



United States Representative  
**Rubén Hinojosa**

The 15th District of Texas



## Grants Alert

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# Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

*Best wishes to you and your families. May you have a prosperous new year!*

*Sincerely,  
 Rubén Hinojosa*



## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR WESLACO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the Weslaco Fire Department has been awarded \$1,035,000 to hire 10 new firefighters and enhance its ability to respond to fire and fire related-hazards.



“Firefighters are a key component of our nation’s first line of defense and overall preparedness,” said Hinojosa. “This influx of manpower will greatly enhance Weslaco’s ability to respond to any unforeseen disaster.”

The Weslaco Fire Department was selected by the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) as part of a coordinated effort to strengthen the nation’s overall ability to protect the health and safety of the public.

Since 2004, AFG has provided a total of almost \$2.2 billion to first-responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles.



Top Left: Congressman and Mrs. Rubén Hinojosa at Tyson Food donation event with the Edinburg Boys and Girls Club.  
 Bottom Center: Congressman Hinojosa with McAllen Memorial Cheerleaders at pep rally

Top Right: Congressman Hinojosa with local Mercedes veterans at the Mercedes Centennial celebration.



## HINOJOSA SECURES \$73 MILLION FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY; \$23 MILLION FOR THE DONNA BRIDGE

Washington, D.C. – Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) today announced that he has secured \$73 million for local projects in the omnibus spending bill that was approved by the House of Representatives last night. The \$516 billion spending package includes critical funding for myriad programs in education, veterans health care, medical research, and law enforcement. The bill now goes to the Senate for approval and is expected to be signed into law by the President later this week.

“This bill is a huge win for the Rio Grande Valley and will provide a much-needed infusion of money for major infrastructure projects that have long been under funded,” Hinojosa said.

The budget bill contains a landmark **\$23.3 million for the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge Project**. The money will pay for the construction of the bridge’s inspection facilities and represents the single largest federal appropriation for the project to date. The Office of Management and Budget has estimated that the federal cost for the project will total \$100 million over 10 years for construction, equipment, and personnel.

“Today marks a significant day for the progress of this project and for the City of Donna,” Hinojosa said. “This money puts us one step closer to providing more jobs and opportunities for the City and the Mid-Valley communities. When this project is completed, I envision the unemployment rate for the Mid-Valley region to be similar to the 6 percent rate enjoyed in the areas of Harlingen, McAllen, and Edinburg.”

The money for the Donna-Rio Bravo Bridge is one of several major Rio Grande Valley projects funded in the spending bill. Other initiatives affecting the region include:

### WATER PROJECTS

***\$20 million for North American Development Bank’s Border Infrastructure Fund*** — to provide loans and grants to border communities for water and wastewater projects. In the past, Mercedes and Pharr have utilized the NADBank Border Infrastructure Fund to implement projects.

***\$10 million for Lower Rio Grande Valley Levees*** — for the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) to rehabilitate the Lower Rio Grande Valley’s levees and flood-protection system. This represents a 400 percent increase over the roughly \$2 million the IBWC has historically received for flood-control projects. In 2005, the IBWC completed a study concluding that many levees would not hold up under severe rain and that a substantial federal investment would be needed to remedy the documented shortcomings. Since then, the IBWC had been awaiting federal appropriations to begin scheduled work on increasing the heights of levees in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties.



***\$2.7 million for Water Conservation Projects in the Valley*** — to fund and continue work on irrigation canal lining that will more efficiently deliver irrigation water. *In the 110th Congress, Hinojosa introduced a bill to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Conservation Act to authorize 15 additional conservation projects along the Texas-Mexico border. The bill passed the House on June 5, 2007. In the past two Congresses, Hinojosa has passed legislation authorizing 19 such water conservation projects. Hinojosa has helped secured almost \$40 million in federal funding for*

*these irrigation canal lining projects in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. As a result, several projects have been completed and are showing water savings of more than 30 percent.*

***\$492,000 for the Raymondville Drain*** — to help with the construction of flood relief drains that will link to the Raymondville Drain Project creating a flood network that has an outlet linked to the Gulf of Mexico. This investment reduces the probability of flooding in case of hurricane and unexpected flash floods from heavy rain.

***\$246,000 for the Nueces River Basin study*** — to fund a feasibility study into the relationships between surface water, groundwater, and the communities dependent on such water. The project’s goal is to restore ecosystems of the Nueces River Delta through increased freshwater flows; reduce damage from flooding; and, increase stream flows.

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### TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

**\$1 million for Interstate 69 Construction** — to fund construction of I-69 in Texas. In March, the Interstate 69 corridor from Texas to Michigan was included on a short list of interstate corridors being considered for fast track development by federal transportation officials. The Texas Department of Transportation recently announced that it is looking for a private sector partner to help implement the project.

**\$850,000 for Edinburg Airport** — to finance a runway extension, the construction of a taxiway, and other upgrades to boost the region's cargo capacity.

**\$500,000 for the Mid-Valley Bus Route** — to add a North-South bus line through the Mid-Valley. This route will connect several major regional economic projects including the Delta Mercado, Donna-Rio Bravo Bridge, Progreso Bridge, the outlet malls in Mercedes, and the Weslaco campus of South Texas College.

**\$500,000 for the Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge** — enable the Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase land from willing sellers and add to the existing wildlife refuge.

**\$250,000 for the San Juan Library** — for the construction of a larger public library in San Juan, which has a population of roughly 30,000 people.

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROJECTS

**\$12 million for the Veterans Clinic in Harlingen** — to enable the expansion of services at the veterans' clinic in Harlingen. The expanded clinic opened in November and offers increased outpatient services to the region's veterans and reduces the need for trips to San Antonio's Audie Murphy Hospital. The \$12 million will help complete the second phase of the project's expansion by expanding medical care and services for patients.

**\$517,000 for the Hidalgo County Truancy Program** — to provide individualized services to at-risk youth in nine school districts and to expand the program to other school districts in Hidalgo County. The program, overseen by Judge Mary Alice Palacios and the Hidalgo County Court System, addresses the

cause of truancy and provides drug and mental health counseling, family services, and housing.

**\$170,000 for the Vannie Cook Pediatric Clinic** — for the development of an epidemiology research study to evaluate the incidence of childhood cancer along the border. It will also facilitate an increase in medical staff and the implementation of patient outreach programs to reach over 1 million citizens in the South Texas border area. The clinic is the Rio Grande Valley's only comprehensive pediatric cancer facility and serves a primarily indigent Hispanic population.

**\$170,000 for the Valley Baptist Health System** — for the Hispanic Stroke Care Center to buy state-of-the-art equipment. Studies show that stroke is the leading cause of disability in the US and is associated with a higher risk of disability among elderly Mexican-Americans.

