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HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$139,000 MENTORING GRANT FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MCALLEN

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) announced that the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen has been awarded \$139,000 by the U.S. Department of Education for mentoring education. The funds will be used to provide one-on-one mentoring relationships to approximately 500 at-risk area youth. The money will also make it possible for college students from UT-Pan American and South Texas College to mentor youth.

Executive Director McAllen Boys & Girls Club.

The grant will directly affect the Club's Youth First Afterschool Alliance. Launched over a year ago, the collaborative effort is aimed at the development of area youth through outreach in the areas of health, academic success, gang prevention, and character building. Partners include the McAllen Independent School District, Sylvan Learning Center, and Quest Academy of Idea Public Schools.



"The McAllen Boys & Girls Club has impacted the lives of thousands of young men and women in our region. Their at-risk prevention curriculum is incredibly effective at taking kids off the streets and giving them the support they need to succeed," said Hinojosa. "This grant will help them reach even more at-risk youth who need individualized attention and access to the services these clubs offer."

Partner agencies provide learning and prevention services during after-school hours through the use of culturally relevant mentoring relationships that confront social barriers. The Youth First Afterschool Alliance has served more than 600 at-risk youth and teens by engaging students in positive activities and minimizing the negative effects of social factors in their lives. It has built up an impressive record of success reflected in improved test scores and credit recovery.

"Our alumni credit our mentors with changing or even saving their lives. As the youth development specialists in our region, we are thrilled to be awarded this grant that will afford us the opportunity to begin one-on-one mentoring for our at-risk youth. This program will allow us to impact the future of hundreds of students who need and deserve a role model in their lives," said Laura Reagan-Porras,

The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen has played an integral role in the community for 42 years, providing daily programs and services to more than 15,000 young people. It is part of a national network of more than 3,700 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving more than 4.4 million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances.

Earth Day



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement.

Since 1999, over 11,900 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with \$173 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 450,000 vests. The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the BVP Program.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 BVP application funding period.

Deadline: Applications for the FY 2008 cycle of BVP funds must be submitted via the online BVP system, **by 5:00 pm (Eastern Time), Wednesday, April 23, 2008.**

Please note that FY 2008 BVP funds may only be used toward the purchase of vests ordered on or after April 1, 2008. Each vest purchased with FY 2008 funds must meet National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standards on the date it was ordered. Beginning with FY 2008 funds, the use period for BVP funds will be two years.

To draw down FY 2008 BVP funds, vests must be received and the request for payment submitted to the BVP system by September 30, 2010. Each applicant should update their profile before filing an application for FY 2008 funds.

For more information on the program please visit the DOJ website at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>

IRS RELEASES DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2008 FORM 990, SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Internal Revenue Service is seeking public comments on the [draft instructions](#) to the 2008 Form 990, the annual return most tax-exempt organizations must use to report information about their operations. The instructions are for the redesigned Form 990 that organizations will file for their 2008 tax year (returns filed in 2009), which was released in final form in December 2007 (IRS news release [IR-2007-204](#)).

The IRS is seeking comments from the public on the 2008 Form 990 instructions, in an effort to make sure the final instructions address the needs of the tax-exempt community. The comment period is open until June 1, 2008. Included with the instructions are special *highlights* lists indicating certain items in the instructions on which the IRS would especially like to receive public comments. As with comments received on the draft Form 990, the IRS plans to post comments on the instructions on its Web site.

The draft 2008 Form 990 instructions are organized according to a consistent format. There is a general overview of the form or schedule explaining its purpose, an explanation of who must file that particular schedule, and then line-by-line instructions to aid in answering each question on the form or schedule.

The draft instructions also contain a number of new tools designed to make it easier for the organization to answer the questions and to promote more uniform reporting. These tools include a comprehensive glossary of terms; a sequencing list to help organizations determine the order in which to fill out parts of the form; a compensation table to help organizations determine how and where to report items of compensation; and many illustrative examples. These aids were developed in response to comments received last year in connection with the draft Form 990.

Comments on the instructions should be e-mailed to the IRS at Form990Revision@irs.gov. To facilitate posting on the IRS Web site, please e-mail comments in a text (not picture) format.

Comments may also be mailed to:

IRS
Draft 2008 Form 990 Instructions, SE:T:EO
1111 Constitution Ave., NW.
Washington, DC 20224

For more information, see:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=181089,00.html>

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES THE GROUNDBREAKING OF MERCADO DELTA

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) joined Delta residents and area leaders on Saturday, February 23, 2008 to celebrate the official groundbreaking of the federally-funded \$3.1 million Mercado Delta project. The event, hosted by the Delta Region Revitalization Corporation, marked the start of construction for this much-anticipated commercial development.

"This historic project reflects the hard work of so many community members and sends a powerful example of what we can accomplish when we work together to improve the future of our region," said Hinojosa. "It has been a long road but I'm thrilled that we are finally breaking ground on a visionary effort that will truly transform the Delta Region's economy and the lives of its residents. Once finished, the Mercado Delta will lead to a boom in development, more jobs, and increased overall opportunity so that this area can grow and prosper for years to come."

In 2003, a group was formally organized with the founding 13-member Delta Region Revitalization Project Governing Board to start developing creative and unique strategies to bring employment opportunities and economic development to the communities of Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, Monte Alto, and surrounding rural communities. With the support of a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, a strategic plan was written for the long-term development of this region.

One of the plan's strategies to increase economic and commercial activity in the Delta Region was to create an outdoor market, the Mercado Delta. When completed, the multi-purpose marketplace and capacity building center will serve as an area where local businesses and artisans can sell locally-produced and imported goods and products. The project envisions incentive programs for business owners, expansion of existing businesses and startups to support Mercado businesses, and will provide employment opportunities as well as opportunities to increase economic development. The anchor for showcasing local

produce will be a farmer's market which will have leased space available for several dozen vendors.

"The growth and economic successes we've had in South Texas have translated into record low unemployment figures, increased investment in our children's education, a surge in entrepreneurship, and an improvement to the overall quality for our residents," said Hinojosa. "The Mercado Delta is the next piece in this puzzle. It will contribute to the local economy, create jobs, and give small business owners an opportunity to succeed."

