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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$1.4 MILLION AWARDED TO UTPA CONSORTIUM FOR RAILWAY SAFETY

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a grant of \$1,414,100 to the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA), Texas A&M University and the University of Nebraska to improve railway safety in their areas.

"Living in the Rio Grande Valley, we all have experienced and know of the potential danger in crossing railroads which weave through all of our cities and rural towns," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "As the enrollment at UTPA continues to expand, we must be ever vigilant of finding ways to make our roads and highways safer. I commend UTPA for receiving this U.S. Department of Transportation grant award that will serve as a distinct measure for improving safety for UTPA students and for all of our residents."

used to develop advanced technology for infrastructure monitoring and developing innovative safety assessments and decision making tools.

The grant would also serve to foster collaboration with the university researchers, industry partners and a variety of education partners and programs to create innovative opportunities for the community.

Members of each university consortium will determine how the funds will be distributed among the universities.



The transportation center funding will be used to improve railway safety by reducing fatalities and injuries at highway-rail crossings, reducing failure by developing more durable material and systems. The grant funds will also be



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR MCALEN MILLER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced that the McAllen Miller International Airport was awarded a grant of **\$890,000** by the U.S. Department of Transportation for safety improvements.

The funding will be used to improve runway safety areas to meet current design standards. The grant will also fund the replacement of 5,429 feet of the airport perimeter fence to deter unauthorized persons and vehicles from entering onto the airfield.

"McAllen Miller International Airport continues to grow and prosper to keep up with the increasing demand for international travel in our region," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "I am very pleased to see our airport continue to

receive federal grant awards for the improvement of safety and expansion. Congratulations to McAllen airport Director Phil Brown and his team and our McAllen City leaders."

The funds will also be used to provide Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle strut replacement.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR MCALEN MILLER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced the McAllen-Miller International Airport was awarded a Small Community Air Service Development grant of **\$750,000** by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The purpose of the Small Community Air Service Development Grant program is to provide funding support to help small airports, such as McAllen, attract air service to locations not being served by other airlines at this time.

"McAllen-Miller International Airport continues to provide an important service to Rio Grande Valley residents year round," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "With our ever growing population, expanding these services is a must to maintain the great quality of air service offered by our airport. I congratulate Director of Aviation, Phil Brown and everyone involved who are keeping our airport at a top notch level."

Director of Aviation, Phil Brown, said "This is great news for McAllen! Air Service is vital to the economic development of McAllen; new air service will open many more travel opportunities for our citizens."

Award of the grant does not guarantee that an airline will initiate service to McAllen, but it does mean that the airport has the ability to provide incentives to airlines. McAllen applied to the Department of Transportation in July of this year and was one of 59 grant applications submitted.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES NEW TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE GRANT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) was awarded a grant of \$158,420.00 by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for biological research.

"The NSF continues to recognize UTPA as an excellent institution that provides quality education," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "Our students are being provided the best opportunities in higher education in Deep South Texas. UTPA continues to be on top of an ever expanding world of technology."

This award will be effective as of September 1, 2013 and be allocated toward a next-generation DNA sequencer. This new technology will be the first of its kind in South Texas, allowing scientists at the University of Texas- Pan American to define DNA structure more easily in order to address major biological questions in microbiology, plant science, zoology, genetics, physiology, ecology.

More specifically, a team of researchers at The University of Texas-Pan American plans to use the award money to implement magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) sequencing, which characterizes DNA much faster than the traditional

method. The technique will make possible valuable experiments on topics such as:

- Comparing the DNA of devastating plant diseases;
- Analyzing the developmental DNA of insects with significant impacts on humans;
- Investigating the distribution of insects that carry the deadly Chagas Disease.

Moreover, learning at the University of Texas- Pan American will be positively impacted by the next-generation sequencer, as faculty mentors will be able to train student researchers and use the technology in upper-division Biology courses.

Because the technology will also be made available to collaborators at institutions near UTPA, it has the potential to transform research and education for the entire South Texas region.

The research team leading this project includes four women, one of whom is Hispanic and one that has a disability. The technology is sure to increase the number of Hispanics, women, and disabled persons conducting biological research in South Texas and in the USA.

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$62,880 IN FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED TO 3 CITIES IN HIDALGO COUNTY THROUGH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced grants totaling \$62,880 have been awarded to the Hidalgo County criminal justice system by the U.S. Department of Justice through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The grants will be appropriately distributed to Edinburg, McAllen, and Pharr.

