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CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA AND THE CITY OF PHARR ANNOUNCE FEDERAL GRANT AWARD



October 5, 2015—Congressman Rubén Hinojosa joined City of Pharr Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, Pharr City Commissioners, and Police Chief Ruben Villegas at a press conference today to announce a \$732,551 grant award to the City of Pharr from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) through its Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. The funds will be used to hire six new police officers for the City of Pharr Police Department.

"I want to congratulate the City of Pharr for receiving this important grant from the Department of Justice," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "I am very proud to have been an advocate in their grant application process for this federal funding. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day for our safety. We must continue our efforts to ensure all of our law enforcement officers are properly staffed, trained, and equipped to meet today's challenges."

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. CHP provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new or rehire career law enforcement officers and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The FY 2015 CHP grant program was an open solicitation. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority were eligible to apply.

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES USDA AWARDS \$750,000 IN GRANTS TO UTRGV

October 21, 2015

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture has awarded two separate grants to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the amount of **\$500,000** and **\$250,000**. Funding from these two grants will support the future workforce with highly educated and able food and agriculture sector professionals who will manage programs serving underrepresented students.

NIFA made the awards through the HSI Education Grants Program, which encourages innovative teaching or educational projects to prepare students who will enter the agricultural workforce. This includes formal classroom instruction, laboratory instruction, and practicum experience in the food and agricultural sciences. Project activities include student recruitment and services, curriculum development, instructional materials and equipment, and innovative teaching methodologies.

“Now more than ever, Hispanic Serving Institutions such as UTRGV are emphasizing the importance of extension services and research in relation to food safety and nutrition as well as childhood obesity and sustainable bioenergy, said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “I congratulate the highly effective teamwork of the dedicated staff at UTRGV for their excellence in training, educating and preparing our students for the workforce.”

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES UTRGV AWARDED GRANT FROM NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR CONFERENCE

October 26, 2015—**Congressman Rubén Hinojosa** announced the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) was awarded a **\$39,505** grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to help fund a five day science conference on Painlevé equations. This conference is jointly supported by the Infrastructure Program and the Analysis Program in the NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences.

“The funds for this grant will provide a conference that will gather mathematicians and scientists including Dr. Nalini Joshi, a world expert in the field, to UTRGV which will serve to inform students and staff,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “UTRGV continues to provide the best in education for their students and faculty. I congratulate them once again on their high achievement.”

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$20 MILLION GRANT AWARD FOR TEXAS TRANSPORTATION

October 29, 2015

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced the state of Texas will receive \$ 20,802,400.00 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program for increasing mobility and accessibility to transportation for thousands of Texans living in rural areas. The applications were submitted by the Texas Department of Transportation and supported by Congressman Hinojosa.

"The Texas Department of Transportation is to be commended for their leadership and efforts to increase the mobility and accessibility for our rural Texas residents," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "This critical project will replace or update four operating and maintenance facilities and 325 transit vehicles. This grant funding will allow improvements in almost every county in Texas, including the counties in my 15th Congressional District of Texas."

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council will receive \$264,222 in TIGER funds and \$405,778 in other funds to be awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission for a total of \$670,000. Texas is the largest federally funded rural transit program in the country. Texas collaborates with 38 rural transit districts to provide an integrated, seamless network of critical mobility services supported with essential fleet, operating/maintenance and passenger facility investments.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



4 Grants Available To Serve Children With Disabilities

Deadline: December 14, 2015

- Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services: Focus Area D Preparing Personnel in Minority Institutions of Higher Education to Serve Children, Including Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.325K-4
- Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services: Focus Area C Preparing Personnel to Provide Related Services to Children, Including Infants and Toddlers, with Disabilities. CFDA Number 84.325K-3
- Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services: Focus Area A: Preparing Personnel to Serve Infants, Toddlers, and Preschool- Age Children with Disabilities CFDA Number 84.325K-1
- Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services: Focus Area B Preparing Personnel to Serve School-Age Children with Low Incidence Disabilities. CFDA Number 84.325K-2

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and community-based organizations

Contact: Julius Cotton ED Phone 202-245-6288 EducationGrantInquiries@ed.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DED%7CDepartment%20of%20Education>