In addition to the market venue, a Micro-Enterprise Development Program created by UTPA's Office of Center Operations and Community Services (CoServe) will be offered free of charge. In addition to this training, free business development, homeownership education and money management counseling will be offered by the Southwest Community Investment Corporation (SCIC). Phase 1 of Mercado Delta will consist of an area of approximately 48,000 square feet and will have its entrance facing Yellowjacket Drive. The Mercado Delta is scheduled to open later in 2008.



Congressman Hinojosa and granddaughter Mia Quintanilla with board members from the Delta Region Revitalization Corporation.



Non-Profit Corner

HOW TO AVOID THE NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP GAP: REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

The coming leadership crunch in nonprofits has been in the news for some time. The retirement of the baby boom generation plus the explosive growth of nonprofits in recent years promise a disaster for nonprofits as they look for new leadership.

A recent study, *Ready to Lead? Next Generation Leaders Speak Out*, by the Casey Foundation, the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, and Idealist.org, probed this problem. The study asked more than 600 nonprofit workers of various ages what problems they find in nonprofit work as well as why they got into it, stuck with it, or contemplated leaving it.

As many as one-third of the workers surveyed said that they were interested in leading a nonprofit but most felt that they were not being mentored or groomed for such leadership.

In addition, 69% of the respondents felt underpaid while half of that group worried that they would not have the money to retire comfortably.

People who work in nonprofits generally do so because of the opportunity to do something worthwhile, but a worrying subset of young people may find ways of doing that good outside the conventional nonprofit sector.

Attracting and Keeping the Next Generation of Leaders

The report has some very specific suggestions. For current Executive Directors, it provides this advice:

- Replace outdated power structures. Younger generations do not appreciate traditional hierarchy and expect to be included in decision making.
- Help staff build strong external networks. Invite younger staff to attend meetings with funders and colleagues. Give them access to the board where they can staff board committees, attend and present at board meetings, and help find new board members. Send them to community meetings.
- Be a mentor. Serve as a talent scout for future leaders for your own organization and others.
- Be a good role model. Respondents in the study often said

their executive directors were poor models of leadership, sacrificing good work-life balance and courting burnout. Don't leave the impression that 80-hour work weeks are the only essential for leadership.

- Pay reasonable salaries and provide good benefits. Financial sacrifice should no longer be part of the nonprofit business model. Passion will not trump decent pay and reasonable work hours.
- Engage in succession planning. Periodically ask if you are still the right person for the job, and be proactive in attracting and retaining talented staff who might be eligible for future leadership.



- Become educated about generational differences and don't be judgmental about the priorities of younger staff. Boards of Directors are encouraged by the leadership study to consider these actions:

- Pay reasonable salaries and provide benefits to staff.
- Look beyond the Executive Director and

make sure that leadership is being developed deep in the organization. Support training and recruitment of diverse staff.

- Step out of your comfort zone by recruiting board members from other age groups and backgrounds.

Even funders are exhorted by the study to take actions such as:

- Be willing to fund leadership and training programs. Support succession planning, coaching, and other kinds of professional development.
- Have a conversation with grantees about these issues and be prepared to help with solutions.

Avoid behaviors that make things worse for nonprofits and their leaders. In the study, the challenge of accessing institutional capital was one of the causes of executive burnout. Plus, among next generation leaders, an aversion to fundraising was the primary reason people gave for not aspiring to nonprofit leadership roles.

Article by JoAnn Fritz at About.com

Website:

<http://nonprofit.about.com/od/nonprofitmanagement/a/leadershipgap.htm?nl=1>

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Arts Program Announces National Projects Fund

Deadline: Open/Rolling

As part of a new initiative to help strengthen the national performing arts sector, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Arts Program will support select national projects that strengthen the health of the dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theater fields. During a two-year pilot phase, the National Projects Fund will award a total of up to \$1 million in grants to support key national projects in the dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theater fields. Grants will range from \$60,000 to \$200,000 each, and cannot exceed 40 percent of a project's total cost. National projects engage a broad national constituency, occur once (or periodically) rather than annually, and have the potential to significantly impact a field. Types of projects eligible for support include national research, national public awareness activities, cross-discipline collaborations (including national meetings or conventions), and other national activities. Single nonprofit organizations and consortia are eligible to apply. Organizations receiving core support from DDCF are not eligible to request additional support from the National Projects Fund for single-discipline activities. Pilot programs that aspire to be a national model are not eligible to apply, nor are national dance, jazz, or theater commissions, productions, or tours. Arts Program staff will review Letters of Inquiry on a rolling basis. Visit the DDCF Web site for complete program guidelines.

Website: <http://www.ddcf.org/page.asp?pagelid=700>

Arts Writers Grant Program Announces New Application Process for Book Proposals

Deadline: 05/05/2008

The Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant is a three-year pilot program designed to support writers whose work addresses contemporary visual art through project-based grants issued directly to individual authors. The grant program is spearheaded by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts as part of its broader Arts Writing Initiative and is administered by Creative Capital. Beginning with the program's 2008 grant cycle, applicants for book projects will no longer be required to submit a letter of strong interest/intent to publish from an editor as part of their proposal. In place of this requirement, the program is implementing a new Letter of Inquiry phase for all book proposals, which will serve as a gateway to the formal grant-application process. The addition of the LOI phase and the elimination of the letter of strong interest/intent to publish will enable the Arts Writers Grant Program to process a higher volume of book proposals and to consider book projects at an earlier stage of their development. LOIs will only be accepted from writers who meet the program's general eligibility requirements and who have been writing professionally on the contemporary visual arts on a regular basis for at least three years; or have previously published a book with a reputable publisher; or have completed a Ph.D. dissertation. There is no LOI phase for writers seeking support in other categories (articles, short-form writing, and blogs/new and alternative media). Those writers may apply directly to the program during the general application phase. (For these projects, the online grant application form opens on August 4, 2008. Grant applications are due September 22, 2008.)

