



**U.S. House of Representatives
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Grants Alert February 2008

Department of Justice: the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announces the availability of funds under the Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program. This program is meant to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence. Eligible applicants are Private nonprofit entities, including faith- and community-based organizations; and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity, such as law schools. Deadlines: All applicants who intend to apply under this program are encouraged to submit a non-binding letter of intent to OVW by Wednesday, February 20, 2008. The Grants.gov registration deadline is 8:00 p.m. E.S.T., Wednesday, February 20, 2008. The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. E.S.T., Wednesday, March 5, 2008. For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact OVW at (202) 307-6026 or visit <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/currentsolicitations.htm>.

Department of Education: Announces the availability of funds under the Safe Schools/Healthy Students program. The program supports the implementation and enhancement of integrated, comprehensive community-wide plans that create safe and drug-free schools and promote healthy childhood development. Eligible applicants are local education agencies (LEAs) including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, and consortia of LEAs. Deadline: March 14, 2008. For further information contact: Karen Dorsey at (202) 708-4674 or by e-mail: karen.dorsey@ed.gov.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): SAMHSA is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 for Prevention of Substance Abuse (SA) and HIV for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Subpopulations cooperative agreements. The purpose of this program is to support an array of activities to assist grantees in building a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining quality and accessible state of the science substance abuse and HIV prevention services. Specifically, the program aims to engage community-level domestic public and private non-profit entities to prevent and reduce the onset of SA and transmission of HIV/AIDS among at-risk racial/ethnic minority subpopulations. Eligible applicants are non-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, health care delivery organizations and local governments. Deadline: April 1, 2008. For further information contact: Claudia Richards (240) 276-2409 or email fy08mairfa@samhsa.hhs.gov or visit the http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sp_08_001.aspx.

Administration for Children and Families: The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) invites eligible applicants to submit competitive grant applications for special improvement

projects, which further the national child support mission, vision, and goals. OCSE is looking for innovative projects that promote some of the basic themes of the national strategic plan in that child support should be a reliable source of income for families; and that child support agencies should use early prevention strategies to help build a culture of compliance in which parents will support their children voluntarily and reliably. Eligibility: this RFP is open to all types of domestic applicants other than individuals as well as to faith-based and community organizations. Deadline: March 4, 2008. For further information contact: Jean Robinson at 202-401-5330 or email: jean.robinson@acf.hhs.gov or visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCSE-FI-0005.html>.

Administration for Children and Families: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP) aimed to address runaway and homeless youth problems. BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up 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. Eligibility: State, County and Local Governments are eligible to apply as well as nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) IRS status. Deadline: February 19, 2008. For further information on this RFP visit the <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html> or contact Kelli Matson-Geist, Family and Youth Services Bureau at 866-796-1591 or email: FYSB@dixongroup.com.

Department of Education: Announces the availability of funding to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-aged children through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research. Under this competition, eligible applicants are: (a) one or more local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, that are eligible to receive a subgrant under the Reading First program; (b) one or more public or private organizations or agencies (including faith-based organizations) located in a community served by an eligible LEA; or (c) one or more eligible LEAs, applying in collaboration with one or more eligible organizations or agencies. Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-Applications: February 1, 2008. Deadline for Transmittal of Full Applications: April 18, 2008 (for applicants invited to submit full applications only). For further information contact: Pilla Parker, at (202) 260-3710 or by e-mail: Pilla.Parker@ed.gov; or Rebecca Marek, at (202) 260-0968 or by e-mail: Rebecca.Marek@ed.gov.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) invite proposals for projects using the latest digital technologies for the benefit of the American public, humanities scholarship, and the nation's cultural institutions. These grants require substantive collaborations among libraries, museums, archives, universities, and other cultural organizations. Grants support projects that explore new ways to share, examine, and interpret humanities collections in a digital environment; that develop new uses and audiences for existing digital resources; or that result in extensible and transferable methodologies or tools. For list of eligible projects visit http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Digital_Partnership.html. Deadline: March 18, 2008. For further information, contact Division of Preservation and Access, Room 411, National Endowment for the Humanities 1100

Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506 or call: 202-606-8570 or email: preservation@neh.gov.

United States Department of Agriculture: Announces the availability of funding under the FY 2008 Food Stamp Outreach Program (FSP). The purpose of these grants is to implement and study effective strategies to inform and educate potentially eligible low income people not currently participating in the FSP about the nutrition benefits of the Food Stamp Program, eligibility rules, and how to apply. Entities eligible for these outreach grants are private non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, and public entities with the exception of State and local FSP agencies. Applicants will apply for grant funding under Model A (outreach to seniors); Model B (outreach to Hispanics); or Model C (outreach to Hispanic persons 60 years of age or older). Deadline: February 19, 2008. For further information contact: Leslie Byrd, Grants Officer, phone: 703-305-2867 or email: leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov or visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/grants/2008/default.htm>.

New York Department of Environmental Conservation: Funds are available to obtain independent technical assistance about State Superfund Program and Brownfield Cleanup Program sites that pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. A qualifying group must certify that its membership represents the interest of the community affected by the site, and that its members' health, economic well-being or enjoyment of the environment, are potentially threatened by the site. Portions of technical assistance 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 TAG 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). The percentage goals for MBE and WBE participation are 8.8% for equipment, supplies and services in the Upstate NYSDEC Regions 3-9. For New York City and Long Island NYSDEC Regions 1 & 2, MBE utilization goal percentages are 18.8% for equipment, supplies and services; for WBE these goal percentages are 20.5% for equipment, supplies and services. The TAG recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to employ 10% minority group members and 10% women for a portion of the workforce hours required to perform the work under this contract. Eligibility: Eligible community groups must be non-responsible parties incorporated as not-for-profit corporations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Deadline: Applications are continuously being accepted. For more information: Application and guidance for the TAG grants are downloadable from the Department's website at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/guidance/tag/>

New York Department of Environmental Conservation: This notice is to advertise the availability of State assistance funding to municipalities for Environmental Restoration Projects to investigate and/or remediate hazardous substances on property held in title by a municipality. A municipality may obtain "temporary incidents of ownership" during a tax foreclosure proceeding for a property in order to conduct such investigations. Portions of investigation and remediation activities may be subcontracted based on unit price bids/quotes for professional services to subconsultants, subject to guidance from and approval of the Department. The 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). The percentage goals for MBE and WBE participation are 8.8% for equipment, supplies and services, and 6% for

construction in the Upstate NYSDEC Regions 3-9. For New York City and Long Island NYSDEC Regions 1 & 2, MBE utilization goal percentages are 18.8% for equipment, supplies and services and 21.5% for construction. WBE goal percentages are 20.5% for equipment, supplies and services, and 13.7% for construction for New York City and Long Island. The recipient and its contractors must make good faith efforts to employ 10% minority group members and 10% women for a portion of the workforce hours required to perform the work under this contract. Eligibility: A local public authority or public benefit corporation, county, city, town, village, school district, supervisory district, district corporation, improvement district within a county, city, town or village, or Indian nation or tribe recognized by the State and the U.S. within a reservation wholly or partly within NY State boundaries, or any combination thereof. Deadline: Ongoing. For more information: Contact <http://www.dec.ny.gov> or call 18-402-9711.