- The City of Edinburg, Texas will receive \$19,778
 - The City of McAllen, Texas will receive \$22,615
- The City of Pharr, Texas will receive \$20,487

"I would like to extend my congratulations to everyone who dedicated their time and efforts to ensure that these cities in

Hidalgo County would be recipients of the grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice." said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "The JAG grants do much to improve the criminal justice system by providing necessary equipment and training for police officers. This funding will go a long way in helping our officers provide safer communities for 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.

In Edinburg, the JAG funding will be used to improve the criminal justice system by purchasing mobile video equipment and sup-

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$2 MILLION IN GRANTS AWARDED TO THE CITIES OF EDINBURG , MERCEDES AND PHARR

Washington, D.C.- **Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15)** announced the Cities of **Edinburg, Mercedes and Pharr** were awarded grants totaling **\$2,018,238** by the **Texas Transportation Commission** for community projects including hike and bike trails, landscaping and renovation of a train depot.

"I have always encouraged community leaders to be very active in seeking grant funding from the state and federal government because it gives their home towns a big boost on either starting or finishing up projects that will benefit their residents", said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "These projects will serve to improve our region and directly impact the quality of life for those who live in these communities."

The **City of Edinburg** will receive **\$108,000** for the **Edinburg Train Depot Renovation Project** and **\$961,282** for the **Edinburg Jackson Rd. Hike and Bike Trail Project**.

The **City of Mercedes** will receive **\$304,672** for the **Mercedes Landscaped Entryway**.

The **City of Pharr** will receive **\$644,138** for the **Pharr Bicycle Accessible Improvement Project**.

The **City of McAllen** has already been awarded **\$1,020,265** for the **Bentsen Road Hike and Bike Trail**.

See link for details on the City of McAllen grant award: <http://hinojosa.house.gov/press-release/congressman-rub%C3%A9n-hinojosa-announces-million-dollar-plus-grant-award-city-mcallen>



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Washington, D.C.- **Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15)** announced the City of **McAllen** was awarded a grant of **\$1,020,266** for the **Bentsen Road Hike and Bike Trail** by the **Texas Transportation Commission**.

"This grant will give a boost to the successful project already started by the City of McAllen", said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "It will greatly improve the quality of living for McAllen residents as well as contribute to a healthier lifestyle by providing more areas for physical fitness opportunities."

The continuous trail will be 1.6 miles and will enhance the City's 17 miles of existing trails that will be used by pedestrians and cyclists.

McAllen Mayor Jim Darling stated, "As the trail competed with other eligible projects from around the state, I commend the support provided for the Bentsen Road Hike and Bike Trail by **U.S. Congressman Ruben Hinojosa**, State Rep. Bobby Guerra, State Rep. Sergio Munoz Jr. and State Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, who were all critical to the grant award."

Competitively reviewed and selected under the Texas Department of Transportation's 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program, the grant will provide for the construction of a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail with amenities and landscaping, connecting residential neighborhoods, parks, schools and other points of interest along Bentsen Road from Pecan Boulevard (FM 495) to Nolana Avenue. The federally-funded award will be leveraged with a local match of \$255,066 for a total project cost of \$1,275,331.

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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>

Grammy Foundation Accepting Letters of Inquiry for 2013-14 Grants in Music Research and Preservation Projects

Deadline: 10/01/2013

With funding from the Recording Academy, the Grammy Foundation annually provides support for music archiving and preservation efforts and for scientific research projects related to the impact of music on the human condition. The Scientific Research Projects Grant program awards funding of up to \$20,000 to organizations and individuals working to research the impact of music on the human condition. Examples include the study of the effects of music on mood, cognition, and healing; the medical and occupational well-being of music professionals; and the creative process underlying music. Priority will be given to projects with strong methodological design as well as those designed to address an important research question. The Archiving and Preservation Projects Grant program awards grants to organizations and individuals in support of efforts that advance the archiving and preservation of the music and recorded sound heritage of the Americas. The archiving and preservation area has two funding categories - preservation implementation (grants of up to \$20,000) and planning, assessment, and/or consultation (grants of up to \$5,000).

Letters of Inquiry must be received no later than October 1, 2013. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals.