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

Dance/USA Announces Continued Funding for American Masterpieces: Dance - College Component

Deadline: 05/19/2008

Dance/USA has announced renewed funding for American Masterpieces: Dance - College Component through the support of the National Endowment for the Arts. The AMDCC brings classic American dances of the past century to college students and audiences in communities across the United States. The NEA and Dance/USA welcome projects that embrace choreography from all forms and styles representing the cultural richness of the U.S. and its many dance traditions. Awards are available to reconstruct or restage works by master American choreographers of the twentieth century. These works will increase students' access to and understanding of dance heritage and the role played by artists such as George Balanchine, Bob Fosse, Martha Graham, Susan Marshall, Meredith Monk, Jerome Robbins, and other artists. For all projects, public involvement within and/or beyond the academic community is critical. At each site, performances, panel discussions, lectures, school showings, open rehearsals, film or video showings, symposia or other activities should allow general audiences access to the history of the dance work and the process of creating choreography. Other organizations may collaborate, including musical ensembles, dance companies, community-based dance organizations, presenting institutions, or elementary and high schools. It is permissible for several colleges to collaborate on one project.

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Maximum Grant Award: \$10,000

Website: http://www.danceusa.org/programs_publications/American_Masterpieces.htm

Creativity and Aging in America

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 05/23/2008

Creativity and Aging in America is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to actively engage older Americans in quality arts programs. Through this initiative, the Arts Endowment will support exemplary projects in the disciplines of literature and music. Projects must be conducted by professional artists and engage older adults as students, artists, and/or teachers. For the purposes of these guidelines, older adults are age 65 and above. Creativity and Aging in America will focus on the disciplines of literature and music. Activities may take place in a variety of settings such as senior centers, community centers, retirement centers, museums, literary centers, performing arts centers, libraries, schools, and healthcare facilities. Projects must be planned in cooperation with the target population including local organizations that address aging-related issues.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

Number of Awards: 15

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.

Contact: Katie Lyles, Phone: 202-682-5733, Email: lylesk@arts.gov

Website: www.nea.gov

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 06/02/2008

The Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted here also must be present. This category, as an essential component of the Arts Endowment's goal of providing wide access to artistic excellence, supports local projects that can have significant effects within communities. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

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: Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5700, Email: fasttrack@arts.gov

Website: www.nea.gov

History Channel Announces Guidelines for Save Our History Grant Program

Deadline: 06/06/2008

An initiative of the History Channel, the Save Our History Program invites history organizations to partner with a local school or youth group and apply for funding to help preserve the history of their communities. Each year, the History Channel awards grants to organizations across the country that partner with schools or youth groups on community-preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting, and preserving local history.

Maximum Grant Award: \$10,000

Eligible applicants: nonprofit 501(c)(3) history organizations such as museums, historical societies, preservation organizations, historic sites, libraries, archives, or other history organizations that are located in one of the fifty states or the District of Columbia. Other eligible applicants include local government agencies such as parks and recreation commissions, historic commissions, departments of local history, or other local government agencies that own and/or operate a historic site or property. Eligible applicants must partner with a local elementary, middle, or high school, or an organization that provides educational programming for children of similar ages. Applicants may partner with multiple schools or educational organizations.

Website: http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=Minisite_Generic&content_type_id=51650&display_order=3&mini_id=51103

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Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 06/09/2008

The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to providing leadership in arts education by inspiring all young Americans through rich arts experiences. A high quality education in the arts opens a critical gateway to a lifetime of appreciation and engagement. For two reasons, learning in the arts is an indispensable part of American education: 1) children celebrate and participate in their cultural inheritance, and 2) academic and social maturity follow directly from arts education experiences. The Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Funded projects apply national or state arts education standards. All projects submitted to the Learning in the Arts category must include: 1) Experience: Students and their teachers will have the chance to experience exemplary works of art -- in live form where possible, 2) Study: Through the guidance of teachers, teaching artists, and cultural organizations, students will study works of art in order to understand the cultural and social context from which they come, and to appreciate the technical and/or aesthetic qualities of each work. Where appropriate, study will include the acquisition of skills relevant to practicing the art form 3) Performance: Informed by their experience and study, students will create artwork. In the case of literature, the primary creative activities will be writing and/or recitation 4) Assessment: Students will be assessed according to national or state arts education standards. Where appropriate, projects will employ multiple forms of assessment including pre- and post-testing.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

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.

Website: www.nea.gov

Small Grants to Libraries: Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project-Library Outreach Programs

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 07/11/08

The Small Grants to Libraries program brings humanities public programming to libraries across the country. "Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project" is a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association (ALA), and Spark Media, a Washington, D.C.-based production and outreach company. The library programs associated with "Soul of a People" are funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to the American Library Association. "Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project" has been designated as part of the NEH's "We the People" program, exploring significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and advancing knowledge of the principles that define America. "Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project" will give public audiences the opportunity to participate in library-sponsored humanities programs that explore the Works Progress Administration (WPA) Writers' Project through the American Guide series of state and regional travel guides, regional cultural studies, oral history interviews, films, and photographs. "Soul of a People" will also showcase works of important authors of the twentieth century who got their start in the Writers' Project.

Maximum Grant Size: \$2,500

Eligible Applicants: Applications are invited from public, academic, and special libraries with IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

Contact: Division of Public Programs, Phone: 202-606-8269, Email: publicpgms@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

ASCAP Foundation Announces New Grant Guidelines

Deadline: 08/01/2008

The ASCAP Foundation is a publicly supported charitable organization dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. As part of this mission, the foundation annually provides grants to nonprofit organizations engaged in educational programs for aspiring songwriters and composers. The foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from U.S.-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that are consistent with the mission and objectives of the ASCAP Foundation and that support music education programs for aspiring songwriters and composers. The foundation's average grant is between \$3,000 and \$5,000, and is made on an annual one-time basis. The foundation does not consider requests for general operating or administrative support or annual giving campaigns, capital purposes, endowments, deficit operations, recordings, marketing efforts or performance and production funding. The foundation does not purchase advertisements, sponsor events, or donate equipment. Full grant applications are by invitation only. Those interested in applying for a grant must first submit a Letter of Inquiry Form by August 1, 2008. Applicants will hear within one month of receipt of their Letter of Inquiry whether their organization will be invited to submit a full grant application. Letters of Inquiry should be submitted to the ASCAP Foundation as early as possible. Full

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grant applications for 2009 funding must be received by October 1, 2008.

