

Grants Alert

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Welcome Back to School!

Best of Luck this year to all students, teachers, teams and administrators! May you all have a successful academic year!

Rubén Hinojosa



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HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$1.4 MILLION GRANT FOR MCALLEN ISD

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) has announced that the McAllen Independent School District has been awarded a grant for \$1,494,522 by the U.S. Department of Education. The funding will go toward the development of a Safe Schools-Healthy Students program that will promote safe and drug-free schools and positive learning environments for students.

“Ensuring that students are learning in a secure and healthy environment should be a priority for us all,” said Hinojosa. “This grant will help McAllen ISD provide its students with programs and tools to prevent drug and alcohol abuse and encourage safe classrooms and learning situations. Our children face enough challenges in today’s changing world. When they arrive at school, their time should be devoted to fostering growth, knowledge, and development. This grant will help the school district accomplish just that.”

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative provides students, schools, and communities with federal funding to implement a coordinated plan to promote healthy childhood development and prevent violence and substance abuse.

The plan is designed to provide families, and schools with a network of services to help students develop the skills and emotional resilience necessary to promote positive mental health and prevent violent behavior and drug use. This, in turn, will foster schools and communities that are safe, disciplined, and drug-free. The program is also intended to engage parents, community organizations, and social services agencies to help develop an infrastructure that will sustain the program’s components after federal funding has ended.



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES UTPA TO RECEIVE \$20,000 BIG READ GRANT



Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that The University of Texas-Pan American has been awarded a \$20,000 grant for The Big Read, a nationwide initiative to restore reading to the center of American life. UTPA is one of 208 organizations that received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host The Big Read from September 2008-June 2009. The Big Read gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 23 selections from American and world literature.

“This is an important program that will help make reading a fun and enjoyable experience for more Rio Grande Valley residents and I congratulate UTPA on their award,” said Hinojosa. “The Big Read offers a unique opportunity to enrich the lives of our students and spark a love for

reading that will last a lifetime. I encourage as many residents as possible to take advantage of this unique opportunity.”

UTPA and the Edinburg Dustin Sekula Memorial Library in a collaborative effort will receive a grant of \$20,000 to promote and carry out community-based reading programs featuring activities such as read-a-thons, book discussions, lectures, movie screenings, and performing arts events. Participating communities also receive high-quality, free-of-charge educational materials to supplement each title, including Reader’s, Teacher’s, and Audio Guides.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. For more information about The Big Read please visit www.neabigread.org.

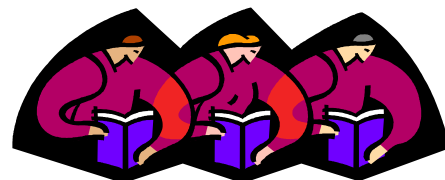
HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$300,215 GRANT FOR PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa has announced that the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District has been selected to receive a grant for \$300,215 from the U.S. Department of Education. The funding will go toward the implementation of the **Libraries Educating All Readers Now! (LEARN!)**, a comprehensive program to improve the reading skills and academic achievement of approximately 3,844 children in six of the urban district’s most needy and poorly performing elementary schools.

“This is a very important grant that will encourage students to develop an interest in reading, which is essential to their future development,” said Hinojosa. “Unfortunately, too many of our students struggle with reading and do not have access to the resources they need to improve. This funding will go a long way toward broadening our students’ horizons and helping them get ahead in school.”

The funding will allow the school district to provide students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials, a technologically advanced school library media center and professionally certified school library media specialist to improve literacy skills and achievement of students.

The district will ensure equitable access for participation in all **LEARN!** program activities. Special education teachers will collaborate with school librarians to ensure that the needs of students with disabilities are met. The proposed additions to library collections include multicultural texts that reduce gender stereotyping, as well as high interest, low-level reading materials suitable for students at various reading levels, including English Language Learners.



HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$147,037 GRANT FOR ARTS INSTRUCTOR EDUCATION PROGRAM AT MCALLEN ISD

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded the McAllen Independent School District a \$147,037 grant to develop an “Arts Educator 2.0” project. This project will create a professional development program for music, dance, drama, and visual arts educators through the use of new and emerging technologies.

“The arts are essential to every child’s education. It is important that we do all we can to equip our teachers with the tools needed to inspire our students’ creativity and imagination,” said Hinojosa. “This funding will does exactly that – it

arms our talented arts instructors with the latest teaching techniques so that they can better educate our country’s next great actors, musicians, and painters.”

The educators selected to participate in this program will be immersed in the most current instructional practices, including inquiry-based, collaborative teaching and learning. The program will help teachers with the development, enhancement, or expansion of art education programs and the integration of arts instruction with other core academic subjects.

HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$250,000 UPWARD BOUND GRANT FOR UT - PAN AMERICAN

Washington, DC – Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded The University of Texas-Pan American an additional \$250,000 for its Upward Bound Math and Science Program. This comes on top of the \$250,000 in funding the Department of Education awarded UTPA for its Upward Bound Math-Science program less than a year ago. The competitive project prepares high school students for postsecondary studies that lead to careers in the fields of math and science.

“This invaluable funding will provide more of our low-income, first-generation students the support they need to finish high school and achieve success in college,” said Hinojosa. “This grant will also impact our region’s economic competitiveness because it will inspire more of our talented youth to pursue in-demand careers in math and science.”