Website: <http://www.grammy.org/grammy-foundation/grants>

New Music USA Invites Submissions for New Music Project Grants

Deadline: 11/04/2013

New Music USA is supporting music in a new way. Instead of filling out a grant application, musicians create a private project page that includes all their work samples and project information. If a grant is awarded, New Music USA will publish the project page. Once published, grantees will be able to post updates as the project unfolds. This year, New Music USA will provide between a hundred and a hundred and fifty individuals with project grants ranging from \$250 to \$20,000 each. Project Grants support music projects that involve premieres of new music through a live performance or recording. Requests can come from individuals or organizations, and projects can take place up to two years past the deadline, or up to six months prior. New Music

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USA is especially interested in funding artists directly for their work, whether that involves creating, engaging, performing, or something else. Priority will be given for the creation of new musical work, new live music for dance, recording costs, and residency and community outreach activities. The most competitive projects include living composers and recent music.

Website: <https://www.newmusicusa.org/round/fall-2013/>

Our Town

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 01/13/2014

The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on or after September 1, 2014."Grant Program DescriptionArt works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are leveraging the arts and engaging design to make their communities 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 the process of Creative Placemaking:"In creative placemaking, partners from public, private, nonprofit, and community sectors strategically shape the physical and social character of a neighborhood, town, tribe, city, or region around arts and cultural activities. Creative placemaking animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired." Ann Markusen, Markusen Economic Research ServicesAnne Gadwa Nicodemus, Metris Arts Consulting-From Creative PlacemakingThrough Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to:

- Improve their quality of life.
- Encourage greater creative activity.
- Foster stronger community identity and a sense of place.
- Revitalize economic development.

Through Our Town projects, the NEA intends to achieve the following outcome:
Livability: American communities are strengthened through the arts. See "Intended NEA Outcome" for more details.

Eligible Applicants: Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, (Federally recognized), Special district governments, County governments, City or township, governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Independent school districts,

State government.

Website: www.nea.gov

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

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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.aspx>

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Seeks Proposals to Strengthen Secondary Education

Deadline: Rolling

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations supports innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers in grades 9-12 and their teaching. Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools. Projects should aim to develop solutions with potential for wide application or replication by others. Requests to support well-established programs should be for initiatives with the potential to improve the program significantly. Special consideration will be given to projects in their early stages that address the concerns and problems of secondary education on a national level. In considering proposals to support high school teaching, sustained partnerships between the faculties of colleges (e.g., arts and sciences and education) and school districts, or collaborative efforts involving reform organizations, colleges/universities, and high schools are encouraged. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to public and private colleges and universities, graduate schools of education, and freestanding educational institutes. Grants will range from \$100,000 to an upper limit of \$200,000.

See the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Web site for complete program guidelines, an FAQ, a list of recently awarded grants, and application instructions.

Website: <http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

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

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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/

Campbell's: Labels for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm

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/>

Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts

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

Deadline: Rolling / Open

This funding opportunity announcement issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) seeks to develop innovative measurement tools for community engaged research efforts.

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

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Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs),

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments

County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities

Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, and Regional Organizations.

Contact: Donna Jo McCloskey, Phone: 301-594-5971, Email: mccloskd@mail.nih.gov

Website: www.nih.gov

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

Deadline: 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>

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

Foundation for Rural Education and Development Revises Eligibility Guidelines for Fall Technology Grants

Deadline: 11/15/13

The Foundation for Rural Education and Development has announced changes to the eligibility requirements for its Technology Grants for Rural Schools program. Technology Grants for Rural Schools program was created to help meet the growing need for innovative technology in the classroom. The grants strive to help public schools in rural areas bring modern computers to every classroom, connect schools to the information superhighway, and make sure that effective and engaging software and online resources are an integral part of the school curriculum. Starting in the fall of 2013, eligibility for FRED pro-

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grams is determined by the foundation's Donor Circle. Applicants must have a letter of nomination from a Donor Circle company and meet the basic requirements outlined in the individual program brochure. Only those applications that meet these two requirements will be considered for FRED funding. The number of applicant nominated by each company is limited and determined by the company. Tech Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to public schools that are working in cooperation with their telecommunications company to enhance learning by increasing the use of technology in the classroom. Projects that are unique and focus on new programs and curriculum for technology education are encouraged. Examples of possible grant requests include but are not limited to computer-assisted learning programs; computer equipment and programs; electronic access to information; and subject-specific tools for art, reading, math, science, etc.

Website: <http://www.fred.org/tech.html>

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

Deadline: 12/02/2013

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C., seeks to provide books and reading materials to school libraries and students that most need them. The foundation provides grants of up to \$5,000 to help school libraries expand, update, and diversify their book collections. In 2013, the foundation received over five hundred applications and awarded more than two hundred grants. All LBF grants are made to individual schools rather than school districts, county systems, private organizations, foundations, or other entities. Only schools where a minimum of 80 percent of the student body qualify for free or reduced- lunch programs are eligible to apply. The foundation gives preference to schools in which 90 percent or more of the students receive free or reduced lunches and are likely to have the fewest books and reading materials at home. Schools 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. Funds are only available for library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions. The foundation is unable to honor requests for staffing, shelving, furniture, equipment, software, videos, classroom book sets, or any kind of book guides, tests, or exams.