**\$312,000 UTPA Border Health Disparities Center** — to implement an obesity prevention campaign targeting Hispanic and African American families. The Project would be conducted in South Texas and Tennessee in collaboration with Tennessee State University. A research component would also focus on addressing chronic conditions related to diabetes.

**\$47,000 for the Cameron County Interoperability Funds** — for first responder communications radio equipment to improve emergency response coordination with federal and state governments and other local organizations.



## HINOJOSA SECURES FUNDING TO BOOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Washington, DC – Rural and low-income housing projects are set to receive a significant boost thanks to funding obtained by Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) in the omnibus spending bill approved by Congress this week. The spending package includes more than a billion dollars for vital programs that increase access to affordable housing.

“Over four million Americans live in conditions that are poor, inadequate, or run-down,” Hinojosa said. “This bill takes a step in the right direction and devotes much-needed resources to attack our nation’s chronic problem of substandard housing.”

The Omnibus Appropriations bill contains the following funding secured by Hinojosa:

**\$2.94 million for Housing Assistance Council** — the Housing Assistance Council provides technical assistance, training, and support to community-based rural housing organizations. It also supplies loans, grants, or other financial assistance to these organizations so that they can improve affordable housing options for low- and moderate-income families;

**\$980,000 for the La Raza Development Fund** — The Raza Development Fund provides flexible loans, along with technical assistance, to organizations that provide services and opportunities to low-income Latino families;

**\$17 million for RHED** — The Rural Housing Development Program provides additional funding to state and local entities so that they can better support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas;

**\$1.1 billion for USDA Section 502 Housing Loans To Rural Areas** — the program enables borrowers to obtain loans for the purchase or repair of new or existing single-family housing in rural areas. Borrowers with income of 80% or less of the area median may be eligible for the direct loans, and they may receive interest credit to reduce the interest rate to as low as 1%. The loans are repayable over a 33-year period. In a given fiscal year, at least 40% of the units financed under this section must be made available only to very low-income individuals or fami-

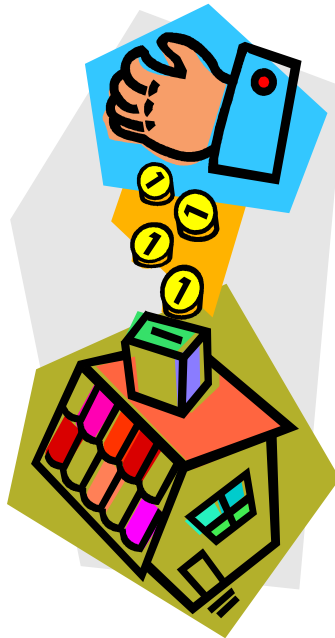
lies. The Section 502 direct loan program is an extremely efficient program that results in a total cost to the Federal government of only \$10,000 per loan.

**\$69.5 million for USDA Section 515 rural rental housing** — The Section 515 program provides funds both for new construction and for the repair and preservation of affordable rental housing units. The program is the only authorized Federal program that provides direct loans for multi-family housing in rural areas;

**\$4.9 million for USDA Section 523 Self-Help Housing land development loans** — Self-Help Housing makes homes affordable by enabling future homeowners to build their homes themselves and enables qualified nonprofit and local government organizations to provide technical assistance to low and very low-income families who are building homes in rural areas;

**\$28.5 million for USDA Section 514 Farm Worker Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Worker Grant Programs** — provides assistance for farm worker housing. Farm workers and their families are some of the poorest and assisted people in the nation. Approximately 61% percent of farm workers earn incomes below the poverty level.

**\$1.4 million for Excellence in Economic Education** — This program promotes economic and financial literacy among all students in kindergarten through grade 12 through the award of one grant to a national nonprofit education organization that has as its primary purpose the improvement of the quality of student understanding of personal finance and economics. The objectives of this program are to: (1) increase students' knowledge of and achievement in economics; (2) strengthen teachers' understanding of economics; (3) encourage economic education research and development, disseminate effective instructional materials, and promote the replication of best practices and exemplary programs that foster economic literacy; (4) assist States in measuring the impact of education in economics; and (5) leverage and expand increased private and public support for economic education partnerships at the national, State, and local levels.



## HINOJOSA SECURES \$20 MILLION FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) announced that he has secured over \$20 million in critical housing funding that will help improve the living conditions for thousands of Texans. The funding was included in the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations conference report, which was passed by the House of Representatives today. The bill now goes to the President's desk for his signature.



The bill allocates \$3 million to the Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a nonprofit group working to create more affordable housing throughout the rural United States. In the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, HAC loans have helped McAllen Affordable Homes, LUPE, and Proyecto Azteca complete their mission of providing more affordable housing to low-income South Texans. Nationwide, HAC has made almost \$220 million in loans and created more

than 60,000 homes over the last 36 years.

South Texans will also benefit from the \$17 million Rep. Hinojosa helped obtain for the Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program. RHED aids rural communities in spearheading housing and economic development projects. Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, which received \$400,000 in 2005, has been past recipient of RHED funds. Funds under this program are awarded competitively on an annual basis through a selection process conducted by HUD.

“Far too many of our families in South Texas reside in sub-standard, simply unacceptable conditions,” said Hinojosa. “These two organizations will help improve the overall quality of life in our region and directly impact areas where the development needs are high and conventional financing tools do not always work.”

## HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$250,000 GRANT AWARDED TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MCALLEN

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) announced that the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen has been awarded more than \$225,000 by the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds have been used to open new Boys & Girls centers at Wilson Elementary School and Lamar Academy in McAllen ISD. The money will also help the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen provide technical assistance for the launch of a new club in Alton, Texas.



“Boys & Girls clubs have touched the lives of thousands of young men and women in our region. They have been incredibly effective in taking kids off the street and providing them the environment they need to succeed,” said Hinojosa. “This grant will help them reach even more at-risk youth who deserve the support and enrichment these clubs offer.”

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.

The Club offers programs that emphasize character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, health and life skills, the arts, sports, and recreation. With the opening of these three new locations, Boys and Girls Club of McAllen will now have 11 sites at clubhouses and schools.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America comprises a national network of more than 3,700 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving more than 4.4 million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances.



## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION IN BIG READ GRANTS FOR FIRST HALF OF 2008

Washington, DC -- The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) continued its drive toward making the Big Read the largest federal reading program in U.S. history. The NEA announced that it will award grants totaling \$1,598,800 to 127 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and science organizations to host Big Read celebrations of 16 classic novels from January-June 2008. The newest Big Read grantees represent 38 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The NEA inaugurated the Big Read as a pilot project with ten communities in 2006. By 2009, approximately 400 communities in the U.S. will have hosted a Big Read since the program's 2007 national launch.