The Upward Bound Math-Science program allows the Department of Education to fund specialized Upward Bound math science centers. These centers are designed to develop and strengthen students’ skills and encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in these two subject areas. Services include summer programs with intensive math and science training; year-round counseling; and exposure to university faculty.

The Upward Bound program as a whole provides support to students in their preparation for college entrance. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families; high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree; and low-income, first-generation veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

NEH OPENS PICTURING AMERICA APPLICATION PERIOD



The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is pleased to inform you that Picturing America applications are currently being accepted online. **The deadline for this second round of applications is October 31, 2008**, for delivery of materials in Spring of 2009.

Picturing America is a free education resource that brings great American art directly to classrooms and libraries in order to enhance the study of American history and culture. The program is designed to be used across a wide range of subject areas, including history, social studies, and language arts. Award materials distributed to each recipient include:

- **Forty, high-quality reproductions** of the selected masterpieces (24" by 36")
- An in-depth **teachers resource book**
- A dynamic **online resource**: PicturingAmerica.neh.gov

Visit PicturingAmerica.neh.gov and click 'Apply Now' for instructions on submitting a simple online application for your school or library. Please note that past recipients of the Picturing America collection are not eligible for a second award.

The National Endowment for the Humanities believes that Picturing America should be in every school and library across America. Please apply soon to receive these valuable materials free of charge, and help us reach our goal by sharing this important opportunity to your colleagues in the school and library community.



CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA 'S REGIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE 2008 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS—WASHINGTON D.C.





THE NON PROFIT SURVIVAL GUIDE TO HARD TIMES

How do you keep your nonprofit financially stable when the economy has the jitters and donors have cold feet? Weathering a bad economy should not send your nonprofit skittering to the bunkers, but it should sharpen your focus and improve your efficiencies. Here are five suggestions to consider for the economic bad times.

1) Don't Pull Back on Fundraising - Just as companies need to keep advertising during a downturn to keep their names before the public, nonprofits will gain nothing by retreating. Not only should you not retreat, you should become even more focused in your efforts. Look at your lists again, sharpen your case, get more personal, and cultivate within an inch of your life.

2) Let your donors know that those you help are in more need than ever - No matter how a donor may be hurt by an economic downturn, the disadvantaged are damaged far more and have less opportunity to recover.

3) Find the stories that will touch the hearts of your donors - Now, more than ever, search out the personal testimonies of your clients and let them speak to your donors in their own words. Don't sink into begging, but show the shared humanity between donors and those served.

4) Take the opportunity to lower fundraising costs - For instance, eschew an expensive fundraising event and go directly to your donors for their help. Wrap a simple, low-cost mailing around the fact that you are lowering overhead by skipping the event, and ask for a direct gift that will put more services and money into your clients' lives. Do the same with your publications. Ask donors to help you devote more of their donor dollars to direct service.

5) Cut costs...sensibly - In tough times, it can be just as important to cut costs as to raise revenue. But don't cut costs in a way that will impair your organization's long-term health or ability to achieve its core mission. Take a look at what is working well and what isn't; what is essential to the mission and what isn't. Cut the extraneous, the unfocused, the inefficient.

6) Take a new look at projects you intended to raise money for - If the project is not "essential," perhaps it should be postponed. A new building project, while desirable, might not be the best project right now. Think, rather, about services that go on despite a recession or even intensify. Perhaps scholarships would be an easier thing for donors to support, or medical research in a significant health area. Books for children in under served areas and playgrounds in the inner city seem more worthwhile than an endowment fund in uncertain economic times. Don't worry about changing course. Let your donors know, and explain why. If your reasoning is good and heartfelt, your donors will come along with you. You will not only do more good, but keep donors engaged until better times come along.



Article by JoAnn Fritz at About.com

Website:

<http://nonprofit.about.com/od/nonprofitfinances/tp/nonprofitrecession.htm>

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Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Guitar Center Music Foundation's mission is to aid nonprofit music programs across America that offer music instruction so that more people can experience the joys of making music. Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs across the United States that provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

Website: <http://www.guitarcentermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

The Arts on Radio and Television

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 09/05/2008

Through this category the National Endowment for the Arts seeks to make the excellence and diversity of the arts widely available to the American public through nationally distributed television and radio programs. Grants are available to support the development, production, and national distribution of radio and television programs on the arts. Priority will be given to artistically excellent programs that have the potential to reach a significant national audience, regardless of the size or geographic location of the applicant organization. Only programs of artistic excellence and merit, in both the media production and the subject, will be funded. Projects may include high profile multi-part television and radio series, single documentaries, performance programs, or arts segments for use within an existing series. Programs may deal with any art form (e.g., visual arts, music, dance, literature, design, theater, musical theater, opera, film/video/audio art, folk & traditional arts). Programs targeted to children and youth are welcome. All phases of a project -- research and development, production, completion and distribution costs -- are eligible for support. We welcome proposals that include ancillary activities that are intended to increase public knowledge, understanding, and access to the arts. Such activities might include the use of related radio and television programming; interactive Web sites; DVDs or other digital applications; educational material; collaborations with arts organizations, educators, and community groups; video/audio distribution to schools, libraries, and homes; and other public outreach activities.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply.