Website: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grants.html>

Folk & Traditional Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence - Priority #2: Heritage, Preservation, and Services to the Field

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 08/11/2008

Access to Artistic Excellence encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. While projects in this category may focus on just one of these areas, the Arts Endowment recognizes that many of the most effective projects encompass both artistic excellence and enhanced access. Support is available to organizations for projects that do one or more of the following: 1) Provide opportunities for artists to create, refine, perform, and exhibit their work, 2) Present artistic works of all cultures and periods, 3) Preserve significant works of art and cultural traditions, 4) Enable arts organizations and artists to expand and diversify their audiences, 5) Provide opportunities for individuals to experience and participate in a wide range of art forms and activities, 6) Enhance the effectiveness of arts organizations and artists, 7) Employ the arts in strengthening communities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$150,000

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: Folk & Traditional Arts Specialist, Phone: 202-682-5678, Email: mansfieldw@arts.gov.

Website: www.nea.gov

A Room Of Her Own Foundation Invites Applications for Literary Gift of Freedom Award

Deadline: 10/31/2008

A Room Of Her Own Foundation is dedicated to helping women artists achieve the privacy and financial support necessary to pursue their art. Toward this end, the foundation annually provides an award of \$50,000 to a woman writer. The foundation's 2009 Literary Gift of Freedom Award will be given to an American woman writer who is a U.S. citizen and will be living in the U.S. during the grant period. Acceptable genres for this grant are poetry, playwriting, creative nonfiction, and fiction. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program guidelines. (Please note: The program requires an application fee.)

Website: http://www.aroomofherown.org/giftfreedom_application.php

COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Rural Community Development Initiative

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 05/05/2008

This Notice announces the availability of \$6,255,900 of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area herein referred to as the Agency. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Eligible Applicants: Qualified private, nonprofit including faith-based and community organizations in accordance with 7 CFR part 16, and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations.

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

Projects With Industry Program

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Deadline: 05/27/2008

The PWI program creates and expands job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the competitive labor market by engaging the talent and leadership of private industry as partners in the rehabilitation process. Projects identify competitive job and career opportunities and the skills needed to perform those jobs, create practical settings for job readiness and training programs, and provide training, job placements, and career advancement

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services.

Maximum Grant Size: \$350,000

Number of Awards: 63

Eligible Applicants: Employers, nonprofit agencies or organizations, designated State units, labor unions, community rehabilitation program providers, trade associations, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and other agencies or organizations, including faith-based and community organizations, with the capacity to create and expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Contact: Kerrie Clark, Phone: 202-245-7281, Email: kerrie.clark@ed.gov

Website: www.ed.gov

Susan Harwood Training Grant Program

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Deadline: 05/23/2008

The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awards funds to nonprofit organizations to provide training and educational programs for employers and employees about safety and health topics selected by OSHA. Nonprofit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, that are not an agency of a State or local government are eligible to apply. Additionally, State or local government-supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply in accordance with 29 CFR part 95. The Susan Harwood Training Grant Program provides funds for programs to train employees and employers to recognize, avoid, and prevent safety and health hazards in their workplaces.

Maximum Grant Size: \$175,000

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, that are not an agency of a State or local government are eligible to apply. Additionally, State or local government supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply in accordance with 29 CFR part 95. Eligible organizations can apply independently for funding or in partnership with other eligible organizations, but in such a case, a lead organization must be identified. Sub-grants are not authorized. Subcontracts, if any, must be awarded in accordance with 29 CFR 95.40-48, including OMB circulars requiring free and open competition for procurement transactions.

Contact: Cynthia Bencheck, Phone: 847-297-4810, Email: bencheck.cindy@dol.gov

Website: www.dol.gov

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Scholastic Lexus Environmental Challenge

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Scholastic Lexus Environmental Challenge program is designed to educate and empower students to take action to improve the environment. The program encourages middle and high school students to develop and implement environmental programs that positively impact their communities. Middle and high school teams comprised of 5 to 10 students and one teacher advisor are invited to participate in four initial challenges, each addressing a different environmental element -- land, water, air, and climate.

Maximum Award: \$75,000.

Eligibility: students in grades 6-12 and their teachers.

Website: <http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/>

Dollar General Accepting Applications for Youth Literacy Grant Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants program provides funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help with the implementation or expansion of literacy programs for new readers, below grade-level readers, and readers with learning disabilities. Organizations requesting funds must provide direct services to one of the groups of readers defined above, and instruction must be designed to meet the varying learning preferences and needs of the defined target population. Applicants must be located in Dollar General's 35-state operating territory and must be within 20 miles of the nearest Dollar General Store. (A store locator is available at the Dollar General Web site.)

Website: <http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx?Category=Community&SubCategory=Grant%20Programs#YouthLiteracy>

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Lego Systems Establishes Lego Children's Fund to Support Youth Creativity Programs

Deadline: Quarterly

Lego Systems Inc., the Americas (North America and Latin America) division of the Lego Group, a privately-held, family-owned firm based in Billund, Denmark, has announced the formation of the Lego Children's Fund, a nonprofit foundation established to support organizations and programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity, thereby improving their quality of life and preparing them for the future. The Lego Children's Fund was incorporated with an initial corporate contribution of \$1.2 million dollars. The fund will make cash grants to nonprofit organizations in the United States with programs dedicated to a child's exploration of creativity that cater to children ages birth to 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth. The fund's cash grants will generally range between \$500 and \$5,000 each. Additionally, the fund aims to make one \$100,000 grant per year to a single organization identified and selected by the fund's board of directors. The fund will provide grants quarterly. Applicants are invited to submit proposals any time throughout the year; however, to ensure that a request is considered for a particular trustee meeting, proposals must be received by the following dates: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Eligible Applicants: The fund will award grants to qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations including educational organizations with specific, identifiable needs primarily in these areas of support: early childhood education and development; technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities; and sport or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth.

