



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

A Service Provided by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives  
Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director

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## Greetings,

This *Funding Opportunities* listing is provided to you by the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI). The OFBCI was established by Governor Mitch Daniels with Executive Order 05-16. Our office is responsible for the management of the AmeriCorps\*State program in Indiana. Additionally, this office will reach out to faith-based organizations to familiarize them with state and federal opportunities for grants and programs and provide training and technical assistance where appropriate for both community and faith based organizations.

We believe that another important part of our mission is to share with organizations throughout the state information regarding various funding opportunities that may address a specific need. Monthly, a listing of funding opportunities will be sent to you electronically which represents notices this office has received within the last 30 days. The listing is organized chronologically so that you can review funding opportunities based on the published deadline. We will make every effort to only publish available grants whose deadline is two weeks or more in the future, recognizing that it takes substantial staff time to develop successful grants. We hope that you will use this listing to further your mission and will let us know if you are successful in securing additional resources.

*Paula Parker-Sawyers*  
*Executive Director*  
*Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*



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## The Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation

**SUMMARY:** The foundation seeks to facilitate the development and implementation of holistic environmental curricula that incorporate basic ecological principles and field environmental activities within a primary or secondary school setting. Accordingly, the foundation is interested in contributing to the development, implementation, and/or field testing of curricula that are consistent with the foundation's mission.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** The foundation provides funds directly to the grant recipient's school.

**DUE DATE:** April 9, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** The foundation gives grants of \$1,000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation, Ltd.  
PO Box 621, Skaneateles, NY 13152. E-mail: [info@mgaef.org](mailto:info@mgaef.org)  
Web: <http://www.mgaef.org/grants.html>



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## Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Targeted Capacity Building Program

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) authorized under Title XI Section 1110 of the Social Security Act governing Social Services Research and Demonstration activities and the Department of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, Public Law (P.L.) 109-149. Pursuant to this announcement, OCS will award funds to help build the capacity of faith-based and community organizations that address the needs of distressed communities. A distressed community is defined as a neighborhood or geographic community with an unemployment rate and/or poverty rate equal to or greater than the State or national rate. The Targeted Capacity Building Program will focus on capacity building among organizations addressing the following programmatic service areas: help for at-risk youth; help for the homeless; marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages; or social services to those living in rural communities.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

**DUE DATE:** **April 10, 2007**

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Up to 200 awards of \$50,000 per project

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Thom Campbell at (800) 281-9519 or [ocs@lcgnet.com](mailto:ocs@lcgnet.com)  
Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-IJ-0036.html>

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## USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

**SUMMARY:** USDA's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives would like to share with you a funding opportunity available through the Agricultural Marketing Service. The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces funding of approximately \$1 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year 2007 through the Farmers Market Promotion Program. The grants are targeted to help improve and expand domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Among the organizations eligible for funding are nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community groups.

**DUE DATE:** **April 13, 2007**

**AWARD AMOUNT:** The maximum award per proposal is \$75,000.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Errol Bragg, 202-720-8317, email [USDAMPP@usda.gov](mailto:USDAMPP@usda.gov). Website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/FMPP>



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**Innovations in Manufactured Homes (I'M HOME)**

**SUMMARY:** Homeownership anchors asset building in the United States. For very low-income families, home equity accounts for 80% of household wealth. Yet, for many of the approximately 10 million American families living in manufactured housing, homeownership has not always fulfilled its traditional wealth-building promise. Despite the prevalence of MH and its importance as a source of affordable homeownership, there are problems in the sector that have undermined its ability to provide the same level of financial security and wealth-building opportunities offered by traditional, site-built homeownership. When combined with negative stereotypes about the homes and their occupants, many who choose this type of housing are treated, in effect, as second-class homeowners. In 2005, CFED launched a multi-year, multi-million dollar initiative to address this situation, with generous support from the Ford Foundation, and in collaboration with a range of other partners including the Meredith Institute, NeighborWorks America, and the Opportunity Finance Network. The Innovations in Manufactured Homes (I'M HOME) initiative, building on CFED's partnership with path-breaking organizations such as the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, funds organizations to develop and implement products, programs, policy change efforts, or research that seek to address problems in the sector and to realize the potential of MH as a source of affordable, asset-building housing.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** For 2007, organizations may apply for either of two categories of funding: Implementation grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to organizations whose proposals reflect mature initiatives ready to be implemented; and Catalyst grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to organizations that submit proposals for projects in earlier stages of development, and for feasibility studies, market research, or similar types of work. Recipients of catalyst grants whose projects advance may apply for future funding in either category.

