicants must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or "Transformation Plan." This Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units, while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

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

Email: ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov

Website: www.hud.gov

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Technical Assistance Program

US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

Deadline: 05/14/2013

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Created in 1995, OVW implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Since its inception, OVW has supported a multifaceted approach to responding to these crimes through implementation of grant programs authorized by VAWA. By forging state, local and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and others, OVW grants help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The primary purpose of the OVW Technical Assistance Program is to provide direct technical assistance to existing and potential grantees and sub grantees to enhance and support their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. In addition, OVW is focused on building the capacity of criminal justice and victim services organizations to respond effectively to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking and fostering partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address violence against women.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants are limited to nonprofit national, tribal or statewide organizations and institutions of higher education. OVW will support state, local or tribal governments or governmental agencies, i.e., police department, prosecutor's offices, or probation departments, or local non-profit organizations, in rare circumstances. Eligible applicants must have the capacity to provide training and technical assistance on a national level

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Face Forward Serving Juvenile Offenders Grants

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Deadline: 05/10/2013

The U.S. Department of Labor (we, the Department or DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces the availability of approximately \$26,000,000 in grant funds to award approximately 26 Face Forward grants. "Face Forward" conveys the idea of youth leaving their past transgressions behind and looking forward towards a promising future. Through diversion and/or record expungement strategies, these grants will give youth a chance to succeed in the workplace and to avoid the stigma of a juvenile record. Diversion and expungement strategies are part of the Juvenile Justice system. These functions, operations and processes are under their jurisdiction. However, in order to provide the best possible outcomes for these youth, it is imperative to provide these additional supportive services. Diversion is "an attempt to divert, or channel out, youthful offenders from the juvenile justice system" (Bynum and Thompson, 1996). Expungement focuses on having juvenile records expunged, or eliminated. The purpose of these grants is to improve the long-term labor market prospects of both court involved youth prior to adjudication and juvenile offenders. Grantees must utilize a strategy where they collaborate with non-profit legal services providers to assist participants with expungement actions, and/or be designated by the juvenile justice system as a diversion program.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Number of Grants: 26

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Eligible Applicants: Any non-profit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status, unit of state or local government, or any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under WIA Section 166, may apply for these grants to provide services to eligible participants (as defined in Section III.C.3.) in areas with high-poverty and high-crime rates.

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Legal Assistance for Victims

US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

Deadline: 03/19/2014

The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance. The LAV Grant Program makes awards to law school clinics, domestic violence victims' programs and shelters, bar associations, rape crisis centers and other sexual assault services programs, private nonprofit entities, Indian Tribal governments and Tribal organizations, Territorial organizations, legal aid or statewide legal services, and faith- and/or community-based legal service providers. Grant funds may be used to provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in matters arising from abuse or violence and to provide enhanced training for lawyers representing these victims as well as advocates. The objective of the LAV Grant Program is to develop innovative, collaborative projects that provide quality representation to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Eligible Applicants: private nonprofit entities; publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity; Territorial organizations; Indian Tribal governments; and Tribal organizations.

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Website: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov>

PARK AND ENVIRONMENT

Ray C. Anderson Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Environmental Grants Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Ray C. Anderson Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from nonprofit environmental organizations for initiatives that support environmental, economic, and social sustainability in the United States. Through its Gray Notes Grants program, the foundation awards grants of between \$2,000 and \$25,000 for environmental conservation, preservation, education, and restoration initiatives; urban agriculture programs; clean water and clean air projects; environmental and economic think tanks; and grassroots initiatives that inform and inspire people to collaborate and take positive action to protect the planet. In addition, the program supports organizations and programs that are working with industry, government, and businesses to create environmentally sound planning practices to reduce the environmental footprint of urban development through energy efficiency, increased use of renewable energy, and the reduction of carbon intensity. All organizations requesting funding must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. LOIs are accepted throughout the year and must be submitted through the foundation's online grant inquiry system. Applicants will be notified if a full application is requested. Grants are awarded twice a year, in June and December.

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

Lawrence Foundation Accepting Proposals for Environmental, Education, Human Services Projects

Deadline: 04/30/2013 and 11/01/2013

The Lawrence Foundation awards grants in support of the environment, education, human services, disaster relief, and other causes. The foundation awards both program and operating grants with no geographic restrictions to nonprofit organizations that qualify for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as public schools and libraries. International charitable organizations, private foundations, for-profit businesses, individuals, churches, and religious, charter, and magnet schools are not eligible for grants from the foundation. In addition, grants not awarded for computer or audiovisual equipment purchases or for music or garden programs (or related equipment). Also ineligible for funding are programs and equipment for physical education, recreation, theater performance, hospices or old age homes, political lobbying activities, and voter registration, as well as dinners, balls, and other ticketed events.

Website: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php>

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Wildlife Without Borders: Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Deadline: 05/01/2013

The Wildlife Without Borders - Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund will fund projects that conserve the world's most endangered species. Species eligible for funding are those that face a very high risk of extinction in the immediate future. Species should meet the criteria to be listed as "Critically Endangered" or "Endangered" on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. Species listed as "Data Deficient" on the IUCN Red List are also eligible if the applicant can provide information that suggests a similar urgency for conservation action. Species listed as "Extinct in Wild" are eligible if the applicant is proposing a reintroduction attempt.

The goal of this grants program is to reduce threats to highly endangered wildlife in their natural habitat. Proposals should identify specific conservation actions that have a high likelihood of creating durable benefits. Project activities that emphasize data collection and status assessment should describe a direct link to management action, and explain how lack of information has been a key limiting factor for management action in the past. Proposals that do not identify how actions will reduce threats, or do not demonstrate a strong link between data collection and management action, are not eligible for consideration.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: Applicants under this program can be: individuals; multi-national secretariats federal, state and local government agencies; non-profit, non-governmental organizations; and public and private institutions of higher education. U.S. non-profit, non-governmental organizations must submit documentary evidence of their Section 501(c) (3) non-profit status.

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SPORTS

ING Run for Something Better Offers Grants to Establish Youth Running Programs

Deadline: 05/15/2013

With the goal of empowering school-age children nationwide to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle, the ING Community Fund, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, conducts the ING Run For Something Better initiative, a school-based running program designed to fight childhood obesity and improve the self-esteem, school performance, and overall well-being of children in grades K-8. The program uses activity plans created by NASPE and based on the National Standards for Physical Education to help children get off to a healthy start in life and spark an interest in exercise before obesity becomes a problem. The ING Run for Something Better program will provide a minimum of fifty grants of up to \$2,500 each for schools to establish a running program or expand an existing one. The first \$1,000 will be awarded to winning schools upon notification of the grant, while the second installment will be distributed upon conclusion of the program and evidence of a culminating running event, receipt of PACER data, and other required post-evaluation materials.

Awards are available for programs serving boys and girls in grades K-8. Schools must design an eight-week program that runs before, during-, and/or afterschool and that is offered (to the best of the school's ability) to all students in eligible grades at least twice a week, with a culminating event completed by December 31, 2013. In addition, the program must have a commitment of at least twenty-five students in grades 4 through 8 and must supply PACER data results to NASPE. Any school districts currently involved with ING Run for Something Better or that already participate in an ING U.S.-sponsored culminating event are not eligible to apply.

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

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>

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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



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

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