"In just two years, the Big Read has grown from ten communities to include nearly 200 towns and cities nationwide. Although each of these communities celebrates its Big Read program in its own way, one theme we consistently hear back is that the Big Read is not just bringing citizens back to the joy of reading, but also reinvigorating the very idea of community," said NEA Chairman Dana Gioia. "I am delighted to announce the newest round of Big Read communities in this program, which is about so much more than reading."

"The Big Read is reaching across state and international borders," said Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the NEA's lead federal partner for the Big Read. "As director of the IMLS, the federal agency that funds libraries and museums, I am pleased to support this initiative that is creating a new generation of readers. The sky is truly the limit with this partnership."

The organizations selected to participate in the Big Read for the first half of 2008 will receive grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 to promote and carry out community-based programs. Participating cities and towns also receive reader's and teacher's guides for each novel, audio guides that also can be used as radio programming, publicity materials, an online organizer's guide for running a successful Big Read program, and access to a comprehensive Big Read Web site. Each local program will include events, such as read-a-thons, book discussions, film screenings, and library and museum exhibits, aimed at avid and lapsed or reluctant readers alike.



### The Big Read Russia

From January-June 2008, four communities in Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania will take part in the U.S. component of Big Read Russia. These communities will host Big Read programs celebrating Leo Tolstoy's *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*. In Russia the regions of Ivanovo and Saratov initiated Big Reads of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* in October 2007. A second cross-cultural Big Read with Egypt is also expected to launch in 2008.

### About the Big Read

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read in the Pacific Northwest is supported, in part, by a grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation.

The NEA previously announced a partnership with the Poetry Foundation for a pilot initiative, a component of the Big Read, to celebrate great American poets and the nation's historic poetry locales. Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts, received an inaugural grant to support a community-wide program to encourage multi-generational reading of the poetry of New England writer Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882).

In September, the NEA partnered with XM Satellite Radio to launch a new radio series, *The Big Read on XM*. Building on the reading program's success, the new series is broadcast daily weekdays on Sonic Theater (XM Channel 163) bringing the Big Read to XM's more than 8.2 million subscribers nationwide. The September 10 premiere of *The Big Read on XM* featured interviews with NEA Chairman Dana Gioia and Mrs. Laura Bush, honorary chair of the Big Read.

**The next Big Read application deadline is February 12, 2008,** for communities wishing to host a Big Read from September 2008-June 2009.

For more information on the Big Read, including program FAQs, the complete list of Big Read novels, and application deadlines, please visit [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).



## 10 TIPS FOR WRITING A GREAT ANNUAL REPORT

Even though nonprofit organizations aren't required to produce annual reports like publicly traded companies are, most nonprofit managers recognize the value of producing one. Annual reports can help you demonstrate your accomplishments to current and future donors, cultivate new partnerships, and recognize important people. But since annual reports aren't legally required, nonprofits often struggle with what should be included in an annual report and what should be left out. The following ten tips will help you craft an outstanding nonprofit annual report.

Focus on accomplishments, not activities. We want to know what you did, but more importantly, we want to know why you did it. What were the results? Why did you spend your time and money the way you did? What difference did it make? Connect the everyday activities of your organization to your mission statement. Don't assume that readers will automatically understand how your activities help you achieve your mission. Connect the dots for them.

**Jettison the administrative minutiae**—Getting a high-speed connection in the office and new accounting software may be big accomplishments from where you sit at your desk, but they have nothing to do with your mission. Inspire donors with accomplishments related to your mission in your annual report and leave all the administrative items for your board report.

**Don't over-emphasize fundraising accomplishments**- Donors expect you to raise money, but fundraising accomplishments should not be celebrated in your annual report on the same level as your mission-related accomplishments. Readers are more interested in what you did with the money than how you raised it. While it is appropriate to include information on how well your fundraising efforts are going, it's best to place this information in the financial section of your report, rather than front and center.

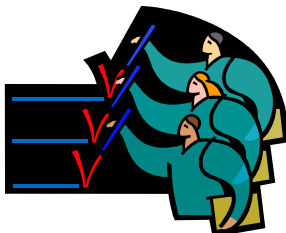
**Include photos**- Yes, photos really are worth a thousand words. Many of the people reading your annual report won't actually read it. Show them what you've been doing with photos. If you don't have a digital camera, get one now. It's also fine to use stock photography to illustrate your work. Type "royalty free stock photos" in your favorite search engine and you'll find numerous sites.

**Write captions that tell your story**- Now that you've got them looking at the photos, tell a story with your captions. Don't just state what's in the photo. Connect the photo to an accomplishment. If people read nothing but the captions in your annual report, they should

still get a sense for the good work you did last year.

**Include personal profiles**- Donors will be more impressed with real stories about real people than general summaries of your work. Explain what you have accomplished overall, then humanize your statistics with some personal profiles. Highlight how your work helped a specific individual. Share a volunteer's story of how they made a positive difference.

**Explain your financials**- Many of your donors won't know how to read a financial statement or won't take the time to read it. Include a paragraph or two that explains in plain English what the tables say. Where does your money come from and how do you spend it? What are your main fundraising strategies? Did you implement any cost-savings measures this year?



**If you need space, trim the donor lists**-Nonprofits need to strike a balance between using the space in their annual reports to discuss their accomplishments and using it to recognize donors. If as much as half of your annual report is donor lists, you should consider scaling the lists back to make more room for text and photos. Smaller donors can be recognized in other ways, such as lists in newsletters.

**Triple-check your donor lists**-There's no better way to sabotage a future donation than to spell the donor's name wrong in your annual report. If you are uncertain about a name, don't guess. Check it with the donor. Also carefully check the names of government agencies and foundations that gave you grants. The names people call these organizations in conversation are often short-hand for the full legal names that belong in your annual report.

**Tell donors how they can help**- Never leave a potential supporter hanging, wondering how they can help you. Once you've inspired them with the good works in your annual report, close by telling them how they can help you do more. How can they support you with their money or time? Do you offer planned giving options, for example? Will you accept gifts of stock? Can they use a credit card? Be clear about the best ways to help.