Website: <https://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu/>

National Science Teachers Association Accepting Entries for Shell Science Lab Challenge

Deadline: 12/20/2013

The National Science Teachers Association, with support from Shell Oil Company, is accepting entries for the fourth annual Shell Science Lab Challenge. The challenge invites middle and high school science teachers (grades 6-12) in the United States and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups) to illustrate replicable approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. Entries will be judged on the basis of a number of criteria, including demonstrated science inquiry and innovation in the classroom with limited laboratory equipment, materials, and resources; demonstrated impact and engagement with students and the school community; and demonstrated need for support to improve science laboratory experiences. Fifty-four regional finalists will be selected and asked to create a short video that displays the school's current science laboratory facilities and provides further explanation of how winning equipment and resources would make a difference in their science teaching and in the learning experience for students. The judging panel will then review the submissions and select eighteen regional winners. Of the eighteen winners, four national finalists will be chosen, and from those finalists a grand-prize winner will be selected. More than \$93,000 in lab makeover prizes will be awarded to the eighteen winning schools. All winners will receive science lab equipment, cash grants, membership to the NSTA, and support to attend NSTA conferences on science education.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=427500009

American Association of School Librarians Invites Applications for Innovative Reading Projects

Deadline: 02/01/2014

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, is accepting applications from school librarians for the AASL Innovative Reading Grant program. One grant in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded to support the planning and implementation of a unique and

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innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially among struggling readers. Projects should promote the importance of reading and facilitate literacy development 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 demonstrate potential to impact student learning. Grant recipients may be invited to write an article that delineates their reading incentive project and demonstrate their successes, trials, and recommendations for improving so others may replicate the project. See the AASL Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures. To be eligible, applicants must be AASL members.

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

Middle School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Christopher Columbus Awards

Deadline: 02/03/2014

Sponsored by the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, the Christopher Columbus Award program is a national, community-based science, technology, engineering, and math 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 a 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 \$200 development grants 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. One team will be selected to receive the \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant to help bring the students' idea to life in their community. Visit the awards program Web site for complete competition information, student and teacher/coach guides, details on previous winning projects, and entry materials.

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

American Electric Power Applications for 2014-2015 PreK-12 Classroom Projects

Deadline: 02/28/2014

American Electric Power is accepting applications from pre-K-12 teachers for minigrants to support funding for classroom projects during the 2014-15 school year. Through the Teacher Vision grant program, AEP supports projects that have an academic focus and a goal to improve student achievement. Priority will be given to projects that promote science, mathematics, technology, electrical safety, the balanced study of energy and the environment, and energy efficiency. Special consideration will be given to projects that incorporate matching funds, community resources, and interdisciplinary or team-teaching projects. Funds may not be used for stipends or meals. Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500. A limit of one grant may be awarded per teacher per year. Grants may be limited to two per school per year. To be eligible, applicants must be a pre-K-12 teacher in a community in the AEP service area or in a community with major AEP facilities.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/community/TeachersAndStudents/TeacherVisionGrants.aspx>

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

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

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Histori-

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Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs),

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments,

County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments,

Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-based or Community-based Organizations and Regional Organizations

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Website: www.nih.gov

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.

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/cignagive/applications/agency/default.aspx?Skip=Guideline&programid=2>

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Rural Health Network Development

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

Deadline: 11/22/2013

The Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2014 Rural Health Network Development Grant Program. The purpose of this grant program is to: support rural integrated health care networks that have combined the functions of the entities participating in the network in order to: achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 15

Eligible Applicants: 1) The lead applicant organization must be a public or private non-profit entity located in a rural area or in a rural census tract of an urban county, and all services must be provided in a rural county or census tract. The applicant's EIN number should verify it is a rural entity. To ascertain rural eligibility, please refer to: <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/> and enter the applicant organization's state and county. A network serving rural communities but whose applicant organization is not in a designated rural area will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

2) In addition to the several States, only the Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau may apply. If applicants are located outside the 50 states, they still have to meet the rural eligibility requirements.