Contact: Media Arts Staff, Phone: 202-682-5738, Email: weshl@arts.gov

Website: www.arts.gov

American Heritage Preservation Grants

Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS)

Deadline: 09/15/2008

The purpose of the American Heritage Preservation Grants program is to raise awareness and fund preservation of treasures held in small and mid-sized museums, libraries and archives that convey the essential character and experience of the United States. These artifacts can be of diverse origin, but should have significance in the heritage of the community in which they are now held. Priority will be given to smaller institutions, but all libraries, archives, and museums that meet IMLS institutional eligibility criteria are eligible to apply. Grants will provide funds to preserve specific items, including works of art, rare books, scientific specimens and historical documents (photographs, maps, deeds, etc.) that are in need of conservation. These funds are not intended to fund a small portion of a larger project, but are aimed at completing a stand-alone conservation project. Applicants will build on completed conservation assessments of their collections, to ensure that the American Heritage Preservation Grants go towards projects that represent best practices in the field and underscore the importance of assessment planning (Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grants, NEH Preservation Assistance grants (PAG) state grant programs, or other internal or external strategic assessments). All eligible institutions may apply for projects in the following areas: Treatment of library, museum and archival collections, Improvement of collections storage, Environmental improvement of collections.

Eligible Applicants: public or private libraries and museums, or a unit of state or local government or a private not-for-profit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code (see specifics on RFP).

Contact: Christine Henry, Phone: 202-653-4674, Email: chenry@imls.gov.

Website: www.imls.gov

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Picturing America: School Collaboration Projects

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 10/31/2008

The National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for projects that foster collaboration between K-12 educators and humanities scholars to encourage engagement with the rich resources of American art to tell America's story. The Picturing America School Collaboration grant opportunity is designed to help teachers and librarians whose schools display the Picturing America images form connections with courses in the core curriculum. These projects will be grounded in the great works of art included in Picturing America, which is part of the Endowment's We the People program. Information about Picturing America, including a Teachers Resource Book, can be found by visiting the Picturing America Web site. The images in Picturing America reflect a variety of media and talents spanning several centuries, ranging from the work of early American Indian artists to painters such as Mary Cassatt and Jacob Lawrence, from photographers such as Dorothea Lange to architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright. These images will help students better understand America's diverse people and places and connect them to our nation's travails and triumphs. Half of the initial distribution of high-quality reproductions (through NEH's partner, the American Library Association) has gone to schools and school libraries in communities with a population of up to 25,000.

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

Contact: Barbara Ashbrook, Phone: 202-606-8380, Email: education@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

A Room Of Her Own Foundation Invites Applications for Literary Gift of Freedom Award

Deadline: 10/31/2008

A Room Of Her Own Foundation is dedicated to helping women artists achieve the privacy and financial support necessary to pursue their art. Toward this end, the foundation annually provides an award of \$50,000 to a woman writer. The foundation's 2009 Literary Gift of Freedom Award will be given to an American woman writer who is a U.S. citizen and will be living in the U.S. during the grant period. Acceptable genres for this grant are poetry, playwriting, creative nonfiction, and fiction. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program guidelines. (Please note: The program requires an application fee.)

Website: http://www.aroomofherown.org/giffreedom_application.php

COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Grants For Wealth-creation Strategies for Low-Income Families

Deadline: Open

The F.B. Heron Foundation provides grants to and investments in organizations that promote five wealth-creation strategies (home ownership, enterprise development, child care, access to capital, and community development) for low-income families in urban and rural communities in the U.S. , including: increasing access to capital, supporting enterprise development, advancing home ownership, reducing the barriers to full participation in the economy by providing quality childcare, and employing comprehensive community development approaches with a strong focus on wealth-creation strategies.

Website: <http://www.fberon.org/programs/index.html>

The Kresge Foundation Capital Challenge Grant Program

Deadline: n/a

There are no deadlines for online letters of intent. The Foundation's six major areas of interest are health, environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development. Through, the Foundation supports organizations' immediate capital needs, such as building construction or renovation, the purchase of real estate, and the purchase of major equipment. Grants are awarded on a challenge basis, usually one-third to one-fifth of the amount an organization has to raise to complete its campaign goal.

Website: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=89>

Preserve America Communities and Neighborhood Grants

Deadline: 09/01/2008 or 12/01/2008

Communities may apply for special designation as a Preserve America Community, which recognizes communities that: 1) protect and celebrate their heritage; 2) use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization; and 3) encourage people to experience and appreciate local

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historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. The designation also makes the community eligible for special federal funding. Once a community receives the Preserve America designation, it is eligible to apply for Preserve America grants, which may be used for research and documentation, education and interpretation, planning, marketing, or training.

Website: <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/communities.html>

ORCA Planning & Capacity Building Grant

Deadline: 09/30/2008

The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities.

Maximum grant award: \$50,000

Eligible Applicants: cities under 50,000 in population and counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000

Website:

<http://www.orca.state.tx.us/index.php/Community+Development/Grant+Fact+Sheets/Planning+%26+Capacity+Building+%28PCB%29+Fund#Application%20PDF>

Shade Structure Program Accepting Grant Applications

Deadline: 04/10/2009

The American Academy of Dermatology Shade Structure Program provides grant awards for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet ray protection for outdoor areas. The academy also provides a permanent sign to be displayed near the shade structure promoting the importance of sun safety. The program is open to 501(c)(3) organizations that serve children and teenagers, age 18 and younger. To be considered, applicants must be sponsored by an academy member dermatologist and demonstrate a commitment to sun safety within their organization.