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**Website:**  
<http://nonprofit.about.com/od/nonprofitpromotion/a/annualreps.htm?nl=1>

# Funding Opportunities

## AGRICULTURE

### Conservation Innovation Grants

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)*

**Deadline: 02/20/2008**

NRCS requests applications for Conservation Innovation Grants to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications are accepted from all 50 States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the Pacific Basin Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). NRCS anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2008 will be approximately \$20 million. Funds will be awarded through a nationwide competitive grants process. There are three CIG categories available in FY 2008: Natural Resource Concerns Category, Technology Category, and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Category. Applications are requested from eligible government or non-government organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between one and three years in duration. The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals, guides, and references, or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects. Instead, it is a vehicle to stimulate the development and adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a likelihood of success and to be candidates for eventual technology transfer or institutionalization. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: must be a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; State or local unit of government; non-governmental organization; private business; or individual.

Contact: Tessa Chadwick, Phone: 202-720-2335, Email: [tessa.chadwick@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tessa.chadwick@wdc.usda.gov).

Website: [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)

## 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?pageId=700>

### NAMM Foundation Announces New Grant Initiatives for Music Makers and Researchers

**Deadline: Various**

The NAMM Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing active participation in music making by people of all ages, has announced its 2008 Request for Proposals initiative. Applicants may only apply to one program. The foundation is accepting proposals for the following five initiatives:



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- The Sounds of Living: The Impact of Music Making initiative will support research that examines the role of active participation in music for children, youth, adults, and seniors. Research funded under the initiative explores the effects of music learning and music making outside of formal educational settings and expands the understanding of the role of music making in health, wellness, socialization, and the inter-connections between mind, body, and spirit that contribute to wellness and overall quality of life. **(Deadline: January 2, 2008.)**
- Program Grants support innovative music learning programs from nonprofit public service organizations that reach new audiences with new protocols, and that further the NAMM Foundation's mission of creating more active music makers of all ages. **(Deadline: January 4, 2008.)**
- The Sounds of Learning: The Impact of Music Education initiative supports research that examines the role of music education in the lives of school-age children. **(Deadline: January 15, 2008.)**
- Scientific Grants support leading researchers and research teams in the fields of music research, neuroscience, psychology, education, and/or health-related fields to explore the effects of hands-on music making. **(Deadline: January 15, 2008.)**

Website: <http://www.nammfoundation.org/grants/guidelines.html>

### America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Implementation Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 1/23/2008**

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations implementation grants support traveling or long-term museum exhibitions, library-based projects, interpretation of historic places or areas, interpretive Web sites, or other program formats that creatively engage audiences in exploring humanities ideas and questions.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies

Contact: Division of Public Program, Phone: 202-606-8269, Email: [publicpgms@neh.gov](mailto:publicpgms@neh.gov)

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 1/23/2008**

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants support traveling or long-term museum exhibitions, library-based projects, interpretation of historic places or areas, interpretive Web sites, or other project formats that creatively engage audiences in exploring humanities ideas and questions. Planning grants can be used to plan, refine, and develop the content and interpretive approach of a project. Applicants should have already conducted preliminary consultation with scholars to help shape the humanities content of the project and with other programming advisers appropriate to the project's format.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies

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Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### The Coming Up Taller Awards

**Deadline: 01/31/2008**

The Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and reward outstanding after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses and eligible government entities.

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

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### New Voices Community News Grants

**Deadline: 02/20/2008**

The Institute for Interactive Journalism and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation New Voices Community News Grants help fund the start-up of 40 micro-local, news projects and support them with two educational web sites.

Maximum Award: \$17,000.

Eligibility: 501(c) 3 organizations and education institutions, including civic groups, community organizations, public broadcasters, schools, colleges and universities.

Website: <http://www.j-newvoices.org/index.php/site/story/2008rfp/>

### Capezio Ballet Makers Dance Foundation Offers Grants for Dance Programs

**Deadline: 04/01/2008**

The Capezio Ballet Makers Dance Foundation offers grants to fund dance and certain other national, state, and local organizations that provide essential services to the field. The foundation offers support for not-for-profit, tax-exempt, national, regional, state, and local dance service and other organizations (e.g., festivals, councils, alliances, associations, guilds, art centers) whose programs and activities have a broad and significant impact on the field; unusual and imaginative efforts that clearly demonstrate and promote the value of the art form in all of its manifestations (e.g., ballet, modern, avant-garde, ethnic, show-dance, jazz, tap); programs or projects that bring together different interest groups to share information, strengthen management practices, solve common problems, and improve communications; and special pilot projects that meet clearly identified and unmet needs, and that have the potential to provide a model for the field. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000 each, and the foundation will consider requests for program, project, and general operating support only.

Website: [http://www.capeziodance.net/about/foundation/grant/history\\_objectives.html](http://www.capeziodance.net/about/foundation/grant/history_objectives.html)

### Museums, Libraries, and Archives Invited to Apply for Free Connecting to Collections Bookshelf

**Deadline: 04/15/2008**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services in cooperation with the American Association of State and Local History, is offering two thousand free copies of the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, a core set of books, DVDs, online resources, and an annotated bibliography that are essential for the care of collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It will address such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues. Priority will be given to smaller institutions, but large museums and libraries with special collections are also eligible to apply. Federally operated institutions, for-profit institutions, and libraries that do not hold special collections are not eligible to receive the bookshelf. The bookshelf will be awarded free in two application periods: September 1 to November 15, 2007; and March 1 to April 15, 2008.

Website: <http://www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

### Do Something's Brick Awards Program

**Deadline: 12/31/2007**

The organization, Do Something, seeks applications for the 2008 Brick Awards Program. The accolade recognizes youth's efforts to address problems in their local or global communities.

Award: Nine Brick Award winners will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships (if applicable). Of those nine winners, one will be selected by a national online vote as a Golden Brick Award winner and will receive \$100,000 in community grants, paid to the nonprofit organization of the winner's choice.

Eligible Applicants: Young people, age 25 or younger, who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada.

Website: <http://www.dosomething.org/brick>

## Funding Opportunities

### McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarships

**Deadline: 01/15/2008**

The McKelvey Foundation is offering scholarships for young entrepreneurs from low-income and at-risk communities who have started their own businesses.

Maximum Grant Award: \$40,000 scholarships, in amounts up to \$10,000 per year to attend any accredited four-year college in the U.S.

Eligible Applicants: Be a graduating senior of a U.S. high school or home-school program, attend a four-year U.S. college or university, own and operate a business for at least 1 year (this can include a nonprofit organization), and have at least one paid employee (not including yourself)

Website: <http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org/entrepreneurial/>

### JP Morgan Chase Grants

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

JP Morgan Chase seeks grant applications in these areas related to workforce development: 1) *Community asset development*: The grants can be used for: affordable and special needs housing, workforce training programs, economic and commercial revitalization of communities, and financial education for low-income adults and 2) *Youth education*: The grants can be used for: early childhood literacy and school readiness, capacity building in public schools, financial literacy for young people, and programs that help nontraditional and underserved students prepare for and enter college. JP Morgan Chase serves the following regions in Texas: Austin, San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley, Houston, El Paso, Arlington, Ft. Worth, and Dallas.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, charitable 501 (c) (3) organizations. *NOTE*: JP Morgan Chase does not fund public agencies.