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

National Geographic Society Offers Young Explorer Grants

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The National Geographic Society's Young Explorers Grants offer opportunities to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 to pursue research, exploration, and conservation-related projects consistent with National Geographic's existing grant programs, including the Committee for Research and Exploration, the Expeditions Council, and the Conservation Trust. The Young Explorers Grants Program supports a variety of projects and an age-range of applicants generally not covered by other sources of funding. Applicants are not required to have advanced degrees. However, a record of prior experience in the fields of research, conservation, or exploration should be submitted as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to citizens of the United States, and foreign nationals are invited to apply. Researchers planning work in countries abroad should make great effort to include at least one local collaborator as part of their team. Young Explorers Grants vary in amount depending on the significance of the project, though most will range between \$2,000 and \$5,000 each. Because National Geographic Society funds often serve as complementary support, the program encourages applicants to seek additional funding from other sources.

Website: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/yeg/apply-for-grant.html>

AEP Funding for Education & Human Services

Deadlines: Open/Rolling

The American Electric Power (AEP) Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in communities in AEP's service territory. Funding is provided in such areas as education (preference is given to grades Pre-K-12 in the fields of math, science, and technology); and human services (hunger, housing, health and safety).

Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations in Texas, this includes Corpus Christi, Laredo, Victoria, McAllen, Abilene, San Angelo and Longview.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving> <<http://www.aep.com/go/corpgiving>>

Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal K-12 Education

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

Deadline: 04/30/2008

The NOAA Office of Education (OED) is issuing a request for applications for environmental literacy projects in support of K-12 education. Funded projects will be between one and five years in duration and will promote changes in K-12 education to expand the amount of Earth System Science taught in the classroom and improve student learning of that subject. Successful projects will catalyze change in K-12 education through development of new programs and materials and/or revision of existing programs and materials by supporting transformative methods: Those practices (which are not necessarily new) that are likely to increase the environmental literacy of K-12 teachers and their students by increasing the amount of Earth System Science taught in

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grades K-12. This federal funding opportunity meets NOAA's Mission Goal to understand climate variability and change to enhance society's ability to plan and respond.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Grants: 5-7

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments in the United States. Among those eligible applicants are K through 12 public and independent schools and school systems, and science centers and museums.

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Website: www.noaa.gov

LIVESTRONG at School

Deadline: 05/01/2008

The Lance Armstrong Foundation is challenging educators to get students involved in the fight against cancer. Participating classes will have the opportunity to win a visit from champion cyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. Through LIVESTRONG at School, the foundation offers free online lessons to teach K-12 students about cancer in an age-appropriate and empowering way. To enter the LIVESTRONG at School contest, educators must complete a lesson from the LIVESTRONG at School curriculum and answer the question with their students, "What does LIVESTRONG mean to you?" Maximum Award: visit from Lance Armstrong. Eligibility: classes in schools K-12.

Website: <http://www.livestrong.org/school>

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education: Comprehensive Program

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Deadline: 05/05/2008

The Comprehensive Program supports innovative grants and cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education. It supports reforms, innovations, and significant improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance and serve as national models. Under this priority we are particularly interested in projects that have demonstrated promising results in earlier evaluations and that will yield greater impact on a larger scale, using more rigorous evaluation methodologies (at least quasi-experimental). It is expected that the educational activities and interventions that are the subject of proposals will have demonstrated successful outcomes, but not necessarily with methods that meet the rigor of an experimental or quasi-experimental design. Less rigorous methodologies, such as pre- and post-tests and descriptive or attitudinal studies, were appropriate for use in generating the hypotheses that will now be tested on a larger scale, using more rigorous methodologies and reducing or eliminating biases that are common in smaller, anecdotal studies. Under this priority we are particularly interested in projects that are designed to establish, improve, or expand Professional Science Master's degree programs, which combine traditional academic training with specialized knowledge and skills needed for work in science and technology research, product development, manufacturing, or related areas.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Number of Grants: 5-7

Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education, other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies, and combinations of these institutions and agencies.

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Website: www.ed.gov

Library of Congress' Teaching With Primary Sources Program Accepting Proposals

Deadline: 05/30/2008

The Library of Congress' educational outreach program, Teaching with Primary Sources, is expanding across the United States. The mission of the Teaching with Primary Sources program is to build a consortium that fosters collaborations between the Library of Congress and the educational community to increase instructional use of Library of Congress digital primary sources within K-12 classrooms. The program contributes to the quality of education by deepening content understanding and improving student literacy in America's schools. The Eastern Regional Teaching with Primary Sources Program is currently accepting proposals for the integration of primary sources in K-12 education, existing pre-service and graduate-level education curriculum, and teacher professional development programs. Additionally, cultural institutions and other community organizations may be partners within these programs. The Eastern Regional TPS Program serves twelve states, from Maine southward to Maryland and West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Proposals

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from \$5,000 to \$15,000 each will be considered and are accepted on a rolling basis. Preference will be given to proposals that have the most potential for being integrated into K-12 classrooms for the long term.

Website: <http://tps.waynesburg.edu/eregion/introduction.html>

Target Stores Accepting Applications for Local Store Grants Program

Deadline: 05/31/2008

Target Corporation's Local Store Grants provide funding support to "Target" communities in the areas of arts, reading programs, and family violence prevention. To be eligible, organizations must be located in communities where Target does business. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, libraries, or public agencies for nonprofit programs that impact arts, early childhood reading, or family violence prevention. Arts grants are awarded to programs that bring the arts to schools or make the arts accessible to children and families. Early childhood reading grants support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age nine, to read together with their families. Family violence prevention grants support programs that strengthen families and communities by keeping them safe. Support will be awarded for projects or programs. The average grant amount is between \$1,000 and \$3,000. For communities offering unique opportunities outside the scope of the program's focus areas, Target provides each store limited funds for Target GiftCard donations. GiftCard donations are available March through December, as funding permits.

Website: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-004090>

Staples Foundation for Learning Offers Support for Education and Job Skills Programs

Deadline: 06/16/2008

The mission of the Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc. is "to teach, train, and inspire." The foundation contributes funds to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant organizations must have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and align with the Staples Foundation for Learning's mission and focus on job skills and education. The requested amount of each grant can be up to \$25,000. Most grants awarded by the foundation are in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 range. Grant decisions will be made three times a year. The proposal deadlines currently scheduled are September 2008 Decision — proposals must be submitted between June 2 and June 16, 2008. Organizations are eligible to apply for a grant once every twelve months.