Deadline: December 1, 2015



National Leadership Grants for Museums (IMLS). *Institute of Museum and Library Services* announces funds to support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and have the potential to advance practice in the profession so museums can improve services for the American public.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, community-based organizations

Contact: Helen Wechsler at (202) 653-4779 or hwechsler@imls.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>



Deadline: December 3, 2015



Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Business Centers

(DOC). *Department of Commerce* announces funds to support MBDA Business Centers to provide technical assistance and business development services.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and for-profit organizations other than small businesses

Contact: Nakita Chambers at NChambers@mbda.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=279485>



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deadline: December 15, 2015

Pay for Success Permanent Supportive Housing Demonstration (HUD). *Department of Housing and Urban Development* announces funds to strengthen communities' ability to prevent and end homelessness and also reduce avoidable incarceration by increasing the provision of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), a proven evidenced-based practice.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and community-based organizations

Contact: Marlisha Grogan at or Marlisha.M.Grogan@hud.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>





Deadline: November 30, 2015

Community Food Projects (CFP) (DOA). *Department of Agriculture* announces funds to support programs that: will meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution; community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Contact: NIFA Grants.gov at electronic@nifa.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE

Humanities

Deadline: December 9, 2015

Collaborative Research Grants (NEH). *National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds to support: research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding of the humanities; conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit scholarly research; and archaeological projects that include the interpretation and dissemination of results.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and community-based organizations

Contact: Division of Research Program at (202) 606-8200 or collaborative@neh.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>



NEW

Deadline: December 16, 2015

Primary Care Training and Enhancement Program (HHS). *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to strengthen the primary care workforce by supporting enhanced training for future primary care clinicians, teachers, and researchers

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations and

Contact: Anthony Anyanwu at (301) 443-8437 or aanyanwu@hrsa.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

NEW

Deadline: November 20, 2015

HIV Care Grant Program - Part B States/Territories Formula and AIDS Drug Assistance Program Formula and ADAP (HHS). *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to reduce HIV incidence, increase access to care and optimize health outcomes, and reduce HIV-related health disparities.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments and state government agencies

Contact: Heather Hauck at (301) 443-6745 or hhauck@hrsa.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

NEW

Deadline: November 16, 2015

Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) Program (HHS). *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities that are underrepresented among registered nurses by using social determinants to guide the selection of evidence-based approaches that were successful in retaining students from disadvantaged backgrounds in schools of nursing.

Eligibility: City or township governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations

Contact: Jose Santiago at (301) 443-0533 or jsantiago-velez@hrsa.gov

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>



Annie's Grants for Gardens



Deadline: December 4, 2015

Grants for Gardens. *Annie's* announces funds to support school gardens for educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. Funds may be used to buy gardening tools, seeds, or other needed supplies.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, Local and State Educational Agencies

Contact: Annie's

Website: <http://www.annies.com/giving-back/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens>



Captain Planet Foundation



Deadline: January 31, 2016

Hands-On Environmental Education Activities. *Captain Planet Foundation* announces funds to provide environment-based education to schools and to inspire youth and communities to participate in community service projects through environmental stewardship activities.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, Local Educational Agencies and State Educational Agencies

Contact: Captain Planet Foundation

Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>



USA Track & Field Foundation



Deadline: December 15, 2015

Youth Track Clubs and Program Grants. *USA Track & Field Foundation* announces funds to support and expand high quality programs that attract diverse ethnic and socio-economic youth and that promote character building, education, active healthy and drug free behaviors, including event participation in track and field and cross country/road running.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations

Contact: USA Track & Field Foundation

Website: <http://usatffoundation.org/programs/youth-club-grant/>

NEW**Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation****Deadline: November 10, 2015**

Arts, Health, Youth, Seniors, Education, Environmental Grants. *The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation* announces funds to support specific projects or activities of an organization, as well as operating support. Letters of Request are required.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizationsContact: Mary P. Surrey at (202) 337-3300 or info@mvdreyfusfoundation.orgWebsite: <http://www.mvdreyfusfoundation.org/#!application-guidelines>**NEW****Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)****Deadline: December 14, 2015**

SightFirst Research Grant. *Lions Club International Foundation* announces funds to program strengthens eye care systems in underserved communities enabling them to fight blindness and vision loss and assist those who are blind or visually impaired. A letter of intent is required and due by December 14, 2015