**DUE DATE:** Concept papers for both types of proposals are due April 13, 2007.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Implementation grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to organizations whose proposals reflect mature initiatives ready for launching.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** The concept paper form should be completed online at [www.cfed.org/go/imhome/cp](http://www.cfed.org/go/imhome/cp). Note: Please prepare your answers ahead of time in a separate document, and then cut and paste the text into the online form. Please do not format your text, as all formatting (such as bullets, tables, etc.) will be lost when text is pasted into the online form. E-mail confirmations will be sent upon receipt of concept papers. If you do not receive confirmation within two business days, please contact them. Questions concerning the I'M HOME initiative should be sent via e-mail to [imhome@cfed.org](mailto:imhome@cfed.org).

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**ESA Foundation**

**SUMMARY:** The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the quality of life, health and welfare of youth. The Foundation seeks to harness the collective power of the interactive entertainment industry to create positive social impact in our communities. The interactive entertainment industry supports geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American youth of all races and denominations and both genders.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** The ESA Foundation is limited in the number of projects that we can support. To receive funding, an organization making a grant request must meet the following criteria: Be tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code; Seek funding for a specific project or program that is or will be in two or more states and serves youths ages 7-18. Provide youth programs in one or more of the following areas: Skills & Personal Development; General Health & Welfare; Risk Behavior Prevention; Education; Multimedia arts/ technology related or applied. The ESA Foundation does not support programs or projects that discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion or sexual orientation. Please note that the Foundation does not provide grants for general operating costs.

**DUE DATE:** April 15, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Grants up to \$50,000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Elyssa Davis, ESAF, 317 Madison Avenue, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017, 917-522-3257. Email [edavis@theesa.com](mailto:edavis@theesa.com); website <http://www.theesa.com/foundation/grant.php>

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**Request for Applications (RFA) -- Drug Free Communities Support Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announce the availability of funds for new FY 2007 Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grants. DFC is a collaborative initiative sponsored by ONDCP in partnership with SAMHSA in order to achieve two major goals: (1) Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, private nonprofit agencies, and Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. (2) Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. (Substances include, but are not limited to, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, inhalants, alcohol, and tobacco, where their use is prohibited by Federal, State, or local law.) *Note: DFC projects must focus on multiple drugs of abuse. When the term “drug” or “substance” is used in this funding announcement, it is intended to include all of the above drugs.*

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** DFC grant funds are intended to support community-based coalitions.

**DUE DATE:** April 17, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Approximately \$6 million will be available for 60 new FY 2007 DFC awards. “New” is defined as any of the following: 1) never have received DFC funding; 2) previously received but had a lapse in DFC funding; or 3) applying for a second project period after conclusion of the initial 5-year award. Applicants may request project periods for up to five years. If a grantee is in any five-year cycle and experienced a lapse in funding, for whatever reason, the applicant may reapply under the new Request for Applications (RFA) for a project period that would complete the five-year funding cycle. The funding years will begin with the lapse year. For example, if the grantee experienced a lapse in funding after the second year of the project (i.e., in the third year), the grantee may apply for funding for years three through five. Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$100,000 per year. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting requirements, such as implementation of the SPF, and timely submission of required data and reports.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For questions on program issues, contact:

Jayne S. Marshall, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 Choke Cherry Rd., Room 4-1059, Rockville, MD 20857, 240-276-1270. Email: [dfcnew2007@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:dfcnew2007@samhsa.hhs.gov)

For questions on grants management issues, contact: Kimberly Pendleton, Office of Program Services, Division of Grants Management, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1097, Rockville, MD 20857, (240) 276-1421.

Email: [kimberly.pendleton@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:kimberly.pendleton@samhsa.hhs.gov)

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**Community-Based Abstinence Education Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Family and Youth Services Bureau is accepting applications to provide support to public and private entities for the development and implementation of the Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) program. The purpose of these programs is to educate young people and create an environment within communities that supports teen decisions to postpone sexual activity until marriage. Acceptable applications will be designed to provide abstinence-until-marriage education as defined by Section 510(b)(2) of the Title V Social Security Act, for adolescents aged 12 through 18. The anticipated number of awards is 50-60, with funding ranges between \$250,000 and \$600,000 depending upon the availability of funds and enactment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 program appropriation.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply

**DUE DATE:** April 23, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** 60 awards totaling \$30,000,000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Stanley Koutsaal at [fysb@dixongroup.com](mailto:fysb@dixongroup.com)  
 Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-AE-0099.html>



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**Runaway and Homeless Youth: Basic Centers Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Basic Center Program (BCP). BCPs provide an alternative to involving Runaway Homeless Youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide a safe and appropriate shelter, and individual, family, and group counseling as appropriate.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** State governments; County governments; City or township governments; Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education; Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized); Indian/Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized); Non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education); Non-profits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education); Special district governments; Faith-based and community organizations that meet the statutory eligibility requirements are eligible to apply under this announcement.