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

Grants for Math and Science

Deadline: 08/01/2008

The Toshiba America Foundation makes grants for projects in math and science designed by classroom teachers to improve instruction for students in grades K-12. Maximum Award: \$10,000. Eligibility: Grades K-12. Deadline: Decisions about grants under \$5,000 (K-6: \$1,000) are made on a rolling basis and applications are accepted throughout the year.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

Books Across America

Deadline: 11/07/2008

The National Education Association's Books Across America Library Books Awards Program enables public school libraries serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books. Maximum Award: \$1,000. Eligibility: Practicing pre-kindergarten through grade 12 school librarians, teachers, or education support professionals in a U.S. public school in which at least 70 percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

Website: http://www.neafoundation.org/grants/NEA-Grants_bro-web.pdf

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National Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Digital Library

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 5/27/2008 Letter of intent, 6/27/2008 Final applications

This program aims to establish a national network of learning environments and resources for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels. The program has four tracks: Pathways projects are expected to provide stewardship for the content and services needed by major communities of learners. Services projects are expected to develop services that support users and resource collection providers that enhance the impact, efficiency, and value of the NSDL network. Targeted Research projects are expected to explore specific topics that have immediate applicability to collec-

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tions, services, and other aspects of the development of the NSDL network. The NSDL Resource Center will provide collaboration assistance across all projects; undertake strategic partnership development on behalf of projects particularly with respect to non-academic entities; coordinate and, in some cases, perform thematic research and evaluation studies related to the program; synthesize findings across the portfolio; and disseminate findings of the accomplishments of the NSDL program. In FY2008, within the first three tracks the program will accept proposals for large grants in 1) the Pathways track, 2) a new sub-track: Pathways - Stage II, and 3) specific sub-tracks of Services - including a single Technical network services project to provide technical infrastructure support across the NSDL network. In all tracks, except for the NSDL Resource Center, the program will also accept proposals for small grants that extend or enhance results from existing services, collections, or targeted research activity so as to enlarge the user audience for the NSDL network or improve capabilities for the user.

Total Funding Available: \$12,250,000

Number of Awards: 20-31

Website: www.nsf.gov

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment in Adult Criminal Justice Populations

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Deadline: 05/02/2008

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 Adult Criminal Justice Treatment grants. This program is designed to address gaps in substance abuse treatment services for adult individuals involved with the criminal justice system by supporting rapid and strategic responses to demands for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment services in communities with serious, emerging drug problems as well as communities with innovative solutions to unmet needs. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance the community's ability to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and community-based response to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services for adult individuals in the community who are involved with the criminal justice system.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Number of Awards: 7

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example, State and local governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges; and community- and faith-based organizations may apply.

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces New Round of Active Living Research Grant Program

Deadline: 05/14/2008

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The current Call for Proposals is the first to reflect the Active Living Research program's new focus on supporting research that informs policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents (ages 3 to 18), decreasing their sedentary behaviors, and preventing obesity. The foundation will place special emphasis on strategies with the potential to reach racial/ethnic populations and children living in low-income communities who are at highest risk for obesity. Proposed studies must address one of the following topics: evaluations of policy or environmental interventions and strategies for increasing physical activity and/or reducing sedentary behaviors among youth; studies of the interactive effects of built environment and social/cultural factors on youth physical activity and/or sedentary behaviors in populations at high risk for obesity; studies of the economic determinants and/or impacts of environments and policies that affect youth physical activity and/or sedentary behaviors; and analyses of macro-level policies and environmental-change strategies with the potential to increase physical activity and/or reduce sedentary behaviors among youth. Approximately \$3.3 million will be awarded for research grants exploring the four topics, as well as dissertation grants. Research grants will range from \$50,000 to \$400,000 each, for projects ranging from twelve to thirty-six months. Dissertation

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awards will provide up to \$25,000 each. Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20221>

Development of Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Deadline: 05/29/2008

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 grants for the Development of Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless. The purpose of this program is to expand and strengthen treatment services for persons who are homeless (including those who are chronically homeless), who also have substance use disorders, mental disorders, or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. To address the broad needs of this population, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment seeks to increase the number of homeless persons placed in stable housing and who receive treatment services for alcohol, substance use, and co-occurring disorders. SAMHSA/CSAT is targeting \$4.5 million per year within the Treatment for Homeless Program for services in supportive housing.

Maximum Grant Size: \$400,000

Number of Grants: 25

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example, local governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges; and community- and faith-based organizations may apply.

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Website: www.samhsa.gov

Weinberg Foundation Announces Grant Program to Support Family Caregivers

Deadline: 06/12/2008

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation has announced an innovative new program to provide \$9 million in grants to assist caregivers across the United States. The Family and Informal Caregiver Funding Program was developed by the Weinberg Foundation to provide the critical resources necessary to support caregivers in innovative ways and facilitate partnerships among agencies and organizations. The primary goal of the program is to increase support for family and informal caregivers who assist older adults living in the community. Eligible grant recipients include nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations; faith- and other community-based organizations; tribal organizations; and units of local government nationwide. The grant program will support from twelve to twenty community-based projects with grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000 each (for a total of \$300,000 to \$900,000 for each grant recipient from March 2009 through February 2012).

Contact: Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Phone: (410) 654-8500, Email: CaregivingRFP@theweinbergfoundation.org

Website: <http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org/subPages/grantmaking/rfp.htm>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Accepting Proposals for Local Funding Partnerships

Deadline: 07/08/2008

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program is designed to forge relationships between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. Projects must be new, innovative, collaborative, and community-based. Significant program expansions — into new regions or to new populations — may also be considered. Please note that this program does not fund existing projects. Projects must be nominated by a local grantmaker interested in participating as one of the funding partners. Local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period. These funders may include independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies.

