



**U.S. House of Representatives  
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**Grants Alert December 2007**

**Environmental Protection Agency:** Announces the availability of funding to support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop aware and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. This grant program provides financial support to seed innovative projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Eligibility: Any local education agency, college or university, state education or environmental agency, nonprofit organization or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities as defined and licensed by Federal Communications Commission may submit a proposal. A teacher's school district, an educator's nonprofit organization, or a faculty member's college or university may apply, but an individual teacher or faculty member may not apply. Deadline: December 20, 2007. For more information visit: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or [www.epa.gov/enviroed/pdf/solicitationnotice2008.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/pdf/solicitationnotice2008.pdf).

**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](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](mailto: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](mailto:leslie.byrd@fns.usda.gov) or visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/grants/2008/default.htm>.

**Department of Education:** Announces the availability of funding under the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). The GEAR UP program supports early college preparation and awareness activities for low-income students. Eligibility: (1) A State; or (2) a partnership consisting of one or more local educational agencies acting on behalf of (i) one or more elementary schools or secondary schools, and (ii) the secondary schools that students from the schools described in (i) would normally attend; (B) one or more degree granting IHE; and (C) at least two community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional associations, community-based organizations, philanthropic organizations and State agencies. Deadline: December 20, 2007. For more information contact: Angela Oliphant, GEAR UP, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6133, Washington, DC 20006-8524. Telephone: (202) 502-7676 or by e-mail: [angela.oliphant@ed.gov](mailto:angela.oliphant@ed.gov).

**Department of Education:** Announces the availability of funding under the Business and International Education program. The program provides grants to enhance international business education programs and to expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities. Eligibility: Institutions of higher education that have entered into agreements with business enterprises, trade organizations, or associations that are engaged in international economic activity—or a combination or consortium of these enterprises, organizations, or associations—for the purposes of pursuing the activities authorized under this program. Deadline: December 12, 2007. For more information contact: Ms. Tanyelle Richardson, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K. Street, NW., Room 6017, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7626 or by e-mail: [tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov](mailto:tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov).

**Department of Justice:** Announces the availability of funding under the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. The program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum administered by the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance in cooperation with the Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid engaging in delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. Criminal justice professionals with powers of arrest—police officers, sheriff's deputies, parole or probation officers, school police officers, federal law enforcement officers/agents, prosecutors, judges, court officials, district attorneys—are eligible to teach G.R.E.A.T. Eligibility: Any state, local, or tribal jurisdiction or law enforcement agency (including school police, housing authority police, prosecution, probation, and parole agencies possessing the power of arrest) with an active G.R.E.A.T. Program, or committed to starting a G.R.E.A.T. Program, in cooperation with a local education agency, is eligible to apply for funding. Deadline: December 13, 2007. For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: The G.R.E.A.T. Team at 202-616-6500 or toll free at 1-866-859-2687 or visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08GREATsol.pdf>

**Department of Health Resources and Service Administration:** Announces the availability of funding under the Leadership Training in Nursing program. The purpose of this program is to provide graduate training of nurses for leadership roles in maternal and child health. This is to be accomplished by advancing the knowledge and skills of nursing health professionals and enhancing their effectiveness in community public health programs providing maternal and child

health services, academia and or clinical settings. Eligibility: As cited in 42 CFR Part 51a 3(b), only public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning may apply for training grants. Deadline: December 21, 2007. For further information contact: Denis Nikiema, HRSA Division of Grants Management Operations, OFAM, Parklawn Building, Room 11A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-8007, email:[dnikiema@hrsa.gov](mailto:dnikiema@hrsa.gov) or visit: [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov).

**Department of Health Resources and Service Administration:** Announces the availability of funding under the Leadership Training in Social Work. The purpose of this training program is to provide a national focus on leadership in public health social work education through: Graduate training of public health social workers for leadership roles in service, administration, research, education, and advocacy related to programs providing health and related services for populations of mothers and children (infants through adolescents) and families, including those with special health care needs. Development and dissemination of curricula, teaching models, and other educational resources to enhance Maternal and Child Health (MCH) content in social work training programs; and Continuing education, consultation and technical assistance in public health social work geared to the needs of the MCH community. Eligibility: As cited in 42 CFR Part 51a 3(b), only public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning may apply for training grants. Deadline: December 14, 2007. For further information contact: Denis Nikiema HRSA Division of Grants Management Operations, OFAM, Parklawn Building, Room 11A-16 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-8007, email:[dnikiema@hrsa.gov](mailto:dnikiema@hrsa.gov) or visit: [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov).

**Department of Health Resources and Service Administration:** Announces the availability of funding under the Minority Faculty Fellowship Program. These grants increase the number of under represented minority individuals who are members of the faculty in a health profession school. The grants enable schools to provide a stipend and a training allowance to the faculty fellow. Grantees must: (1) Identify, recruit and select individuals who are underrepresented racial minorities in the health professions for teaching, administration, or research positions at a health professions institution; (2) Provide such individuals with the skills necessary for tenured faculty positions, which may include training in pedagogy, program administration, design and conduct of research, grant writing, and the preparation of articles suitable for publication in peer review journals; (3) Assist individuals in preparation for an academic career by providing services such as counseling; and (4) Provide health services to rural or medically underserved populations. Eligibility: eligible applicants are accredited health professions schools of allopathic and osteopathic medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, allied health, public health, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, and schools offering graduate programs in behavioral and mental health. Deadline: December 14, 2007. For further information contact: Shannon Anderson, Grants Management Specialist Division of Grants Management Operation, OFAM HRSA, Parklawn Building, Rm. 11A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857 Telephone: (301) 443-7062, email: [sanderson@hrsa.gov](mailto:sanderson@hrsa.gov) or visit [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov).

**Department of Health Resources and Service Administration:** Announces the availability of funding under the Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Health Nutrition. This program provides graduate training for nutritionists to assume leadership roles in improving the nutritional

status of women, infants, children, adolescent and families. The training will prepare program participants to become leaders in public health programs, clinical settings and/or academic settings. Eligibility: As cited in 42 CFR Part 51a.3(b), only public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning may apply for training grants. Deadline: December 21, 2007. For further information contact: Denis Nikiema, Grants Management Specialist, HRSA Division of Grants Management Operations, OFAM, Parklawn Building, Room 11A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-8007, email: [dnikiema@hrsa.gov](mailto:dnikiema@hrsa.gov) or visit [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov).

**Department of Health Resources and Service Administration:** Announces the availability of funds under the Advanced Education Nursing Grants. Grants are awarded to institutions for projects that enhancement of advanced nursing education and practice. For the purpose of this section, advanced education nurses means individuals trained in advanced degree programs. Eligible applicants are collegiate schools of nursing, academic health centers, and other private or public nonprofit entities accredited by a recognized body or bodies or State agency, approved for the purpose of nursing education by the Secretary of Education. Deadline: December 14, 2007. For further information contact: Irene Sandvold, (301) 443-6333, email [isandvold@hrsa.gov](mailto:isandvold@hrsa.gov) or visit: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=630251B8-C169-4C2F-B427-AF544B2101B8>.

**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](mailto: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.

**Department Of Housing And Urban Development:** Announces the availability of funds under the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative. The purpose of the 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 brownfield sites and to return those sites to productive, economic use. Eligibility: Any public entity eligible to apply for Section 108 loan guarantee assistance. Deadline: December 24, 2007. For more information: Call (800) HUD-8929 or visit: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).



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