Maximum Grant Size: \$8,000

Website: <http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>

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/>

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-

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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/>

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>

Allstate Foundation Now Offering Grants For Various Projects

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Allstate Foundation makes grants to non-profit organizations, including public K-12 schools, for projects that are related to automobile and highway safety, homes and neighborhoods, and personal safety and security. Under the personal safety and security initiative, programs that raise awareness of poverty, child abuse, drugs and violence prevention are eligible for consideration. Applicants should offer safeguards against gangs, guns, sexual harassment and domestic violence. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Website: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx>

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>>

Grants for Math Mentoring Programs Using Actuaries

Deadlines: Open/Rolling

The Actuarial Foundation Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program awards grants to schools and groups to develop a viable mentoring program involving actuaries in the teaching of mathematics to children in private and public schools. Collaboration among school systems, local actuarial clubs, corporations and other stakeholders in education is encouraged in order to enhance the chances of success, particularly on a long-term basis. Maximum Award: \$30,000. Eligibility: All schools and groups willing to undertake a math mentoring program that involves local actuaries as volunteers.

<http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/bestpractices.html>

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Comcast Grants for Diversity-Oriented Programs

Deadline: n/a

The Comcast Foundation is awarding grants to maximize the impact of community investments so they yield tangible, measurable benefits to the neighborhoods Comcast serves and the people who live there. The Foundation's primary focus is in funding diversity-oriented programs that address literacy, volunteerism, and youth leadership development.

Maximum Award: \$500,000

Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations operating within communities that Comcast serves.

Website: <http://www.comcast.com/foundation>

Access for Educators to C-SPAN Archival Footage

Deadline: Open

The C-SPAN Archives Grants awardees are granted the videotapes of their choice from the extensive collection in the C-SPAN Archives for creative proposals for using the network's programming in the classroom or in research projects.

Eligibility: middle and high school teachers, college/university professors. Maximum Award: N/A.

Website: <http://www.c-span.org/classroom/grants.asp>

NASA Seeks Proposals for Global Climate Change Education Project

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Office of Education

Deadline: letter of intent – 08/29/2008

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Office of Education, in cooperation with NASA's Science Mission Directorate, solicits proposals for the NASA Global Climate Change Education project. The GCCE project is designed to improve the quality of global climate change and Earth system science education at the elementary, secondary, and undergraduate levels. Each funded proposal is expected to take advantage of NASA's unique contributions in climate science to enhance students' academic experiences and/or to improve educators' abilities to engage and stimulate their students. The GCCE project considers proposals in three funding categories. Proposals are invited in the following categories: efforts to improve K-12 teacher competency for global climate change education; efforts that strengthen the teaching and learning about global climate change within formal education systems; and/or efforts that provide opportunities for undergraduate students, pre-service teachers, and/or in-service teachers to actively engage in global climate change science research. It is anticipated that approximately twenty small awards and four larger awards will be made through this RFP. Small awards may be up to \$150,000, in total, dispersed over a period of up to two years. Larger awards may be up to \$500,000, in total, dispersed over a period of up to three years. Proposals will only be accepted from educational institutions or other nonprofit organizations pursuant to the authority of the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook Section 1260.12(c)(2). NASA Centers, Federal Agencies, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, education-related companies, and other institutions may apply through partnership with the lead organization.

Website: http://education.nasa.gov/ednews/nasaeducation/Education_News_Events_Collection_archive_1.html

Preparation of Leadership Personnel

U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Deadline: 09/02/2008

The Preparation of Leadership Personnel priority supports projects that train personnel at the preservice doctoral or post-doctoral level in early intervention, special education, or related services, and at the advanced graduate level (masters and specialists) in special education administration/supervision. In order to be eligible under this priority, programs must provide training and support for scholars to complete their training within the project period of the grant. Therefore, only the following types of programs of study will meet the requirements of this priority: 1) A major in special education, related services, or early intervention at the doctoral or post-doctoral level; and 2) Training at the advanced graduate level (masters and specialists programs) in special education administration/supervision.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Number of Grants: 25

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education

Contact: Bob Gilmore, Phone: 202-245-7354

Website: www.ed.gov

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Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

Deadline: 09/05/2008

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy's grantmaking program for 2009 seeks to develop or expand projects supporting development of literacy skills for adult primary caregivers and their children.

Maximum award: \$65,000

Eligibility: organizations with current nonprofit or public status that have been in existence for at least two years on the date of the application.

Website: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

Mini-grants for Public Schools and Public Libraries

Deadline: 09/15/2008

Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grant Program for Public Schools and Public Libraries supports educators, parents and children in their efforts to spread literacy and love of learning. Maximum Award: \$500. Eligibility: public schools and libraries anywhere in the United States and its protectorates.

Website: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html>

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Library Grants

Deadline: 09/15/2008

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants to rural and urban, public and school libraries serving at-risk children. The Foundation gives priority to applications from libraries and agencies with real need and limited book budgets. Funds are earmarked for purchasing books for young people, and are not intended for administrative or operational use. Previously awarded grants have ranged from \$500 to \$3000. Successful applicants have proposed purchases to update their children's book collections generally or to expand their holdings in specific areas.