**DUE DATE:** April 23, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$18,300,000 for 140 awards.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Courtney Workman at [FYSB@dixongroup.com](mailto:FYSB@dixongroup.com). Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html>



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**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Program: Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Other Asset Formation Opportunities**

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Community Services (OCS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications will be accepted for a grant pursuant to the Secretary's authority under Section 678A of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act. The CSBG Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Program: Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Other Asset Formation Opportunities will fund up to 10 capacity-building collaborations that create or expand asset formation and financial literacy services offered by eligible entities funded under the CSBG program in support of National Community Action Goal "1" (Low Income People Become More Self-sufficient).

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

**DUE DATE:** April 30, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** 10 awards of \$500,000 each

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Peter Thompson at [OCS@lcgnet.com](mailto:OCS@lcgnet.com)  
Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-ET-0086.html>

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**"While it is critical to understand the scope and magnitude of the crisis afflicting our nation's children, it is important not to become overwhelmed and paralyzed, nor to lose sight of the very human faces and lives represented by the numbers"**  
**Shannon Daly**

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**Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**

**SUMMARY:** Nomination are now being accepted for the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, supported by the National Geographic Education Foundation, Girl Scouts of America, National Youth Leadership Council, and other organizations. Prizes recognize youths ages 8 to 18 who are involved in community service or humanitarian projects.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Young people ages 8 to 18 who are legal residents of the US or Canada. Nominees should conduct projects primarily on their own creation and not designed to fulfill assignments for work or school. Only individual nominations will be accepted. Nominees who focus on environmental concerns are strongly encouraged.

**DUE DATE:** April 30, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Ten winners will each receive \$2,000 for college or their service projects.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Barbara Ann Richman, Barron Prize, 545 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO 80302. Email [ba\\_richman@barronprize.org](mailto:ba_richman@barronprize.org). Website <http://www.barronprize.org>



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### Community College Encore Career Project

**SUMMARY:** Grants will be awarded to community colleges that help attract, prepare, or place adults age 50 or older in new careers in education, health care, and social services.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Community colleges that assist older adults with finding second careers to foster social change. Grants will not support cultural, personal, or recreational activities.

**DUE DATE:** May 1, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Ten grants of up to \$25,000 each

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Stefanie Weiss, Civic Ventures, 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20037, 202-478-6151. Email: [sweiss@civicventures.org](mailto:sweiss@civicventures.org). Website: <http://www.civicventures.org/communitycolleges/>

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### Third Wave Foundation -- Discretionary Grants

**SUMMARY:** In 2007, Third Wave will accept applications for Discretionary Grants to help organizations led by young women and transgender youth to support technical assistance, skills development of staff or board members, or organizational capacity. Examples of activities that may be funded include training for staff or board members, or attendance at important movement-building conferences.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Discretionary grants do not fund: Individuals; national organizations or their chapters or programs, intermediaries, or subsidiaries; organizations outside of the United States; organizations with budgets exceeding \$500,000; more than one grant application per organization per year.

**DUE DATE:** May 1, 2007, and November 1, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$1,000 to \$3,000 (The foundation will not accept unsolicited proposals for grants larger than \$3,000.)

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Mia Herndon, Third Wave Foundation, Discretionary Grants, 511 West 25th Street, Suite 301, New York, NY 10001, 212-675-0700, ext. 13  
E-mail: [mia@thirdwavefoundation.org](mailto:mia@thirdwavefoundation.org)  
Web: <http://thirdwavefoundation.org/grant-making/guidelines>

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### Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Across the US (REACH US)

**SUMMARY:** The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2007 funds for cooperative agreements to advance evidence- and practice-based programs and culturally based community practices to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities through implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of state of the art knowledge.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Public nonprofit organizations • Private nonprofit organizations • For profit organizations • Small, minority, women-owned businesses • Universities • Colleges • Hospitals • Community-based organizations • Faith-based organizations • Federally recognized or state recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribal governments • American Indian/Alaska Native tribally designated organizations • Alaska Native health corporations • Urban Indian health organizations