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher educationContact: Lions Club International Foundation at sightfirstresearch@lionsclubs.orgWebsite: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/SFResearchRFP-EN.pdf>**NEW****Roth Award for Underserved Populations****Deadline: January 31, 2016**

Roth Award for Underserved Populations. *Mary Byron Foundation* announces funds to support programs that address the needs of underserved or vulnerable populations and provide services to those who are identified as such based on characteristics that include age, race, ethnicity, gender, faith, disabilities, low socio-economic status, non-English speaking, sexual preference, and victims from economically-comfortable suburban areas who traditionally do not know how to avail themselves.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, state governments, and nonprofit organizationsContact: Kathy Paulin at kathypaulin@marybyronproject.orgWebsite: <http://www.marybyronproject.org/>



RGK FOUNDATION



Deadline: There is no deadline date for applications

Education, Community, and Health and Medicine. *RGK Foundation* announces funds to support programs that focus on human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. Letters of Inquiry are required.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Contact: RGK Foundation

Website: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>



Cardinal Health Foundation

Deadline: December 4, 2015

Patient Safety Grant Program. *Cardinal Health Foundation* announces funds to support programs that focus on: medication safety especially at transitions across the continuum of care from the hospital to home/to ambulatory setting; engaging patients and their caregivers/families; and finding innovative and sustainable ways to effect long-term change. For more information visit the Cardinal Health website at:

<http://www.cardinalhealth.com/en/about-us/community-relations/healthcare/e3-patient-safety-grant-program.html>

Eligibility: Non profit organizations and hospitals

Contact: Cardinal Health Foundation



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Prize Award



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Deadline: November 12, 2015

Healthy Communities Recognized. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize honors outstanding community efforts and partnerships that are helping people live healthier lives. Up to ten winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their success stories celebrated and shared broadly with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally-driven change across the country.

For the purposes of this prize, "a community" is defined as one of the following: town/village, city, county, tribe or tribal community, Native Hawaiian organization, or region (such as contiguous towns, cities, or counties).

The Phase 1 application deadline is **November 12, 2015**.

Visit the Foundation's website to review the call for applications [Healthy Communities](#).

Sustainable Economic Development



Initiatives

Deadline: There is no deadline date for applications

Foundation announces funds to create opportunities for upward economic mobility among communities that have experienced historical economic barriers, including low-income people, communities of color, women, and immigrants. The three main categories of work in this program area include the following: Business Development and Acceleration, Equitable Economic Development, and Job Quality and Career Pathways. Letters of inquiry are required and can be submitted at any time.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Contact: Surdna Foundation at grants@surdna.org

Website: <http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/strong-local-economies.html>

Open Doors Homeownership Grant



Deadline: There is no deadline date for applications

Community Affordable Housing Equity Corporation (CAHEC) announces funds to support "soft costs" related to housing development, such as (but not limited to) travel, consultants, marketing, and training.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Funds: Awards are available up to \$10,000

Contact: BJ Aungst at (919) 788-1805 or baungst@cahec.com

Website: <http://www.cahec.com/community-investments/open-doors-homeownership-grant.aspx>

TD Charitable Foundation Grant



Deadline: There is no deadline date for applications

TD Charitable Foundation announces funds to support programs in the following areas: affordable housing; education and financial literacy; and the environment. Applications are reviewed quarterly; the specific deadlines vary by location.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Contact: TD Charitable Foundation

Website: http://www.tdbank.com/community/charitable_foundation_grant.html



SOUTH TEXAS LITERACY SYMPOSIUM

Save the date for an adult literacy symposium planned in collaboration between The South Texas Literacy Coalition and Literacy Texas.

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015

Time: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Location: South Texas College Mid-Valley Campus, 400 N. Border, Weslaco, Texas

This professional development program will feature a variety of training topics including volunteer management, tutoring and teaching low-literacy adults, early literacy, family literacy, and collaborative opportunities to promote adult literacy awareness and initiatives.

Literacy Texas is the statewide literacy coalition connecting and equipping literacy providers through resources, training, networking, and advocacy. The South Texas Literacy Coalition is a nonprofit organization that serves as a resource to literacy providers through the facilitation of professional development opportunities.

For registration information please visit <http://tiny.cc/stexas>

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 5!



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For more information on these and other funding opportunities,
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