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

Dollar General Accepting Applications for Youth Literacy Grant Program

Deadline: 09/24/2008

The Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants program provides funding to schools, public libraries, Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants help schools and local nonprofit organizations implement or expand literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers, and readers with learning disabilities.

Maximum award: \$3,000.

Eligibility: schools and nonprofits located in Dollar General's 35-state operating territory and within 20 miles of the nearest Dollar General Store. 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/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx>

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Offers Support for Classroom Environmental Programs

Deadline: 09/27/2008

The mission of the Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving. Consideration for funds from the foundation is available to everyone regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, age, handicap, or sexual orientation. Grants are in amounts of up to \$1,500 each.

Website: <http://www.mgaef.org/index.html>

In Need Foundation: Teacher Grants

Deadline: 09/30/2008

Kids In Need Foundation (formerly SHOPA) Teacher Grants provide funds for classroom teachers who have innovative ideas but lack the budget to bring them to life. Projects may qualify for funding if they make creative use of common teaching aids, approach the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Innovation and merit account for 40 percent of the evaluation.

Maximum award: \$500

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Website: http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/grant_applications.php

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Tommy Hilfiger Education Grants

Deadline: 10/01/2008

Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation Education Grants support programs/partnerships that promote educational opportunities for diverse populations in the United States. Maximum Award: \$25,000. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Website: <http://www.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/corporate/foundation/aboutthefoundation.html/>

Freedoms Foundation: Awards in Private Enterprise Education

Deadline: 10/01/2008

The Freedoms Foundation's Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education honor outstanding educators who excite a commitment in their students to the free enterprise system and unleash the entrepreneurial skills of their students at the elementary, junior high school, high school, and college level.

Maximum award: \$7,500

Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents employed full time as educators at an accredited American school (grades K-12), college, or university.

Website: <http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/leavey-awards>

Siemens Foundation: Math, Science, & Technology Awards

Deadline: 10/01/2008

The Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology recognizes remarkable talent early on, fostering individual growth for high school students who are willing to challenge themselves through science research.

Maximum award: \$100,000

Eligibility: U.S. high school students.

Website: <http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/competition.htm>

Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for Science and Math Education

Deadline: 10/01/2008

Toshiba America Foundation Education Grants contribute to the quality of science and mathematics education in U.S. communities by investing in projects designed by classroom teachers to improve science and mathematics education.

Maximum award: \$1,000

Eligibility: K-12 teachers in public or private (nonprofit) schools.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/about/HowApply.jsp>

Best Buy Awards for Interactive te@ch Programs

Deadline: 10/12/2008

The Best Buy te@ch program rewards schools for successful interactive programs they have launched with available technology. Winning te@ch programs focus on kids using technology to learn a standards-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on.

Maximum Award: \$5,000

Eligibility: Accredited K-12 public, private, parochial, and nonprofit charter schools in the United States.

Website: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org>

Healthy Sprouts Awards

Deadline: 10/15/2008

The National Gardening Association recognizes outstanding youth programs via the Healthy Sprouts Awards. The awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. Maximum Award: \$500 gift certificate to Gardener's Supply. Eligibility:

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schools or organizations that plan to garden with children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

American School Board Journal Magna Awards

Deadline: 10/15/2008

The American School Board Journal is accepting nominations for its 2009 Magna Awards, which recognize programs that have been important in promoting the district's mission and advancing student learning; capable of being replicated by other school boards with similar conditions and resources; and the result of collaboration between the school board and others. Maximum Award: \$3,500. Eligibility: programs developed or actively supported by school boards.

Website: <http://www.asbj.com/magna>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education K-12 Grant Program

Deadline: 10/17/2008

The Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program, an initiative of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, is dedicated to supporting parent-teacher groups at schools across the United States. Any individual nonprofit public K-12 school or parent group associated with a nonprofit public K-12 school is eligible to apply. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent tax ID number and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Groups without this status should apply through their school. Pre-schools are not eligible at this time. Applicant schools must be more than two years old. The grant program gives preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean-up projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit are encouraged. Up to \$5,000 per school is available. In order to apply, the requested grant amount must be between \$2,000 and \$5,000. Lowe's will donate \$5 million to schools and school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 different schools during the school year. The Fall 2008 deadline for submitting applications is October 17, 2008. However, if 1,500 applications are received before the application deadline, the application process will close.

Website: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

TASH/Wal-Mart: Inclusive Education Awards

Deadline: 09/20/2008

The TASH/Wal-Mart Breakthroughs in Inclusive Education Awards honor contributions of individuals and school districts in advancing inclusive education and equitable opportunities for students in grades K-12, particularly those with significant disabilities and support needs. Awardees will be selected from these categories: Inclusive Education Administrator of the Year; Inclusive Education Teacher of the Year; Inclusive Education Advocate of the Year; Most Promising Inclusive School; Most Promising Inclusive School District. Maximum award: recognition; a library of books about inclusive best practices from Brookes Publishing. Eligibility: school districts and education professionals that work inclusively with K-12 students with disabilities.

