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**Grants Alert October 2008**

**National Endowment for the Arts:** Announces the availability of funds for fellowships to published translators. Through this program the National Endowment for the Arts supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. Application materials are available online only. The deadline is January 9, 2009. Grants are for \$12,500 or \$25,000, depending upon the artistic excellence and merit of the project. If you have questions concerning the Literature Fellowships please call the Literature Fellowship Hotline at (202) 682-5034 or email [davisg@arts.gov](mailto:davisg@arts.gov).

**National Science Foundation:** Invites eligible small business concerns to submit Phase I proposals for its FY 2009 Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program. The primary objective of the STTR Program is to increase the incentive and opportunity for small firms to undertake cutting-edge, high risk, high quality scientific, engineering, or science and engineering education research that would have a high potential economic payoff if the research is successful. The STTR program expands the public and private partnership to include collaborative opportunities for small businesses and non-profit research institutions. Interested applicants must submit a 1-2 page letter of intent via FastLane no later than January 14, 2009. The full proposal deadline is February 25, 2009. General inquiries regarding this program should be made to: Cheryl F. Albus, Program Director, telephone: (703) 292-7051, email: [calbus@nsf.gov](mailto:calbus@nsf.gov) or Joseph E. Hennessey, Senior Advisor, telephone: (703) 292-7069, email: [jhennes@nsf.gov](mailto:jhennes@nsf.gov).

**Department of Treasury:** Released its fiscal year 2009 Notice of Funds Availability for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. The CDFI Program provides up to \$54 million in appropriated funds, subject to final appropriations, in the form of awards to community-based organizations, known as community development financial institutions - or CDFIs. These CDFIs provide affordable financing and related services to low-income communities and populations that lack access to credit, capital and financial services. The CDFI Program application deadline is 12:00 midnight Eastern Daylight Time on October 29, 2008. An Applicant seeking financial assistance that is not currently certified as a CDFI must first submit a CDFI certification application by 12:00 midnight Eastern Daylight Time on October 1, 2008. For further information on this program or for a copy of a full application visit: [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what\\_we\\_do/programs\\_id.asp?programID=7](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7).

**New York State Department of State – Division of Coastal Resources:** Announces the availability of funding under the Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Program. The BOA program provides municipalities and community-based organizations with assistance to complete revitalization plans and implementation strategies for areas or communities affected by the presence of multiple brownfield sites and site assessments for strategic sites. Portions of work may be subcontracted based on unit price bids/quotes for professional services to subconsultants, subject to the guidance from and approval of the Department. The BOA recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to subcontract a portion of the contract amount to Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE). A list of Certified M/WBE enterprises can be obtained via the Internet from the NYS Department of Economic Development at <http://205.232.252.35/>. Eligibility: Municipalities, community-based organizations, not-for-profit corporations, New York City community boards, community-based organizations and/or New York City community boards acting in cooperation. Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. For more information: grant solicitation and copies of this application are available at the Department of State's Web site at [http://www.nyswaterfronts.com/grantopps\\_BOA.asp](http://www.nyswaterfronts.com/grantopps_BOA.asp); or e-mail: [coastal@dos.state.ny.us](mailto:coastal@dos.state.ny.us); or call: 518-474-6000.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Land Trust Alliance:** New York State Conservation Partnership Program is funded through the Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the Land Trust Alliance (Alliance) in coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Since 2002, the program has invested in more than 200 projects with 64 land trusts working in urban, suburban, and rural communities across the state, from Harlem to the Adirondacks. The Alliance and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation invite eligible land conservation organizations in New York State to apply for New York State Conservation Partnership Program Grants. Over \$1.4 million will be dedicated to competitive land trust grants to be awarded by the Alliance in April 2009. Conservation Partnership Program grants are intended to help New York's land trust community build professional capacity, strengthen community partnerships, accelerate the pace of land conservation, and implement best business practices. Grants are available in four categories: conservation catalyst, conservation transaction, professional development, and capacity and excellence. For information regarding eligibility, visit: <http://www.landtrustalliance.org/community/Regions/northeast/nyscpp>. Deadline: November 14, 2008. For more information: Contact Katrina Howey, Northeast Program Coordinator, 112 Spring St., Suite 205, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; or call: 518- 587-0774; or e-mail: [khowey@lta.org](mailto:khowey@lta.org).

**Environmental Protection Agency:** This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities and nonprofit organizations to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate the assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfield sites. Eligible applicants must identify and propose to serve a community that currently receives, or has received, financial assistance (federal, state, or tribal) for brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, cleanup, site-specific response program work, and/or EPA-funded targeted brownfields assessments. The closing date and time for receipt of applications is October 15, 2008. For further information visit the EPA's website at: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov); or visit: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-08-10.pdf>.

**New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH):** Announces the opportunity for qualified licensed health care providers/agencies located throughout New York State (exclusive of New York City) to provide refugee health assessments and initial adult vaccinations to new refugee arrivals. The refugee health assessment is designed to promptly identify refugees with health conditions of personal and public health concern; to introduce refugees into the U.S. health care system; to ensure refugees receive ongoing care and appropriate follow up for identified problems by referrals to primary and specialty care providers; and to initiate vaccines required for refugees to adjust their status for permanent residency. The refugee health assessment consists of a set of basic screening components designed to identify health issues typically found in refugee populations. Applicants must be licensed health care providers who demonstrate clinical experience and the staffing capacity necessary to provide health screenings in accordance with established protocols. Applicants must also employ bilingual staff or provide interpreter services to overcome language barriers to care and must demonstrate established linkages to services, whether on-site or by referral, to primary care, specialty care and mental health services. Eligibility: include licensed health care providers and agencies. The total allocation for budget year March 31, 2008 to March 30, 2009 is expected to be \$672,899. Contracts can be awarded to approve applicants at any time. For more information: Contact the Department of Health, Refugee Health Program, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Rm. 840, Albany, NY 12237-0669; or call (518) 474-4845; or e-mail: [rhp@health.state.ny.us](mailto:rhp@health.state.ny.us).