Website: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community/grants>

### Brownfields Economic Development Initiative

*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)*

**Deadline: 12/24/2007**

The purpose of the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) program is to enhance the security of a loan guaranteed by HUD under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the same brownfields economic development project, or to improve the viability of a brownfields economic development project financed with the Section 108-guaranteed loan, in order to stimulate economic development by local governments and private sector parties at brownfields sites and to return those sites to productive, economic use. All BEDI grants must be used in conjunction with a new Section 108-guaranteed loan commitment.

Maximum Grant Size: \$2,000,000

Number of Awards: 15 - 20

Eligible Applicants: Any public entity eligible to apply for Section 108 loan guarantee assistance in accordance with 24 CFR 570.702, including Guam, the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands for FY2007, may apply for BEDI grant assistance under Section 108(q). Eligible applicants are CDBG entitlement units of general local government and non-entitlement units of general local government eligible to receive loan guarantees under 24 CFR part 570, subpart M. Urban Counties, as defined at 24 CFR 570.3 and 570.307, are eligible applicants for BEDI funds; units of general local government that participate in an Urban County program are not independently eligible applicants. For non-entitlement applicants other than those subject to 24 CFR part 570, subpart F (which applies only to the state of Hawaii), applicants are required to provide evidence in the BEDI application from an authorized official of the state agency responsible for administering the State CDBG program stating that it supports the related Section 108 loan with a pledge of its CDBG allocations pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR 570.705(b)(2). Such evidence must be provided by form HUD-40122, titled "SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE: State Certifications Related to Non-entitlement Public Entities."

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Website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

### American Academy of Dermatology Announces 2008 Shade Structure Grant Program

**Deadline: 03/05/2008**

To assist organizations in creating sun-safe outdoor areas, the American Academy of Dermatology has announced the availability of grant applications for its Shade Structure Program. The program is open to United States nonprofit organizations or educational institutions for permanent shade structures over outdoor locations which are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools, eating areas, and other locations. The 2008 program will have a longer grant cycle in order to allow AAD members to work with local schools and organizations to develop sun-safety programs and initiatives, one of the criteria for application.

## Funding Opportunities

Eligible Applicants: the 2008 program is only open to schools and organizations that serve children and teenagers, ages 18 and younger.

Website: <http://www.aad.org/public/News/2008+Shade+Structure+Program.htm>

### 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>

#### 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/>

## Funding Opportunities

### 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>

### Grants to Increase Awareness & Understanding of Japan

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership is providing funding opportunities for small-scale education initiatives that will increase awareness and understanding of Japan through support of teacher training and related programs addressing the needs of the student and teacher community. Grants will be awarded for projects conducted from May 1-December 31, 2007. Maximum Award: \$5,000. Eligibility: K-12 classrooms in Southern and Midwestern states.

Website: <http://www.cgp.org/index.php?option=article&task=default&articleid=326>

### 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>>

### Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

Barnes & Noble Corporate Contributions Program is committed to literary-based sponsorships and partners with organizations that focus their core businesses on higher learning, literacy and the arts.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12).

Website: [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/sponsorships\\_national/donations\\_national.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorships_national/donations_national.html)

### The Big Read

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

**Deadline: 01/11/08**

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture by providing citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. The initiative includes innovative reading programs in selected cities and towns, comprehensive resources for discussing classic literature, and an extensive web site providing comprehensive information on authors and their works.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: literary organizations, libraries, and community organizations across the country.

Website: [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org)

## Funding Opportunities

### Verizon & NCFL "Tech Savvy" Awards

**Deadline: 01/11/2008**

The National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) is accepting nominations for the 2008 Verizon Tech Savvy Awards. These accolades recognize programs that offer innovative means for improving parents and children's understanding and use of technology. They support programs that help parents bridge the widening gap between adults and children's understanding of technology. They can help parents to be more effective teachers and advocates, ensuring that their children are prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce.

Maximum Award: Four regional awards of \$5,000 each and one national award of \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations

Website: <http://www.familit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.2180327/>

### General Mills for Healthy Kids

**Deadline: 01/15/2008**

The General Mills Foundation Champions for Healthy Kids grant program awards 50 grants to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

Maximum Award: \$10,000.

Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations that target youth ages 2-18.

Website: <http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

### Leaders in Learning Awards

**Deadline: 01/16/2008**

Cable in the Classroom's Leaders In Learning Awards recognize teachers, administrators and community leaders who are helping to improve and transform education for children in and out of school, creating 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments children need to succeed in the world that awaits them.

Maximum Award: \$3,000.

Eligibility: teachers, administrators, and community leaders. Deadline: January 16, 2008.

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

### We The People Bookshelf Reading Program

*National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 01/25/2008**

As part of its *We the People* program, NEH is collaborating with the American Library Association (ALA) to present the *We the People* Bookshelf, a program that encourages young people to read classic books and explore themes in American history, culture, and ideas. School libraries (K-12) and public libraries are invited to apply for a full set of books that embody in one way or another the theme "Created Equal." Successful applicants will receive a set of classic hardcover books for young readers, all related to the "Created Equal" theme. The set includes seventeen books in English, four in Spanish translation, and a bonus set of *History in a Box* resource materials on Abraham Lincoln created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Libraries will also receive supplementary materials for programming, including bookplates, bookmarks, and posters.

Website: <http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf/index.php>

### The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program

**Deadline: 01/29/2008**

The ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science.

Maximum Grant Award: \$10,000

Eligible Applicants: Students K-12.

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

## Funding Opportunities

### Free Books for Read Across American Day

**Deadline: 02/10/2008**

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation invites schools or other literacy projects to apply for free books for Read Across America Day, March 3, 2008. Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: schools and literacy projects.

Website: [http://www.lefbooks.org/reading\\_resource\\_project/](http://www.lefbooks.org/reading_resource_project/)

### School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools (OSDFS)*

**Deadline: 3/21/2008**

Through the Grants for School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs, the Department awards grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) and other public and private entities to develop and implement, or expand, school-based drug-testing programs for students. Mandatory Random and Voluntary Student Drug-Testing Programs: Under this priority, we will provide Federal financial assistance to eligible applicants to develop and implement, or expand, school-based mandatory random or voluntary drug-testing programs for students in one or more grades 6 through 12. Any drug-testing program conducted with funds awarded under this priority must be limited to one or more of the following: 1) Students who participate in the school's athletic program; 2) Students who are engaged in competitive, extracurricular, school-sponsored activities; and 3) A voluntary drug-testing program for students who, along with their parent or guardian, have provided written consent to participate in a random drug-testing program. Applicants that propose voluntary drug testing for students who, along with their parent or guardian, provide written consent must not prohibit students who do not consent from participating in school or extracurricular activities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 85

Eligible Applicants: LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law, and public and private entities that do not currently have an active grant under the Department of Education's School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs.