Website: http://www.tash.org/awards_breakthroughs.html

International Reading Association: Teacher Recognition Award

Deadline: 10/28/2008

The International Reading Association's Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Award honors an outstanding elementary-school teacher of reading and language arts who is dedicated to improving teaching and learning through reflective writing about his or her teaching and learning process. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: regular classroom teachers of reading and language arts in grades K-6; must be IRA members. Deadline: Oct. 28, 2008.

Website: http://www.reading.org/association/awards/teachers_routman.html

Five-Day Math and Science Camp for Teachers

Deadline: 10/31/2008

The Mickelson ExxonMobil 2009 Teachers Academy offers a five-day program, with camps in New Jersey, Texas and Louisiana, designed to provide third-through fifth-grade teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to motivate students to pursue careers in science and math. Maximum Award: all expenses paid five-day program in July 2009. Eligibility: third- through fifth-grade teachers from all over the United States.

Website: <http://www.sendmyteacher.com/>

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Verizon Grants for Literacy

Deadline: 11/01/2008

The Verizon Foundation is now accepting proposals from eligible institutions for Literacy Grants. Maximum Award: \$10,000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations, including elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Website: <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

National Gardening Association and Home Depot Announce 2009 Youth Garden Grants Program

Deadline: 11/01/2008

The National Gardening Association has announced that Home Depot will return as the Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2009. NGA awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of the following elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups in the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so but must wait a year (e.g., if an organization won in 2008, it can apply again in 2010) and have significantly expanded their garden programs. For the 2009 grant cycle, 125 grants are available. Packages are as follows: five programs will receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 gift card to Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and store) and educational materials from NGA; seventy programs will receive a \$500 gift card to Home Depot and educational materials from NGA; and fifty programs will receive a \$250 gift card to Home Depot and educational materials from NGA. Each award package also includes twelve months of NGA Supporter benefits.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/YGG.asp>

Books Across America

Deadline: 11/07/2008

The National Education Association's Books Across America Library Books Awards Program enables public school libraries serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books. Maximum Award: \$1,000. Eligibility: Practicing pre-kindergarten through grade 12 school librarians, teachers, or education support professionals in a U.S. public school in which at least 70 percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

Website: http://www.neafoundation.org/grants/NEA-Grants_bro-web.pdf

Grants for Native Plant Landscaping

Deadline: 11/15/2008

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. Funds will be provided only for the purchase of native plants and seed. Eligibility: Schools, nature centers and other non-profit and not-for-profit places of learning including houses of worship with a site available.

Website: <http://www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html>

2008 Nestle Very Best In Youth Program

Deadline: 11/20/2008

The Nestlé USA Very Best in Youth Program honors young people ages 13 to 18 who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Maximum Award: \$1000. Eligibility: youth ages 13 and 18 years of age who demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and can show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church or the community. Entrants must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to submit the nomination. Website: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/>

National Schools of Character Awards

Deadline: 12/08/2008

The National Schools of Character Awards program identifies exemplary schools and districts to serve as models for others and helps schools and districts improve their efforts in effective character education.

Maximum Award: \$2,000

Eligibility: To be eligible, a school must have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2006 for the 2009 awards. Districts need to have been engaged in character education for a minimum of four full years, starting no later than December 2005.

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Smaller administrative units that maintain a separate identity within a large district may apply in the district category -- for example, a school pyramid or cluster.

Website: <http://www.character.org/site/c.ipJKTOEJsG/b.3937991>

Do Something Announces "Increase Your Green" School Competition

Deadline: 12/15/2008

Awards of up to \$1,500 will be given to middle and high schools working to reduce the environmental impact of their school during an eight week competition where students will showcase how their school saved energy, reduced waste, and raised awareness.

<http://www.dosomething.org/increaseyourgreen>

Rural Books for Children Grant Program

Deadline: 12/15/2008

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new, high-quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Applicants' Friends of Library programs or other local initiatives are expected to contribute up to \$350 toward the project, which the Libri Foundation will match on a 2-to-1 ratio. The foundation awards grants three times a year.

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

Proactive Recruitment in Introductory Science and Mathematics

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Deadline: 02/16/2009

The goal of the program in Proactive Recruitment in Introductory Science and Mathematics is to strengthen the nation's scientific competitiveness by increasing the numbers of well-prepared, successful U.S. undergraduate majors and minors in science and mathematics. The program will fund innovative, potentially transformational partnerships between the mathematical sciences and other science or engineering disciplines that widen the cross section of the mathematical sciences to which freshman and sophomore students are exposed and that provide these students increased opportunities for research experiences involving the mathematical sciences.

Maximum Grant Size: \$600,000

Number of Awards: 3 – 8

Eligible Applicants: Universities and Colleges: Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) located and accredited in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Such organizations also are referred to as academic institutions.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Kresge Foundation Announces New Grantmaking Programs in Health and Environment

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Kresge Foundation has announced two new comprehensive grantmaking programs: the Health Program and the Environment Program. Historically, the foundation has worked in six fields of interest: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development. With the announcement of these two new programs in health and the environment, the foundation is expanding its commitment and narrowing its focus in each field for maximum long-term impact in its strategic areas of interest. Both the Health and Environment Programs address health and environment-related social issues, particularly those affecting minority, low-income, and other underserved communities. The Environment Program seeks to have tangible effects on the practices and policies associated with climate change and environmental sustainability. The programs are in the development stage; program teams will be refining their grant making focus and strategy over the next year. For both programs, applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities that have financial statements prepared and certified by a certified public accountant in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or Government Accounting Standards. Private foundations, individuals, and elementary and secondary schools are ineligible and may not apply.