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Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project. In-kind services may not be used to match foundation funds. Applicants may be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Private foundations as defined under Section 509(a) are not eligible to apply. Up to \$6 million in total funding is available for the 2009 grant cycle. Up to 14 matching grants of between \$200,000 and \$500,000 each per project will be awarded.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20203>

Targeted Approaches to Weight Control for Young Adults

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

Deadline: 9/10/2008 Letter of intent, 10/10/2008 Final applications

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health, solicits cooperative agreement (U01) applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to conduct two-phase clinical research studies to develop, refine, and test innovative behavioral and/or environmental approaches for weight control in young adults at high risk for weight gain. Weight control interventions can address weight loss, prevention of weight gain, or prevention of excessive weight gain during pregnancy. The first phase will consist of formative research to refine the proposed intervention, recruitment, retention, and adherence strategies tailored to young adults. The second phase will consist of a randomized controlled trial to test the efficacy of the intervention. For the purpose of this FOA, young adults are defined as 18-35 years of age.

Maximum Grant Size: \$650,000

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, 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), For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Regional Organizations

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Website: www.nih.gov

Healthy Sprouts Awards to Support Awareness of Nutrition and Hunger

Deadline: 10/15/2008

As a way to encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, the National Gardening Association recognizes outstanding programs via the Healthy Sprouts Awards. Sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company, the awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible for the 2008 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2009 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. In this year's program, twenty schools or organizations will each be selected to receive gift certificates toward the purchase of gardening materials from Gardener's Supply Company (the top five will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; fifteen more will each receive a \$200 gift certificate); NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, containing a series of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons; twenty-five packets of seeds; a literature package from NGA; and NGA Supporter benefits for one year.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

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HOUSING

Section 514, 515, and 516 Multi-Family Housing Revitalization Demonstration Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 05/12/2008

USDA Rural Development which administers the programs of the Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the availability of funds and the timeframe to submit applications to participate in a demonstration program to preserve and revitalize existing rural rental housing projects financed by Rural Development under Section 515, Section 514, and Section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended. The intended effect is to restructure selected existing Section 515 multi-family housing loans and Section 514 and 516 off-farm labor housing loans and grants expressly for the purpose of ensuring that sufficient resources are available to preserve the rental project for the purpose of providing safe and affordable housing for very low-, low-, or moderate-income residents. Expectations are that properties participating in this program will be revitalized and the affordable use extended without displacing tenants because of increased rents. No additional Rural Development rental assistance units will be made available under this program.

Eligible Applicants: Multi-family housing projects.

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Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 05/12/2008

This NOFA announces the timeframe to submit pre-applications for section 514 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans and section 516 FLH grants for the construction of new off-farm FLH units and related facilities for domestic farm laborers. The intended purpose of these loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. Applications may also include requests for section 521 rental assistance (RA) and operating assistance for migrant units. This document describes the method used to distribute funds, the application process, and submission requirements. The FLH program is authorized by the Housing Act of 1949 as amended: section 514 (42 U.S.C. 1484) for loans and section 516 (42 U.S.C. 1486) for grants. Tenant subsidies (RA) are available through section 521 (42 U.S.C. 1490a). Sections 514 and 516 provide Rural Development the authority to make loans and grants for financing off-farm housing to broad-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations of farmworkers, federally recognized Indian tribes and agencies or political subdivisions of State or local government. In addition, loans may be made to limited partnerships in which the general partner is a nonprofit entity.

Eligible Applicant: To be eligible to receive a section 516 grant for off-farm FLH, the applicant must be a broad-based nonprofit organization, a broad-based organization, a nonprofit organization of farm workers, a federally recognized Indian tribe, an agency or political subdivision of a State or local government, or a public agency (such as a housing authority).

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Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program for New Construction

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 05/12/2008

This NOFA announces the timeframe to submit applications for Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) loan funds, including applications for the nonprofit set-aside for eligible nonprofit entities, the set-aside for the most Underserved Counties and Colonias (Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act), and the set-aside for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs) and Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) zones, and a designated reserve for states with rental assistance programs. This document describes the methodology that will be used to distribute funds, the application process, submission requirements, and areas of special emphasis or consideration.

Eligible Applicants: non-profits

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HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

Deadline: 06/20/2008

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On March 10, 2008, HUD published its Notice of Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Opportunity to Register Early and Other Important Information for Electronic Application Submission via Grants.gov. Today's publication is governed by the information and instructions found in the Notice of HUD's Fiscal Year 2008 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Policy Requirements and General Section (General Section) to the SuperNOFA that HUD published on March 19, 2008 and the March 10, 2008 Notice of FY 2008 Opportunity to Register Early and Other Important Information for Electronic Application Submission Via Grants.gov, unless otherwise noted in this HOPE VI Revitalization NOFA.

Maximum Grant Size: \$20,000,000

Number of Awards: 4-5

Eligible Applicants: Only PHAs that have severely distressed housing in their inventory and that are otherwise in conformance with the threshold requirements provided in Section III.C. of this NOFA are eligible to apply.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Enhancing Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Deadline: 04/28/2008

The statutory authority for this program is 42 U.S.C. § 10603 (c)(1)(A). The overall goal of this program is to raise the awareness of traditionally underserved populations about victims' rights as well as improve their knowledge regarding how to access local services available to crime victims. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will support the planning and development of victimization-focused public awareness campaigns targeted at underserved and socially isolated populations, including, but not limited to, victims who are immigrants with limited English proficiency, are American Indian, have disabilities, are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing, or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) populations. Successful applicants will establish an advisory group and collaborative partnerships with other local service providers, businesses, community-based organizations, faith-based service providers, media, and individuals within the target population to be served to inform and participate in the development of a well-researched, culturally and linguistically appropriate, victimization-focused public awareness campaign.

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Number of Awards: 5

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, or public agencies that can demonstrate: 1) knowledge and understanding of the victimization issue or victimization-related issue to be highlighted in the public awareness campaign; 2) experience in the provision of victim services and advocacy; and 3) staff resources and capability to carry out all activities required by the funded project.

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PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

Deadline: 05/01/2008

The CO-OP grant helps to introduce under-served populations to the services, programs, and sites of Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This is not a land acquisition or construction grant; this is only for programs. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other tax-exempt groups. Minimum grant requests are \$5,000 and maximum grant requests are \$30,000 (grant ceiling may increase contingent upon funding increase to the CO-OP grant program). Award notifications are distributed about 3 months after deadline.