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Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### Oracle Education Foundation Invites Students and Teachers to Take Part in ThinkQuest International 2008

**Deadline: 04/02/2008**

The Oracle Education Foundation has announced the opening of ThinkQuest International 2008 and is inviting students and teachers from around the globe to take part in the international project learning competition. ThinkQuest is open to students between the ages of 9 and 19 and their teacher-coaches worldwide. Students are encouraged to team with peers in other regions to develop Web sites on educational topics. The program is designed to help participants develop important skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, self-direction, problem solving, and technology skills. In addition, students become published Web-authors in the popular ThinkQuest Library, sharing their work with thirty million Web learners each year. Professional educators will judge all submitted Web sites for ThinkQuest International 2008. Qualifying entries will be published in the ThinkQuest Library. Winners will receive prizes from the Oracle Education Foundation, including laptops and \$1,000 school grants for the top five teams in each age division, travel to the annual ThinkQuest Live event for the top three teams in each division, and digital cameras for the team that receives the Global Perspectives Award.

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

### U.S. Potato Board Announces Grant Program to Promote Healthy School Nutrition Environments

**Deadline: 04/15/2008**

The U.S. Potato Board is teaming up with the School Nutrition Foundation of the School Nutrition Association to launch its first-ever School Wellness Grant Program. Ten grants of \$2,500 each will be awarded to public elementary schools in the United States for equipment and/or educational programs that help move children toward healthier diets and improve their overall wellness. The grant program allows schools to allocate funds toward the improvement of either the nutrition or physical activity of students — or both — depending on what their students need the most. Grant award recipients can apply the grant toward food service equipment for the healthful preparation of fresh or processed potatoes; physical activity equipment, such as for use on the campus playground or during physical education programs; or development or execution of nutrition or physical activity educational programs. School administrators, food service staff, teachers, and parents are invited to submit an application for the grant program on behalf of their elementary school. Visit the U.S. Potato Board Web site for further information and a grant application form.

Website: <http://www.healthypotato.com/health.asp>

# Funding Opportunities

## ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Interdisciplinary Training for Undergraduates in Biological and Mathematical Sciences

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 2/21/2008**

The goal of the Undergraduate Biology and Mathematics activity is to enhance undergraduate education and training at the intersection of the biological and mathematical sciences and to better prepare undergraduate biology or mathematics students to pursue graduate study and careers in fields that integrate the mathematical and biological sciences. The core of the activity is jointly-conducted long-term research experiences for interdisciplinary balanced teams of at least two undergraduates from departments in the biological and mathematical sciences. Projects should focus on research at the intersection of the mathematical and biological sciences. Projects should provide students exposure to contemporary mathematics and biology, addressed with modern research tools and methods. That is, projects must be genuine research experiences rather than rehearsals of research methods. Projects must involve students from both areas in collaborative research experiences and include joint mentorship by faculty in both fields. In addition, it is expected that projects will strengthen the research and education capacity, infrastructure, and culture of the participating institutions. To this end, projects should create models for education in the mathematical and biological sciences and influence the direction of academic programs for a broad range of students. It is expected that project leadership will come from faculty in both the mathematical and biological sciences. UBM is a joint effort of the Education and Human Resources, Biological Sciences, and Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorates at the National Science Foundation.

Total Funding Available: \$3,300,000

Number of Awards: 6-9

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, Non-profit, non-academic organizations, For-profit organizations, State and local governments, Unaffiliated individuals

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Website: [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)

### Emerging Models and Technologies for Computation

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**Deadline: 3/13/2008**

The goal of the EMT program is to enable radical innovations in the software, hardware and architecture of computing and communication systems through the support of projects that capitalize upon research opportunities at the intersection of computing and biological systems, nanoscale science and engineering, quantum information science, and other promising areas of science and technology. Interdisciplinary collaborations involving computer scientists, engineers in various fields, physicists, chemists, mathematicians, and biologists are highly encouraged. Competitive proposals will move beyond incremental and evolutionary technological advances, stimulating seminal discoveries and innovations that will allow computing and communication systems to both work in radically different ways and make much greater contributions to society. In addition to advancing the research frontiers of computing and communications, the EMT program supports the development of innovative curricula and courseware that will help train future generations of engineers and scientists in emerging models and technologies for computation and communication.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

Number of Awards: 16

Eligible Applicants: Universities and colleges, Non-profit, non-academic organizations, For-profit organizations, State and local governments, and unaffiliated individuals.

Website: [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov)



# Funding Opportunities

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Fellows

**Deadline: 02/01/2008**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows program is an advanced leadership program for nurses in senior executive roles in health services, public health, and nursing education who aspire to help lead and shape the U.S. healthcare system. The three-year fellowships allow participating nurses to remain in their current positions while they gain the experiences, insights, competencies, and skills necessary to advance in executive leadership positions in a healthcare system that is undergoing unprecedented change. The program is designed to give nursing and nurses a more influential role across many sectors of the economy. The fellowships are open to senior-level nurses who hold executive positions in health services organizations, public health organizations and systems, and nursing education. Applicants must be citizens of the U.S. or its territories or have permanent residency status at the time of application. Up to twenty fellowships will be awarded in this grant cycle. Fellowship resources include \$35,000 over three years.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19847>

### Food Stamp Program Outreach Grants

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service(FNS)*

**Deadline: 02/19/2008**

The purpose of the FY 2008 grant is to implement and learn more about effective strategies to inform and educate potentially eligible low income seniors and Hispanic persons, who are not currently participating in the Food Stamp Program, about the nutrition benefits of the program, eligibility rules, and how to apply.

Maximum Grant Size: \$75,000

Eligible Applicants: Public organizations; and Private, non-profit organizations.

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Website: [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

### Basic Center Program

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*

**Deadline: 02/19/2008**

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP), which is authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Act to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide runaway and homeless youth with a safe and appropriate shelter, individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate, and aftercare. The purpose of this grant is to establish proposed or strengthen existing community-based BCPs that provide temporary emergency shelter and care to RHY. BCPs provide shelter and support services that assist youth in crisis, reunite youth with their families (as appropriate), strengthen family relationships, and help youth transition to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements where they can become independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Awards: 68-91

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, Local Governments, City or township governments, Regional Organizations, Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education, Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, Public/Indian Housing Authorities, Non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), Non-profits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education), and special district governments.