Website: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=154>

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Ronald McDonald House Grants for Children's Health and Well-Being

Deadline: 09/08/2008

Ronald McDonald House Charities Grants support programs that help children read, provide nutritious after-school meals, offer life-changing surgeries, or help prevent life-threatening disease. Ronald McDonald House Charities Board of Trustees is most interested in national and/or international organizations that have a specific program related to children's health and well-being. Maximum Award: varies. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations.

Website: <http://www.rmhc.com/rmhc/index/grants.html>

Targeted Approaches to Weight Control for Young Adults

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 9/10/2008 Letter of intent, 10/10/2008 Final applications

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health, solicits cooperative agreement (U01) applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to conduct two-phase clinical research studies to develop, refine, and test innovative behavioral and/or environmental approaches for weight control in young adults at high risk for weight gain. Weight control interventions can address weight loss, prevention of weight gain, or prevention of excessive weight gain during pregnancy. The first phase will consist of formative research to refine the proposed intervention, recruitment, retention, and adherence strategies tailored to young adults. The second phase will consist of a randomized controlled trial to test the efficacy of the intervention. For the purpose of this FOA, young adults are defined as 18-35 years of age.

Maximum Grant Size: \$650,000

Number of Awards: 3-4

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Regional Organizations

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Website: www.nih.gov

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

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

Deadline: 09/15/2008

To provide support to entities that need assistance to plan, organize and develop a health care network because they do not have a significant history of collaboration and are not sufficiently evolved to apply for a three year Rural Health Network Development Grant. This support may be sufficient to jump-start a network into becoming operational and developing strategies for becoming sustainable. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and operationalize health care networks, consisting of at least three health care providers in rural areas. Identify potential collaborating network partners in the community/region. Convene potential collaborating network partners, conduct planning activities, which could include undertaking a community assessment identifying the most critical need of potential network partners to ensure their viability.

Number of Awards: 20

Eligible Applicants: Public and non-profit private entities, including faith-based and community organizations. In addition, the grantee must meet the following requirements: The applicant organization must be located in an eligible rural county or a rural census tract of a metropolitan county (list included in application materials and on program website: www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/eligibility.htm) and all grant activities must support rural areas. Existing

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networks that seek to expand services or expand their service area are not eligible to apply for this program. Applicant providing services exclusively to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and is supported under Section 330G of the Public Health Service Act. Federally recognized Native American Tribe or Tribal Organization that will deliver services on a Reservation or federally recognized Tribal lands. The applicant organization must represent three or more separately owned entities.

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Website: www.hrsa.gov

Healthy Sprouts Awards to Support Awareness of Nutrition and Hunger

Deadline: 10/15/2008

As a way to encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, the National Gardening Association recognizes outstanding programs via the Healthy Sprouts Awards. Sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company, the awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible for the 2008 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2009 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. In this year's program, twenty schools or organizations will each be selected to receive gift certificates toward the purchase of gardening materials from Gardener's Supply Company (the top five will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; fifteen more will each receive a \$200 gift certificate); NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, containing a series of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons; twenty-five packets of seeds; a literature package from NGA; and NGA Supporter benefits for one year.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

Rural Health Care Services Outreach

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

Deadline: 10/15/2008

This program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. The emphasis of the grant program is on service delivery through collaboration, requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners.

Maximum Grant Size: \$125,000

Number of Awards: 88

Eligible Applicants: Public and non-profit entities, including faith-based and community organizations. Applicants in rural counties or eligible rural census tracts within and urban county. Applicant providing services exclusively to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and is supported by Section 330G of the Public Health Service Act. Federally recognized Native American Tribe or Tribal Organizations that will deliver services on a Reservation or federally recognized Tribal lands.

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CDBG Rural Health Pilot Project

Deadline: 10/16/2008

Eligible applicants will be limited to CDBG eligible applicants, which are cities and counties fitting the current CDBG eligibility criteria – cities with a population of 50,000 or less and counties with a population of 200,000 or less. Projects submitted MUST benefit service areas with a 51% or more low-to-moderate income population. All other CDBG requirements will apply, including environmental, beneficiary tracking, and fair labor standards restrictions. Examples of eligible activities include but are not limited to infrastructure for healthcare facilities, expansion of healthcare facilities, new construction of healthcare facilities, and mobile healthcare services.

Website: <http://www.orca.state.tx.us/index.php/Rural+Health/What%27s%2BNew/CDBG%20Rural%20Health%20Pilot%20Project>

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HOUSING

Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program

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

Deadline: 09/15/2008

This notice of funding availability (NOFA) establishes the funding criteria for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program. HUD is making available approximately \$1.42 billion in Fiscal Year 2008 for the program. The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Program is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families to move to self sufficiency and permanent housing.

Eligible Applicants: States, Units of general local government, Special purpose units of local government, e.g. private nonprofit organizations, Community mental health centers that are public nonprofit organizations, PHAs.