**DUE DATE:** May 7, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Estimated \$23,000,000 for 12 awards. Award ceiling \$450,000; award floor \$350,000.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) (funding opportunity CDC-RFA-DP07-707)



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### **Runaway and Homeless Youth: Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes**

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Transitional Living Program (TLP) and for Maternity Group Homes (MGH). These activities are authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 USC sections 5701 through 5752 to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. TLPs provide an alternative to involving RHY in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Each TLP must provide a safe and appropriate shelter for up to 18 months of services with adult supervision, life and interpersonal skill building, career counseling and job skills, counseling, and medical care as appropriate. MGHs provide the same services as a TLP in addition to providing parenting instructions and child care. Other services that are offered include, but are not limited to, transportation, family planning, abstinence education and pregnancy prevention services.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

**DUE DATE:** **May 8, 2007**

**AWARD AMOUNT:** 200 awards totaling \$30,000,000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Victoria Marquez at [FYSB@dixongroup.com](mailto:FYSB@dixongroup.com).  
Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CX-0111.html>

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### **Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Demonstration Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) authorized under Title XI Section 1110 of the Social Security Act governing Social Services Research and Demonstration activities and the Department of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, Public Law (P.L.) 109-149. Pursuant to this announcement, ACF will award funds to experienced organizations to deliver capacity building services to faith-based and community organizations through the provision of training, technical assistance, and sub-awards. Intermediary organizations will assist faith-based and community organizations with capacity building activities in five critical areas: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, 4) revenue development strategies, and 5) community engagement. Capacity building activities are designed to increase an organization's sustainability and effectiveness, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply.

**DUE DATE:** **May 16, 2007**

**AWARD AMOUNT:** 33 awards totaling \$16,500,000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Thom Campbell at (800) 281-9519 or [ocs@lcn.net](mailto:ocs@lcn.net)  
Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html>



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**The Dana Foundation -- Rural Initiatives**

**SUMMARY:** Beginning in 2007, the Dana Foundation will make grants to professional-development programs in rural communities in the U.S. The Dana Foundation is interested primarily in training for: professional artists teaching performing arts in public schools; in-school arts specialists who teach performing arts in the public schools. In-school arts specialists are teachers who are part of the permanent school staff (full or part-time) and who teach the performing arts as their primary area of instruction. Please note that the foundation does not support programs that focus on: direct instruction of school children; direct instruction of classroom teachers (proposals may include training for school staff such as classroom teachers, school leadership, and arts administrators who work with artists and/or arts specialists, but the primary training must be for artists or arts specialists).

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Rural organizations. The foundation does not award grants to individual schools or school districts. No grants are awarded directly to individuals.

**DUE DATE:** Letter of intent deadline is June 4, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** The monetary amounts of the foundation's grants vary in size. The largest award is \$50,000.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** 745 Fifth Avenue, Suite 900, New York, NY 10151, 212-223-4040.  
 E-mail: [danainfo@dana.org](mailto:danainfo@dana.org)  
 Web: <http://www.dana.org/grants/artseducation/rural/guidelinesrural.cfm>

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**Food Stamp Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that up to \$5 million in Food Stamp Program grants is available to improve the accessibility and awareness of USDA's Food Stamp Program for low-income households. The 2002 Farm Bill authorized USDA to award \$5 million in grants for projects aimed at simplifying the food stamp application and eligibility systems or improving access to food stamp benefits by eligible households. This year USDA intends to fund at least one proposal that involves a partnership between a state agency and one or more private non-profit organizations, including faith or community based organizations. The Food Stamp Program, administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, is the cornerstone of federal nutrition assistance programs and provides crucial support to working poor and needy households. The program currently serves more than 26 million people monthly.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** The 53 State agencies that administer the FSP; state or local governments; agencies providing health or welfare services; public health or educational entities; and private non-profit entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks, or other emergency feeding organizations. Nonprofit organizations are required to submit a copy of the IRS Determination Letter, form 501(c)(3) or proof of application for exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a list of their Board of Directors, if applicable, and their most recent audited financial statements signed by the Treasurer or the Treasurer of the board. Educational entities are also required to submit their most recent financial statements signed by the Treasurer or Treasurer of the board. Applications submitted without these will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from consideration.