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Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.acf.hhs.gov)

### Health Careers Opportunity Program

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

**Deadline: 2/22/2008**

## Funding Opportunities

The goal of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake education to enter a health profession. The HCOP program works to build diversity in the health fields by providing students from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete, enter and graduate from health professions schools. The legislative purposes, from which HCOP funds may be awarded are: 1) identifying, recruiting and selecting individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds for education and training in a health profession; 2) facilitating the entry of such individuals into such a school; 3) providing counseling, mentoring, or other services designed to assist such individuals to complete successfully their education at such a school; 4) providing, for a period prior to the entry of such individuals into the regular course of education at such a school, preliminary education and health research training designed to assist them to complete successfully such regular course education at such a school, or referring such individuals to institutions providing such preliminary education; 5) publicizing existing sources of financial aid available to students in the education program of such a school or who are undertaking training necessary to qualify them to enroll in such a program; 6) paying scholarships, such as the Secretary may determine, for such individuals for any period of health professions education at a health professions school; 7) paying stipends for such individuals for any period of education in student-enhancement programs (other than regular courses), except that such a stipend may not be provided to an individual for more than 12 months; 8) carrying out programs under which such individuals gain experience regarding a career in a field of primary health care through working at facilities of public or private nonprofit community-based providers of primary health services; 9) conducting activities to develop a larger and more competitive applicant pool through partnerships with institutions of higher education, school districts and other community-based entities.

Maximum Grant Size: \$932,016

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, chiropractic, podiatric medicine, public or non-profit private schools that offer graduate programs in behavioral and mental health, programs for the training of physician assistants, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations.

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### Capacity Building to Develop Standard Electronic Client Information Data System

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

**Deadline: 03/10/2008**

This funding initiative will support organizations funded under Part A-D of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment and Modernization Act of 2006 that will promote the development of standard electronic client information data systems to improve the ability of grantees to report client level data to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Applicant organizations must include plans for the development of a client level data system to collect and report client level data elements at the service provider level on a recurring basis starting in FY 2009. This support is limited to organizations in need of an adequate information technology (IT) infrastructure and will be limited to the acquisition and implementation of hardware and software components, including stand alone, network, and other management health information systems that will facilitate the reporting of client level data. Plans must include hardware and software configurations that are responsive and compatible to the data reporting requirements specified by DHHS and must demonstrate the capacity and procedures to electronically and physically protect the privacy and information of unduplicated standard data elements across all service providers. Applicants must also include plans for disseminating complete and accurate documentation of their system development, implementation and database contents to DHHS and nationally to Ryan White program grantees for the purpose of replication and integration.

Total Funding Available: \$4,500,000

Number of Awards: 25

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Nonprofits having a 501 (C)(3) status with IRS, other than institutions of higher education Ryan White Programs under Part A-D Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment and Modernization Act of 2006 with experience in delivering HIV primary care services to HIV-positive, underserved individuals.

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## HOUSING

### MacArthur Foundation Announces Awards Program for Public Sector Housing Preservation Leaders

**Deadline: letters of interest 01/29/2008**

Through its awards for State and Local Housing Preservation Leaders, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation intends to provide \$35 million in total new funding for innovative public-sector initiatives designed to preserve and improve the existing stock of privately owned affordable rental homes across the United States. These new awards are part of the foundation's expanded commitment to Window of Opportunity, a national initiative dedicated to the preservation and improvement of affordable rental homes. The foundation expects to select up to ten states and localities to receive awards in 2008.

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These awards are likely to include grants and/or program-related investments ranging from \$250,000 to a maximum of \$5 million. All funds must be used to design, demonstrate, or scale up a significant preservation initiative. Only the following entities can apply for funding through these awards: city, county, or state governmental body, or a formal collaboration among several governmental units operating in a common geographic region. The applicant should oversee key sources of funding and subsidy for developers and owners of affordable rental housing, including but not limited to Community Development Block Grants, local affordable housing trust funds, and proceeds from tax increment financing districts. State agencies applying for these awards should be responsible for allocating Low Income Housing Tax Credits and private activity bonds, in addition to major state-funded resources for affordable housing. In general, public housing authorities will not be eligible.

Website: [http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1068225/apps/nl/content2.asp?content\\_id={5423AC2B-6A6B-45DB-931B-D3DD9E46EC65}&notoc=1](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1068225/apps/nl/content2.asp?content_id={5423AC2B-6A6B-45DB-931B-D3DD9E46EC65}&notoc=1)

### Home Depot Foundation Offers Support for Affordable Housing Programs

**Deadline: 03/01/2008**

The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to creating healthy, livable communities through the integration of affordable housing built responsibly, as well as the preservation and restoration of community trees. The foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities in the United States and to charitable organizations in Canada. The foundation awards most of its grants by directly soliciting proposals from high-performing nonprofit organizations with the demonstrated ability to create strong partnerships, impact multiple communities, and leverage grant resources. In order to identify potential future nonprofit partners and/or respond to unique community revitalization opportunities, a limited amount of funding is set aside to be awarded through a competitive process. Preference is given to proposals that include community engagement resulting in the production, preservation, or financing of housing units for low- to moderate-income families that address as many of the following considerations as possible: resource efficiency in design, construction, and operations; minimization of the depletion of natural resources, including timber and water; landscape features such as trees and shrubs that minimize demand for water and synthetic chemicals and reduce the "heat island" effect; reduction of maintenance costs through the use of innovative and durable materials; the use of environmentally friendly building materials; site planning with minimal environmental impact; use of energy-efficient and renewable technologies; improvement of indoor air quality, including moisture control and proper ventilation; and smart site planning and land use.

Website: [http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support\\_housing\\_apply.html](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support_housing_apply.html)

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program: Priority #1: Implementation Grants

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)*

**Deadline: 01/10/2008**

The purpose of the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (42 U.S.C. 3797u(a)) is to provide resources to state, local, and tribal governments and state and local courts to establish or enhance adult drug courts and systems for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. Implementation grants are available to jurisdictions that have completed a substantial amount of planning and are ready to implement an adult drug court. Jurisdictions who are in the planning stages should consider participation in BJA's Drug Court Planning Initiative (DCPI). DCPI provides training, technical assistance, and travel support to assist jurisdictions in planning a new drug court program.

Maximum Grant Size: \$350,000

Eligible Applicants: Drug Court Implementation and Enhancement Grants: Applicants are limited to states, state and local courts, counties, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments, acting directly or through other public or private entities.

