



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

Department of Justice: Announces the availability of funds under the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program. The program funds projects aimed to implement a comprehensive approach to address elder abuse. Eligibility: Applicants are limited to States, units of local government, nonprofit and nongovernmental victim service organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Deadlines: Letters of intent to apply should be submitted by January 17, 2008. All Applicants should register online with Grants.gov by January 22, 2008. All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. E.S.T. on February 7, 2008. For further information visit: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/currentsolicitations.htm>.

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>.

Small Business Administration: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued Program Announcement No.OWBO-2008-029 to invite existing women's business centers that have successfully completed either a five year initial grant or a five year WBC sustainability grant the opportunity to apply a new three year renewable WBC grant. Current closing date for applications is January 29, 2008. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/onlinewbc/index.html> or contact the SBA.

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 Education: Announces the availability of funding for projects that focus on activities that document life in New York State. 1) Projects to identify, survey and plan for the systematic collection of records relating to underdocumented subjects, institutions or activities, particularly education policy; impact of the World Trade Center attacks; New York's changing industries and new population groups; as well as mental health activities and environmental affairs. 2) Projects to arrange and describe historical records already in repositories or community organizations. 3) Projects to develop strategic plans for historical records repositories or not-for-profit community organizations. 4) Projects for regional documentation planning to identify under-documented topics or activities. Eligibility: Not-for-profit archives, libraries, historical societies and similar institutions in New York State and consortia or cooperating groups of such agencies, historical service agencies, colleges and universities, professional associations or other not-for-profit institutions or systems which provide services to historical records programs. Deadline: February 1, 2008. For more information: New York State Archives, Documentary Heritage Program, Room 9C71, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230, call 518-474-6926 or e-mail dhs@mail.nysed.gov.

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.

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New York Department of Health: The Department of Health will be providing grants for institutions capable of fulfilling one or both of the following requirements. The first requirement will be for an organization to conduct outreach to and identification of pregnant women and postpartum women by public health nurses to assess their risk and provide home visits in order to screen those women for eligibility for comprehensive home visiting programs, provide basic health education and referrals to needed services. The second requirement will be for an organization to possess or create a curriculum development and training of professional and paraprofessional home visiting staff on topics such as community outreach, cultural competence, interviewing techniques, communication, assessment skills, basic health information, pregnancy, and other topics that will support the effectiveness of the universal home visiting program on the local level. Eligibility: Institutions capable or achieving one or both of the above stated categories. Deadline: February 8, 2008. For more information: Contact Rudy Lewis at the Department of Health, Bureau of Women's Health, Room 1805, Corning Tower, Albany, NY 12237 or call (518) 474-1911, e-mail: rrl05@health.state.ny.us or available from the Department of Health website: www.nyhealth.gov/funding.