**DUE DATE:** June 13, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$5 million is available

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Grant applications can be found online at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or on the Food and Nutrition Service website at [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp)

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## Continuum of Care (CoC)

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Programs is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities, by assisting homeless individuals and families to become self-sufficient and move to permanent housing. There is approximately \$1.25 billion is available for funding in this area. CoCs and their projects that sustain current successful interventions and advance the goal of ending chronic homelessness will be scored higher. A CoC system consists of five basic components, as follows: 1) *A system of outreach, engagement, and assessment* for determining the needs and conditions of an individual or family who is homeless, and discern the necessary support to identify, prioritize, and respond to persons who are chronically homeless; 2) *Emergency shelters* with appropriate supportive services to help ensure that homeless individuals and families receive adequate emergency shelter and referral to necessary service providers or housing search counselors; 3) *Transitional housing* with appropriate supportive services to help homeless individuals and families prepare to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living; 4) *Permanent housing, or permanent supportive housing*, to help meet the long-term needs of homeless individuals and families; and 5) *Prevention strategies* play an integral role in a community's plan to eliminate homelessness by effectively intervening for persons in public systems—*e.g.*, corrections, foster care, mental health, and other institutions— so that they do not enter the homeless system. By law, prevention activities are ineligible under the three programs for which funds are awarded, but they are eligible for funding under the Emergency Shelter Grants block grant program. A CoC system is developed through a community-wide or region-wide process involving nonprofit organizations (including those representing persons with disabilities), government agencies, public housing agencies, community and faith-based organizations, other homeless providers, service providers, housing developers, private health care organizations, businesses and business associations, law enforcement and corrections agencies, school systems, private funding providers, and homeless or formerly homeless persons. A CoC system should address the specific needs of each homeless subpopulation: those experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, persons with serious mental illnesses, persons with substance abuse issues, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with co-occurring diagnoses (these may include diagnoses of multiple physical disabilities or multiple mental disabilities or a combination of these two types), victims of domestic violence, youth, and any others. To ensure that the CoC system addresses the needs of homeless veterans, it is particularly important that veteran service organizations with specific experience in serving homeless veterans are involved.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Units of general local government; special purpose units of government; private nonprofit organizations; community mental health centers that are public nonprofit organizations.

**DUE DATE:** June 8, 2007

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$1,250,000,000

**CONTACT INFO:** Full announcement <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa07/cocsec.pdf>

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**The Palmer Foundation**

**SUMMARY:** The foundation seeks to empower young people to reach their potential to become responsible contributors to their families and communities. The foundation considers only proposals that empower young people ages birth to 25.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** 501(c)(3) organizations.

**DUE DATE:** The foundation’s board will review letters of intent each month (through January 31 for its spring meeting and July 31 for its fall meeting).

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Information not available.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** The Palmer Foundation, 1025 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, WI 53140, 262-842-0079. Web: <http://www.thepalmerfoundation.org>

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**International Reading Association (IRA) – Gertrude Whipple Professional Development Program**

**SUMMARY:** The major purposes of the program include the following: to influence the quality of reading instruction provided for students; to promote effective translation of theory and research to educational practice; to offer IRA members opportunities to update their knowledge and skills in the teaching of reading; to offer IRA leaders and members the opportunities to conduct professional development sessions for members at the international, national, regional, state or provincial, and/or local levels.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** IRA members and the various educational agencies with which they are associated at the local, state or provincial, regional, national, or international level.

**DUE DATE:** Ongoing

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Each approved project will be funded for development at a level not to exceed US \$5,000.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** International Reading Association, Gertrude Whipple Professional Development Program, Division of Council and Affiliate Services, 800 Barksdale Road, P.O. Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139, 302-731-1600, ext. 235. Web: [http://www.reading.org/downloads/awards/gw\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.reading.org/downloads/awards/gw_guidelines.pdf)

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**Build-A-Bear Workshop -- The Champ Children's Health & Wellness Grant Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Champ children's health and wellness grant program supports a variety of health and wellness efforts, including: childhood disease research foundations; organizations that promote child safety; charities that serve children with special needs.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Champ is a special furry friend that gives back – examples of 501(c) (3) not for profit organizations that these grants support include: childhood disease research foundations; organizations that promote child safety; charities that serve children with special needs. Examples of activities we do not fund include: annual fund appeals; capital campaigns; fundraising sponsorships or events individuals; political activities; private foundations; religious organizations for religious purposes.

**DUE DATE:** Champ grants are awarded in two funding cycles each year. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation staff will notify you within four weeks to discuss next steps in the grant review process.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Grant amounts typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Build-A-Bear Workshop, 1954 Innerbelt Business Center Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63114. E-mail: [giving@buildabear.com](mailto:giving@buildabear.com). Web: <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/champ.aspx>