Website: www.hud.gov

Home Depot Housing Impact Grants

Deadlines are: 09/15/08/ & 12/15/08

The program supports affordable housing projects built or preserved with environmentally friendly, efficient, and durable materials that increase energy and water efficiency, improve indoor air quality, and reduce maintenance costs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500 and \$3,000 each

Website: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation Revolving Loan Fund Demonstration Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Deadline: 10/20/2008

The Rural Housing Service of Rural Development announces the availability of funds and the timeframe to submit applications for loans to private non-profit organizations, or such non-profit organizations' affiliate loan funds and State and local housing finance agencies, to carry out a demonstration program to provide revolving loans for the preservation and revitalization of low-income Multi-Family Housing (MFH). Housing that is assisted by this demonstration program must be financed by Rural Development through its MFH loan program under Sections 515, 514 and 516 of the Housing Act of 1949. The goals of this demonstration program will be achieved through loans made to intermediaries. The intermediaries will establish their programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for the preservation and revitalization of low income Sections 515, 514 and 516 MFH as affordable housing.

Eligible Applicants: Private non-profit organizations, which may include faith based organizations, or such non-profit organizations' affiliate loan funds and State and local housing finance agencies.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Seed Money for Fire Control Efforts Worldwide

Deadline: Open

The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program offers seed money to fire departments and related international, national, state, regional, and local organizations for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Examples of funded projects include: preventive juvenile fire setter programs, continuing education courses, digital and specialized cameras, and community outreach initiatives and workshops. Requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly.

Website: <http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200>

PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

Students Invited to Submit Entries for 2009 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

Deadline: 11/28/2008

A program of the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, the SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the United States who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Eight projects will be selected. Each winning organization will receive \$10,000: an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or

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Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; one hundred T-shirts to share with school and community partners; and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. From the eight projects, one outstanding environmental educator/leader will be selected to receive \$5,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for themselves and one guest to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2009 National Science Teachers Association national conference; and an award trophy and certificate. This is an awards program, not a grant program. Applicants should be able to demonstrate significant accomplishments that have occurred prior to the submission deadline. All schools (grades K-12) in the U.S. are eligible to apply. Projects must be sponsored by a formally recognized school group such as a grade level, classroom, or club. Public, private, and licensed home schools are also eligible to apply. Individual students (e.g., science fair projects) and previous award-winning projects are not eligible to apply.

Website: http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html

Awards Promote Aluminum Can Recycling Efforts

Deadline: 09/30/2008

The City Recycling Challenge, an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, is a national contest that rewards cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. Cities compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by population. The following three types of awards of \$2,500 and \$5,000 are being offered: Most Cans Collected awards will be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans between October 1 and October 31, 2008. Most Innovative Ideas awards will be presented to one city in each division for developing the most exciting ideas to promote aluminum beverage can recycling in their community. Partner with Local Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate awards recognize cities that partner with their local KAB organization to create the most sustainable aluminum beverage can recycling initiative.

Website: <http://www.cans4cash.com/cansforcash/default.aspx>

Open Rivers Initiative

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deadline: 10/31/2008

The NOAA Open Rivers Initiative (ORI) provides funding to catalyze the implementation of locally-driven projects to remove dams and other river barriers, in order to benefit living marine and coastal resources, particularly diadromous fish. Projects funded through the Open Rivers Initiative have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that foster economic, educational, and social benefits for citizens and their communities in addition to long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. Through the ORI, NOAA provides funding and technical assistance for barrier removal projects. Proposals selected for funding through this solicitation will be implemented through a cooperative agreement. Funding of up to \$7,000,000 is expected to be available for ORI Project Grants in FY 2009. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) within the Office of Habitat Conservation will administer this grant initiative, and anticipates that typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. Although a select few may fall outside of this range, project proposals requesting less than \$30,000 or greater than \$1,000,000 will not be accepted or reviewed.

Maximum Grant Size: \$250,000

Number of Awards: 10-20

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profits, industry and commercial (for profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments whose projects have the potential to benefit NOAA trust resources. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with states, non-governmental organizations, national service clubs or youth corps organizations and others that are eligible to apply. The Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that work in under-served areas. The ORI encourages proposals from or involving any of the above institutions

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Small Community Grants

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

Deadline: 01/31/2009

This grant program was created to meet the recreation needs of small Texas communities with a population of 20,000 and under. The grant provides 50% matching grant funds to eligible municipalities and counties. The maximum award will be \$75,000. Funds must be employed for development or beautification of parkland. Eligible projects include ball fields, boating, fishing, and hunting facilities, picnic facilities, playgrounds, swimming pools, trails, camping facilities, beautification, restoration, gardens, sports courts and support facilities. The deadline for this program is January 31st each year.

Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#small>

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SPORTS

U.S. Soccer Federation: Grants for Soccer Programs

Deadline: 09/15/208

U.S. Soccer Federation Grants provide funding for programs that develop players, referees, and coaches through programs, field enhancements, or the Foundation's All Conditions Fields Program, with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a nonprofit purpose and meets the established focus for the 2009 grant cycle.

Website: http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.qpLPJQOpHkE/b.2766881/k.2AF1/Annual_Program_and_Field_Grants.htm

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

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.

Funding Opportunities

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>

For information on these and other funding opportunities, please contact:

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