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### Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program: Priority #2: Enhancement Grants

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)*

**Deadline: 01/10/2008**

The purpose of the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (42 U.S.C. 3797u(a)) is to provide resources to state, local, and tribal governments and state and local courts to establish or enhance adult drug courts and systems for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. Enhancement grants are available to jurisdictions with a fully operational (at least 1 year) adult drug court to: provide additional services to drug court participants; develop and provide training programs for drug court practitioners; evaluate a drug court; develop or implement an automated data collection system for the court; or meet the special needs of certain drug court participants, including individuals addicted to methamphetamine; individuals suffering from co-occurring mental health issues; members of cultural and language minorities; and individuals coping with severe traumatic experiences. In FY 2008, funding priority will be given to applicants who have never received a grant under BJA's Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program, or to applicants providing services in rural areas, or providing

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intensive services to individuals addicted to methamphetamine.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

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### Technical Assistance Grants

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)*

**Deadline: 02/01/2008**

TA Grants are intended to provide State or local courts, or regional court associations, with sufficient support to obtain expert assistance to diagnose a problem, develop a response to that problem, and implement any needed changes. TA Grants may not exceed \$30,000, and shall only cover the cost of obtaining the services of expert consultants. Examples of expenses not covered by TA Grants include the salaries, benefits, travel, or training costs of full- or part-time court employees. Grant periods for TA Grants ordinarily may not exceed 24 months. In calculating project duration, applicants are cautioned to fully consider the time required to issue a request for proposals, negotiate a contract with the selected provider, and execute the project.

Eligible Applicants: State and local courts and their agencies, National nonprofit organizations controlled by, operating in conjunction with, and serving the judicial branches of State governments, National nonprofit organizations for the education and training of judges and support personnel of the judicial branch of State governments.

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### Project Grants

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)*

**Deadline: 02/01/2008**

Project Grants are intended to support innovative education and training, research and evaluation, demonstration, and technical assistance projects that can improve the administration of justice in State courts locally or nationwide. The Institute is interested in funding both innovative programs and programs of proven merit that can be replicated in other jurisdictions. The Institute is especially interested in funding projects that: formulate new procedures and techniques, or creatively enhance existing procedures and techniques; address aspects of the State judicial systems that are in special need of serious attention; have national significance by developing products, services, and techniques that may be used in other States; and create and disseminate products that effectively transfer the information and ideas developed to relevant audiences in State and local judicial systems, or provide technical assistance to facilitate the adaptation of effective programs and procedures in other State and local jurisdictions. A project will be identified as a Special Interest project if it meets the four criteria set forth above and it falls within the scope of the Board-designated Special Interest program categories listed: immigration issues, courts and the media, elder issues, performance standards and outcome measures, and relationship between state and federal courts.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

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### Curriculum Adaptation and Training Grants

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)*

**Deadline: 02/01/2008**

CAT Grants are intended to: 1) Enable courts and regional or national court associations to modify and adapt model curricula, course modules, or conference programs to meet States' or local jurisdictions' educational needs; train instructors to present portions or all of the curricula; and pilot-test them to determine their appropriateness, quality, and effectiveness, or 2) conduct judicial branch education and training programs, led by either expert or in-house personnel, designed to prepare judges and court personnel for innovations, reforms, and/or new technologies recently adopted by grantee courts.

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Maximum Grant Size: \$20,000

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### Scholarships for Judges and Court Managers

*U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)*

**Deadline: 02/01/2008**

Scholarships are intended to enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of State court judges and court managers by enabling them to attend out-of-State, or to enroll in online, educational and training programs sponsored by national and State providers that they could not otherwise attend or take online because of limited State, local, and personal budgets. Scholarships may not exceed \$1,500. The Institute's Board of Directors intends to reserve up to \$175,000 for scholarships in FY 2008.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,500

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### PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Texas Commission On Environmental Quality Gives Rebates for Cleaner-Running School Buses

**Deadline: 02/29/2008**

The TCEQ begins accepting applications on Nov. 10 from Texas school districts to reimburse costs associated with reducing emissions from school buses. More than 36,000 buses carrying an estimated 1.3 million students hit the roads of Texas each school day. A little more than one-third of these buses are more than 10 years old. Older vehicles emit more pollution than do newer models. Exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses can aggravate respiratory problems, asthma and allergies. All public school districts and charter schools in Texas that operate one or more diesel-powered school buses, or a transportation system provided by a countywide district, are eligible to be reimbursed for costs of approved retrofits.

Eligible Applicants: Funding is open to school bus retrofit projects in ALL public school districts and charter schools in Texas that operate one or more diesel-fueled school buses; private schools are not eligible for funding. A diesel school bus proposed for retrofit must be used on a regular, daily route to and from a school and have at least five years of useful life remaining, unless the applicant agrees to remove the retrofit device at the end of the life of the bus and reinstall it on another bus.

Website: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/clean-vehicles/school-buses.html>

### SPORTS

#### United States Golf Association Offers "For the Good of the Game" Grants

**Deadline: 01/23/2008**

The United States Golf Association's "For the Good of the Game" Grants Initiative supports organizations that introduce the game to young people (minorities, girls, economically disadvantaged, and others with limited access to the game of golf) and individuals with disabilities. Grant awards are directed to instructional programs, caddie or other work-based curriculums, and the construction of facilities that make the game more affordable and accessible. The USGA will consider funding requests for the following items provided the applicant is committed to the goals of the "For the Good of the Game" program and its target population(s): golf course access and practice range access; golf instruction; golf equipment, including adaptive golf equipment for individuals with disabilities; transportation provided for participants to attend programming; and certain construction costs (e.g., the construction of tees,

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greens, and practice areas) for alternative, beginner-friendly golf courses and golf facilities in areas where there are obstacles to affordable access to the game. Funding amounts vary. All grant recipients must be tax-exempt, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities such as schools or municipalities.

Website: <http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/grants/applying/>

### Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities

**Deadline: end of every quarter**

Bikes Belong is a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers working together to put more people on bicycles more often. Bikes Belong welcomes grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in two categories: 1) facilities; and 2) advocacy.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

Eligible Applicants: Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose mission is expressly related to bicycle advocacy. New organizations that are not yet legally nonprofit organizations may submit an application with the assistance of another nonprofit that has agreed to serve as fiscal agent. Bikes Belong will not fund individuals. Because of the program's limited funds, it rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received Bikes Belong funding within the last three years.

Website: <http://bikesbelong.org/page.cfm?PageID=21>

### Baseball Tomorrow Fund Offers Support for Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

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](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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