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Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes

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

Deadline: 1/19/2014 Letter of intent, 2/19/2014 Final applications

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under). At the end of the funding period, there should be a well-developed and well-characterized intervention that has been demonstrated to be safe, feasible to implement, acceptable in the target population, and, if promising, ready to be tested in a larger efficacy trial.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,400,000

Number of Awards: 3-4

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs),

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments,

County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments,

Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-based or Community-based Organizations and Regional Organizations

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Website: www.nih.gov

Planning Grants for Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Care

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

Deadline: 03/03/2014

The purpose of this Planning Grant (R34) is to support research to develop and pilot test approaches to improve diabetes treatment and prevention in existing healthcare settings. Applications should pilot test practical and potentially sustainable strategies, delivered in routine clinical care settings, to improve processes of care and health outcomes of individuals who are at risk for or have diabetes. The goal is that, if the pilot study shows promise, the data from the R34 will be used to support a full scale trial that could improve routine clinical practice and inform policy in representative healthcare settings.

Applicant Eligibility: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments, County Governments,

City or Township Governments, Special District Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, Regional Organizations

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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 Com-

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munities 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/>

Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing

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

Deadline: 10/14/2013

The Service Coordinator in Multifamily Housing program allows multifamily housing owners to assist elderly individuals and nonelderly people with disabilities living in HUD-assisted housing and in the surrounding area to obtain needed supportive services from the community, to enable them to continue living as independently as possible in their homes.

Eligible Applicants: Owners of eligible multifamily assisted housing.

Website: www.hud.gov

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

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>

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

Deadline: 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>

Gulf of Mexico Regional Partnerships

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 11/12/2013 Pre-proposals, 1/10/2014 Final applications

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) is soliciting initial proposals under this announcement from eligible entities that address water quality monitoring and/or improvement, coastal habitat and ecosystems enhancement and/or protection, community resilience, and environmental education and outreach in the Gulf of Mexico region and its watersheds. The initial proposals will be short submissions describing a project's scope and environmental results, and will be evaluated to determine whether the applicant will be requested to submit a full proposal.

The total amount anticipated to be awarded under this announcement is approximately \$2,000,000 depending on funding availability, quality of proposals, and other applicable considerations. Awards will range from approximately \$50,000 to \$300,000 of federal funds with each project period being up to three years. A broad range of entities, as described in Section III, are eligible to submit proposals under this announcement for projects in the Gulf of Mexico region and its watersheds in the five states abutting the Gulf of Mexico (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida), including their out-of-geographic-region contributory watersheds, that address water quality monitoring and/or improvement, coastal habitat and ecosystems enhancement and/or protection, community resilience, and environmental education and outreach.

Eligible Applicants: The following entities are eligible to apply for funding under this announcement unless restricted by the authorizing statute(s); State, local government agencies, districts, and councils; regional water pollution control agencies and entities; Indian tribal governments; State coastal zone management agencies; public and private universities and colleges; and public or private, non-profit organizations and institutions. Non-profit organizations must have documentation of non-profit status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or their state of incorporation, except that non-profit organizations as defined in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act 1995 or superseding legislation are ineligible.

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SPORTS

American Hiking Society Offers Support to Maintain and Protect Hiking Trails

Deadline: 12/17/2013

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Fund is dedicated to building and protecting hiking trails in the United States. National Trails Fund grants are designed to give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools, and materials to repair and protect America's hiking trails. Grants will be awarded for projects designed primarily to serve hikers, although multi-purpose human-powered trail uses; projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in visible and substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, and/or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote constituency-building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support also are eligible. Preference often is given to projects that utilize volunteer labor. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and must be an AHS Alliance member. Grants will range from \$500 to \$5,000 per project.

Website: <http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-fund/>

U.S. Soccer Foundation Invites Letters of Interest for Safe Places to Play Grants

Deadline: 02/01/2014

Since 1995, the U.S. Soccer Foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. Because urban areas often lack space for children to play outside, the foundation is working to provide play spaces for children across the nation. The foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for the Safe Places to Play program, which provides grants to organizations to help them build or enhance a field space in their communities. Field Building grants of up to \$200,000 each will be awarded for

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the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation. To be eligible for a Field Building grant, an applicant must apply on behalf of a program or project operating in the U.S.; be a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation; apply as, or on behalf of, a field-building project; and own or have a minimum of a ten-year land lease/land use agreement on the land where the field-building project will take place. If applying for sports lighting, an applicant must have written authorization from the community where the field-building project is located authorizing the addition of lights to the field(s). For the next round of funding, letters of inquiry must be received no later than February 1, 2014. Upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

Website: <http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/our-grants/applying-for-a-i-safe-places-to-play-i-grant>

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>

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



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