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

Conservation Fund Accepting Applications for Kodak American Greenways Awards Program

Deadline: 06/15/2008

The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program, a partnership project of the Eastman Kodak Company, the Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America. Grants may be used for activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying, conferences, and design activities; developing brochures, interpretative displays, audio-

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visual productions, or public opinion surveys; and hiring consultants, incorporating land trusts, building infrastructure (e.g., a foot bridge or bike path), or other creative projects. In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal, and other costs. Grant recipients are selected according to criteria that include the importance of the project to local greenway development efforts; demonstrated community support for the project; extent to which the grant will result in matching funds or other support from public or private sources; the likelihood of tangible results; and capacity of the organization to complete the project. Awards will primarily go to local, regional, or statewide nonprofit organizations. Although public agencies may also apply, community organizations will receive preference.

Website: <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/245>

Outdoor Recreation Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

Deadline: 07/31/2008

This program provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with a population less than 500,000 to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas. There will be two funding cycles per year with a maximum award of \$500,000. Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, MUDs, river authorities, and other special districts. Projects must be completed within three years of approval. Application deadline for special call for proposals is April 1st, 2008 in addition to the regularly scheduled July 31st, 2008 deadline (master plan submission deadlines are 60 days in advance of application deadlines). Award notifications occur 6 months after deadlines. For complete information on this land acquisition/park construction grant, please download the Outdoor Recreation Grant Application.

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

Indoor Recreation Facility Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

Deadline: 07/31/2008

This program provides 50% matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with a population less than 500,000 to construct recreation centers, community centers, nature centers and other facilities (buildings). The grant maximum will increase to \$750,000 per application. The application deadline will be July 31st each year (with master plan submission deadline 60 days prior to application deadline). Award notifications occur the following January. For more information on this land acquisition/facility construction grant, please download the Indoor Facility Recreation Grant Application.

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

Small Community Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

Deadline: 01/31/2009

This grant program was created to meet the recreation needs of small Texas communities with a population of 20,000 and under. The grant provides 50% matching grant funds to eligible municipalities and counties. The maximum award will be \$75,000. Funds must be employed for development or beautification of parkland. Eligible projects include ball fields, boating, fishing, and hunting facilities, picnic facilities, playgrounds, swimming pools, trails, camping facilities, beautification, restoration, gardens, sports courts and support facilities. The deadline for this program is January 31st each year.

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

SPORTS

Grant Money Available for Girls' Sports Programs

Deadline: 05/09/2008

The Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! National Grant Program will award grants to organizations seeking to add new or expand participation opportunities for underserved populations of girls between the ages of 8 and 13. The goal of the GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is to maximize the use of sport/physical activity as an educational intervention and social asset in order to enhance the wellness of girls as they navigate between childhood and early womanhood. The program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery of educational information by qualified adults aimed at reducing risk behaviors that threaten the health and social advance-

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ment of girls. Organizations, agencies, and schools that agree to implement the GoGirlGo! educational curriculum become eligible to apply for a GoGirlGo! Grant. Any girl-serving organization (Boys & Girls Clubs, nonprofit organizations, park programs, recreation centers, schools, YWCAs, etc.) may apply for a grant. Organizations selected to receive a GoGirlGo! grant must deliver a minimum eight-week sports/physical activity program for girls (ages 8 to 13) and implement the GoGirlGo! curriculum. Programs that serve girls in metro Atlanta, Georgia (Clayton, Cobb, Cherokee, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties), metro Boston, metro Chicago (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties), and San Antonio, Texas (Bexar County) are not eligible to apply. In 2008, \$430,000 in grants will be available. In 2007, the average grant awarded was \$5,700. Funds may be used for athletic equipment, supplies, facility rental, league/tournament fees, travel, coaching, scholarships, and/or program administration expenses.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=40>

Saucony Run For Good Foundation Offers Funding for Children's Running Programs

Deadline: 06/13/2008

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation, established to help end childhood obesity by providing financial support to nonprofits across the United States that support children's running and fitness programs, is accepting applications for its grant program. Saucony, Inc., a subsidiary of the Stride Rite Corporation, is a global supplier of performance athletic footwear and apparel. The grants are open to nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. Eligible applicants are programs whose participants are 18 years of age or less, have 501(c)(3) status, and can demonstrate their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running. The foundation has two grant cycles per year, with up to seven awards granted each cycle. Grants are in amounts up to a maximum of \$10,000 each. Visit the Saucony Run For Good Foundation Web site for complete program information and details on previous grants.

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

Women's Sports Foundation Seeks Applicants for Ambassador Team Awards

Deadline: 07/18/2008

The Women's Sports Foundation's Ambassador Team Awards program will provide a total of \$50,000 in grants to teams of female high school students that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activity. Teams will create their own projects designed to get girls in their local community to be physically active. To be eligible, teams must be school, amateur, community, and/or nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are all of the following: female; enrolled in 9th-12th grade; and residents of the United States, its territories, or protectorates. Twenty teams will be awarded \$2,500 each. Team awards are to be used for equipment, apparel, travel, or training costs for the team. Prizes will be made payable to the school, nonprofit institution, or 501(c)(3) organization.

Website: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/results.html>

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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Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

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

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

Website: http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp

Nike Accepting Applications for Bowerman Track Renovation Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

A philanthropic initiative of Nike Inc., the Bowerman Track Renovation Program provides matching cash grants to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks. Administered by Nike's Community's Affair department, this ten-year, \$2 million program provides matching funds of up to \$50,000 to youth-oriented nonprofit organizations anywhere in the world. The program distributes approximately \$200,000 in matching grants each year. Organizations applying for the grant must demonstrate a need for running track refurbishment or construction. Grant recipients will provide track access to neighboring communities. Bowerman Track Renovation Program funds must be matched in some amount by other contributors by an agreed-upon deadline. Recipients of a Bowerman Track Renovation grant are encouraged, but not required, to use Nike Grind technology to resurface their track. Nike Grind material is made of recycled athletic shoes sliced and ground into rubber granules, providing a superior, environmentally conscious all-weather track surface.

Eligible Applicants: .S. applicants should be exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and be defined as a public charity or a unit of government. Athletic booster clubs, schools, and school districts are considered public charities and are eligible to apply. Applicants outside the United States should be charitable in purpose and nongovernmental organizations. To be eligible, applicants must employ at least one full-time staff person and maintain a viable track program serving boys and girls, ages 14-18.

Website: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=bowerman>



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