**Environmental Protection Agency:** The Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education is seeking proposals for a new grant opportunity for Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging: Training and Demonstration Projects. Proposals must include their strategy for accomplishing one of the following two goals: (1) Training older adults, to be environmental leaders on local planning decisions that affect their community's built environment; (2) Demonstrating how greenways and sustainable streets can improve the quality of life for persons of all ages while improving environmental quality. Applicants should refer to the full application for definitions of "Greenways" and "Sustainable Streets". Eligible are States, or state agencies, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, other public or private nonprofit institutions, and 501(c)(3) organizations. The EPA requests that interested parties submit an informal notice of intent to apply by October 24, 2008. The closing date for receipt of hard copy proposal packages is November 21, 2008. Further information can be found at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or [http://www.epa.gov/aging/grants/grant-list/2008\\_11\\_21\\_rfp-epa-ao-ochp-08-01-fnl-rev-9-24.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/aging/grants/grant-list/2008_11_21_rfp-epa-ao-ochp-08-01-fnl-rev-9-24.pdf).

**New York State Department of Health:** The Department is requesting applications from organizations with demonstrated experience working with consumers of mental health treatment services, or mental health advocates and treatment facilities, to improve the quality of life for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The requested projects will promote tobacco-free systems of care and tobacco-free grounds where care is provided for this population. The awardees will work with multiple sites to create and implement tobacco-free systems of care to ensure access to adequate and appropriate medical and psychosocial treatment for tobacco dependence for people with serious and persistent mental illness. Additionally, awardees will be expected to establish tobacco-free grounds at treatment and/or support sites. Award recipients will develop programs, policies and procedures and implement them at multiple sites in the state. Eligibility: not-for-profit organizations, local governments,

partnerships or consortiums. Deadline: December 3, 2008. For more information: Contact the Department of Health, Tobacco Control Program, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 710, Albany, NY 12237. Request for Applications may be found in the New York State Department of Health's Web site at: [www.nyhealth.gov/funding](http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding).

**NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation:** The 2008-09 New York State budget provided funding to the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) for the development and administration of a subprime foreclosure prevention services program. Under the program, the HTFC will be making grants to not-for-profit organizations to provide outreach and education, counseling, legal services and court-based services to New York homeowners who hold subprime or unconventional home loans who are at risk of foreclosure or default. Collaborative proposals by multiple not-for-profit organizations are strongly encouraged to ensure that all necessary services are offered throughout the state in an efficient manner that decreases duplication and maximizes the impact of public resources. Proposals may be submitted immediately. Eligibility: Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) incorporation. A total of \$20 million is expected to be made available for this grant. Deadline: The application process is continuous and will operate until all program funds have been disbursed. For more information: Contact: Caillin Furnari, Housing and Community Development Assistant, Community Services Bureau, Division of Housing and Community Renewal, (518) 473-8273, or contact Anna Oles, Homeownership Coordinator, Housing Trust Fund, (518) 474-6082.

**New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal** – Announces the availability of funding to New York State not-for-profit organizations (including not-for-profit subsidiaries of housing authorities) proposing small projects under the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Small Projects Program. Applications for the Small Projects Program (SPP) funding will be accepted on a continuous basis contingent on funding availability. Funds will be awarded only to not-for-profit organizations that will sponsor, develop and own a project once the project is completed and that will have a defined role in the management of the completed project. Applications are selected for funding based upon an evaluation process that includes completeness, eligibility, rating and feasibility reviews. Awards will be made to projects in compliance with all pertinent statutory requirements. For applications requesting over \$100,000 for construction costs only, HTFC requires contractors and awardees to make affirmative efforts to ensure that New York State certified Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises have opportunities for meaningful participation on projects. Eligible applicants include New York State not-for-profit organizations that construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low-income persons/households. Deadline: Prospective applicants must schedule a pre-application meeting with the nearest Regional Office at least 60 days prior to submitting a SPP application. For more information: Contact the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Office of Community Development, Hampton Plaza - 6th Floor, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207.

**New York State Department of Education:** Announces the availability of funding under the Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials. Funding under this program focuses on projects which contribute to the preservation of significant research materials in libraries, archives, historical societies and other agencies in New York State, whether by conducting surveys, improving collection storage environments, reformatting or treating collections or other preservation activities described in the program guidelines. The grant period will be from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The New York State Library, New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials, will provide applications and guidelines to all requesting institutions and individuals in New York State. Eligibility: not-for-profit archives, libraries, museums, historical societies and similar institutions in New York State and consortia or cooperating groups of agencies, colleges and universities, professional associations or other not-for-profit institutions or systems which provide services to libraries. Deadline: December 5, 2008. For more information on this grant or to obtain a copy of the grant application and guidelines, potential applicants should contact the New York State Library, Conservation/Preservation Program, Room 10B41, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; or call (518) 474-1565 or visit the Web site: [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp).