



United States Representative Rubén Hinojosa

The 15th District of Texas



Grants Alert

April 2012



Welcome
Spring 2012



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES \$224,322 GRANT FOR PETTUS-TULETA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Inside this Issue:

Arts & Humanities	6
Community Dev.	8
Education	11
Health	14
Housing	17
Sports	19

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced a grant for \$224,322 was awarded to the Pettus-Tuleta Volunteer Fire Department for a new communications system by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and FEMA. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) will provide the new communication system that will keep all 5 volunteer fire departments in Bee County on the same frequency for instant communication.

tions and Safety grant which will assist the volunteer fire departments in keeping residents and their properties safe.”

The AFG will award approximately \$380 million in competitive grants to fire departments and non affiliated EMS organizations. The Pettus-Tuleta Volunteer Fire Department was one of 16,496 applicants. Only 6 other Fire Departments in Texas received AFG's this year.

“I want to congratulate Assistant Fire Chief Clifford Bagwell and all of the brave volunteer firefighters for their efforts in securing this very important grant award,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “The residents of Bee County will now be provided with this Opera-



Earth Day - April 22



Calculate your
Federal Tax Payer
Receipt at
www.whitehouse.gov

CALCULATE YOUR TAX RECEIPT

Just enter a few pieces of information about your taxes, and the taxpayer receipt will give you a breakdown of how your tax dollars are spent.

WASHINGTON, DC APRIL 2012

YOUR FEDERAL TAXPAYER RECEIPT
UNDERSTAND HOW AND WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT

Enter your 2011 payments below or select an estimate from the drop down menu

Social Security Tax Enter Dollar Amount
Medicare Tax Enter Dollar Amount
Income Tax Enter Dollar Amount
CALCULATE YOUR RECEIPT

Don't have your tax information handy?
Select an Income Estimate

PROGRAMS & SERVICES	YOUR TAX PAYMENT
Social Security Tax	\$0
Social Security Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance	\$0
Medicare Tax	\$0
Medicare Hospital Insurance	\$0

CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES OVER \$4 MILLION IN HUD GRANTS

U.S. Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a total of \$4,729,642.00 to Public Housing Agencies in his Congressional Texas District 15.

2012 Capital Fund Program Awards for Texas 15th District

The funding comes from the 2012 Capital Fund Program Award. The program provides funds annually to Public House Agencies (PHA's) for capital and management activities, including modernization and development of public housing.

“We continue to support the ongoing process of the upgrading and maintaining of our public housing”, said Rep. Hinojosa. “As our population grows and our economy strengthens, our residents will continue to benefit from federal grants that help provide needed housing. The directors and employees who manage the public housing agencies work every day assisting our residents in obtaining public housing and I am very happy to see they are receiving funds to help them continue their hard work in our communities”.

In all, 26 (PHA's) in Congressman Hinojosa's district will receive grant funds. See entire list for Texas District 15:



Alamo	\$45,574.00
Alamo	\$16,722.00
Alamo	\$55,739.00
Alice	\$295,676.00
Beeville	\$224,714.00
Cuero	\$186,997.00
Duval County	\$58,174.00
Edcouch	\$39,666.00
Edinburg	\$473,368.00
Edinburg	\$105,578.00
Elsa	\$140,750.00
Falfurrias	\$138,407.00
Falls City	\$8,379.00
Goliad	\$52,634.00
Harlingen	\$644,461.00
Harlingen	\$11,649.00
Hidalgo County	\$76,057.00
Karnes City	\$33,419.00
Kenedy	\$52,108.00
Mathis	\$102,138.00
McAllen	\$145,069.00
McAllen	\$213,276.00
Mercedes	\$325,388.00
Pharr	\$204,667.00
Pharr	\$236,141.00
Runge	\$54,930.00
Sinton	\$91,253.00
Taft	\$89,493.00
Three Rivers	\$42,698.00
Weslaco	\$114,772.00
Weslaco	\$200,993.00
Yoakum	\$89,628.00
Yorktown	\$59,124.00

\$4,729,642.00

CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES A GRANT OF MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced that the **University of Texas-Pan American** (UTPA) was awarded a grant for **\$597,640** by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to provide 20 four-year scholarships and 12 three-year scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields of computer engineering, computer science, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering at UTPA.

“This grant will have a direct and positive impact on STEM students who attend UTPA,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. **“This project will serve as a model for other Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI’s) like UTPA, and other minority serving institutions including African Americans, Native Americans and women in the STEM fields.”**

The project entitled “A Focused Student Recruitment and Support Model for Attracting Top Achieving Scholars,” is under the direction of Arturo Fuentes. It will be used to assist students who are academically talented and students

who have financial needs. The goals of the project are to improve educational opportunities for students by combining student preparation with mentoring, tutoring, and research opportunities.

“Striving for educational excellence and providing our students the best opportunities in achieving their goals is our goal,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. **“We are all working to cultivate more Hispanic engineers by increasing our retention rate of students in helping them earn their college degrees.”**

The grant is geared to fostering students’ growth and interest in their fields of study.



CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$2 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR THE CITY OF MCALLEN/MCALLEN TRANSIT

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15) announced the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded the City of McAllen/McAllen Express Transit **\$1,905,908** in grant funds for electric buses.

“We continue to support the ongoing process of creating cleaner and more efficient methods for public transportation,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. **“As our population grows it is increasingly important for all of us to do our part in using green energy. Effective electric roadways are an innovative way to do so, to help our communities and our residents thrive.”**

The funding comes from the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Program (TIGGER).

McAllen Transit will use On Line Electric Vehicle (OLEV) technology to run the electric buses. Three electric buses will be retrofitted to run on electric power with en-route charging technology.



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL INVESTMENT FOR THE MCALEN-HIDALGO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a grant for \$950,000 was awarded to the City of McAllen by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for construction and infrastructure improvements to support commerce at the McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge.

“These federal investments that are geared to increase trade along our border are very important and very much welcomed” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “Our international bridges serve many purposes including providing an easier means of trade between the U.S. and Mexico.

Those of us who live on the border know very well how much our local economy can thrive when trade is allowed to flow.”

The EDA investment will fund infrastructure improvements to the McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge specifically expanding the crossing area of the bridge. The project’s goal is to support increased trade and cross-border commerce by facilitating the flow of products through the border



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES LOAN/GRANT AWARD FOR ALMOST \$200 THOUSAND FOR THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHISOLM TRAIL HERITAGE MUSEUM

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced a grant of \$45,000 and a loan of \$152,000 was awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, Inc. in Cuero, Texas. The Rural Development funds will be used to improve the parking lot and sidewalks to meet handicap accessible requirements for a public building.

“Over the years USDA Rural Development has made significant improvements to our rural communities through their funding support”, said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “For many years I, along with my staff, have worked closely with Robert Oli-

ver and others who have been dedicated to the preservation and expansion of this important museum. Congratulations to the leaders and all of the members of the community who helped to make this a successful project.”

Other improvements include an educational green space for a multitude of cultural purposes for children and adults to be located behind the historic building. The facility serves a population of 6,571.

APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS FOR FY 2011 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS: APRIL 2—27, 2012

For information on how to apply, visit the FP&S Grants Web page on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Web-site (www.fema.gov/firegrants). The first step is to read both sections of the FY 2011 FP&S Grants Program Guidance and Application Kit. These two sections describe how to apply for a grant, activities that will be funded, types of organizations that are eligible to receive awards, the evaluation criteria for making awards, and the federal requirements for grantees.

- Section I—FY 2011 FP&S Grants Program Guidance and Application Kit: Application and Review Information. Includes a description of key changes to the FP&S Program since FY 2010.

- Section II—FY 2011 FP&S Grants Program Guidance and Application Kit: Award Administration Information.

Activities Eligible for Fire Prevention and Safety Grants:

- Fire Prevention and Safety Activity: Projects designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards.
- Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity: Projects aimed at improving firefighter safety, health and wellness through research and development that reduces firefighter fatalities and injuries.



A number of resources have been developed to help potential applicants plan and submit their FP&S grant applications. The following resources can be downloaded from the [FP&S Grants Web page](#):

FP&S Grants Get Ready Guide. A short guide to help you kick-start your grant application and identify and address the most important elements of all the grant application questions.

FP&S Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

FP&S Grant Self-Evaluation Sheet. Based on the application scoring dimensions used by peer reviewers, these tools can help you assess your organization's readiness to apply for a grant and help you plan your grant application.

FP&S Grant Applicant Tutorial and Narrative Worksheet. The online tutorial helps applicants to learn about the purpose and goals of the FP&S Grants, identify eligible ac-

tivities and eligible organizations, explain FP&S funding priorities and evaluation criteria, and walk you through the **application process**.

Video for FP&S Grant Applicants. Another tool that provides a short overview of the FP&S Grant Program, including highlights of eligible activities.

AFG Help Desk. If you have questions about the online application, Guidance and Application Kit, or any of the resources, contact the AFG Help Desk by telephone (toll-free at 1-866-274-0960) or by e-mail (firegrants@dhs.gov.) Help Desk Specialists will be available during the application period, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Funding Opportunities

AGRICULTURE

Farmers' Market Promotion Program

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 05/21/2012

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of approximately \$10 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2012 to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructures. AMS hereby requests proposals from eligible entities within the following categories: Agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers market authorities, and Tribal governments. Based on the available funding, AMS will award the most competitive applications that demonstrate measurable, outcome-based strategies that help increase farmers' or agricultural producers' revenue through direct producer to consumer marketing opportunities. The minimum award per grant is \$5,000 and the maximum award per grant is \$100,000. No matching funds are required.

Eligible Applicants: Agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers market authorities, and Tribal governments.

Contact: Carmen Humphrey, Phone: 202-720-0933

Website: www.ams.usda.gov

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

NAMM Foundation Announces Wanna Play Fund Grants for Instruments Available to Schools and Community Organizations for Music Education Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The nonprofit NAMM Foundation works to advance active, lifelong participation in music making by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs of the international music products industry. The organization has announced the availability of grants through its Wanna Play Fund to provide instruments to schools and community organizations that are expanding or reinstating music education programs as part of a core curriculum and/or that employ quality music teachers. Eligible applicants are public schools serving low-income students (percentage of free and reduced lunch data required); community organizations serving low-income students and students with special needs (community demographic information required); and schools and community programs that have made a commitment to hiring and retaining high-quality music teachers and providing standards-based, sequential learning in music. Online grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified within thirty days of submission whether or not a grant will be awarded. Website: <http://www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/apply-grant-and-scholarship>

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>

Funding Opportunities

Challenge Grants

National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 05/02/2012

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities. Challenge grants may also provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects, such as acquisitions for archives and collections, the purchase of equipment, and the construction or renovation of facilities needed for humanities activities. Funds spent directly must be shown to bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly. Grantee institutions may also expend up to 10 percent of grant funds to defray costs of fundraising to meet the NEH challenge. Because of the matching requirement, these NEH grants also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Applications are welcome from colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Programs that involve collaboration among multiple institutions are eligible as well, but one institution must serve as the lead agent and formal applicant of record.

Maximum Grant Award: \$500,000

Eligible Applicants: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools (public or private) and school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency, private nonprofit organization, federally recognized Indian tribal government) working wholly or in part with the humanities may apply for a challenge grant. Affiliated institutions (for example, a university museum) should consult with NEH staff on questions of separate eligibility. Institutions that support research, education, preservation, and public programming in humanities disciplines are eligible to apply for an NEH challenge grant. NEH generally does not award grants to other federal entities or to applicants whose projects are so closely intertwined with a federal entity that the project takes on characteristics of the federal entity's own authorized activities. This does not preclude applicants from using grant funds from, or sites and materials controlled by, other federal entities in their projects. Institutions may apply for only one NEH challenge grant in a calendar year. An institution is eligible to apply for a subsequent challenge grant beginning in the third year after the closing date of its most recent NEH challenge grant. For example, if a grant closed in 2011, the institution that received the grant could not apply for a subsequent challenge grant until 2014.

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, Phone: 202-606-8309, Email: challenge@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic-Serving Institutions

National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 06/27/2012

NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Hispanic-Serving Institutions. These grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future.

NEH Humanities Initiatives may: create opportunities for faculty members to study together while improving their capacity to teach the humanities; help faculty members and administrators develop new humanities programs, which may include but are not limited to academic writing programs, foreign language programs, new humanities minors, first-year seminars, capstone courses, or summer bridge programs for at-risk high school students; help institutions take advantage of humanities resources, especially in the digital humanities; enhance or develop areas of basic need in an institution's core humanities programs; or build ties among faculty at more than one institution of higher learning; among college teachers, secondary school teachers, and students; or among faculty members at institutions of higher learning and their colleagues in museums, libraries, or other organizations such as historical and cultural societies.

Maximum Grant Award; \$75,000

Eligible Applicants: This program accepts applications from Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Any U.S. nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt college or university that is a Hispanic-Serving Institution is eligible to apply.

Funding Opportunities

Contact: Division of Education Programs, Phone: 202-606-8463, Email: hi@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH)

Deadline: 06/28/2012

The Preservation and Access Education and Training program is central to NEH's efforts to preserve and establish access to cultural heritage collections. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing.

Preservation and Access Education and Training grants support national or regional (multistate) education and training programs. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices.

Maximum Grant Size: \$175,000

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, Phone: 202-606-8570, Email: preservation@neh.gov

Website: www.neh.gov

COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This Notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. Funding to support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants is currently available. The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

This Notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. Funding to support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants is currently available. The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk.

Website: www.usda.gov

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Pursuant to PWEDA, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs. These programs will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to support communities and regions in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts. Resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress, these programs are designed to enhance the competitiveness of regions.

Funding Opportunities

Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of investment assistance include a(n): District Organization; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. EDA is not authorized to provide grants directly to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non-profit economic development organizations serving the region in which the project will be located.

Website: www.eda.gov

Microsoft Unlimited Potential-Community Technology Skills Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This program promotes workforce development and IT skills training in underserved communities. It supports technology skills training, ranging from basic computer literacy to the use of advanced business productivity applications.

Funding details: Donations of cash, software, curriculum, and technical expertise

Eligibility: Nonprofit community technology centers (CTCs)

Website: <http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/US/CommunityInvestment/CommunityTechSkills.aspx>

Citizenship and Integration Direct Services

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), The Office of Citizenship (OoC)

Deadline: 05/07/2012

The Office of Citizenship (OoC), within U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is charged with promoting the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Naturalization is not only a benefit in itself, but also a mechanism to foster immigrant integration. Naturalization provides civic and economic opportunities for new citizens, and strengthens our communities and nation as a whole. Through preparing for naturalization, applicants will gain the tools to become successful citizens – ready to exercise their rights and meet their responsibilities as United States citizens. The goal of the grant program is to expand the availability of quality citizenship preparation services for permanent residents in communities across the nation. Activities that support this goal include making citizenship instruction and naturalization application services accessible to low income and other underserved permanent resident populations; developing, identifying, and sharing promising practices in citizenship preparation; supporting innovative and creative solutions to barriers faced by those seeking naturalization; increasing the use of and access to technology in citizenship preparation programs; and engaging receiving communities in the citizenship and civic integration process. Proposed citizenship preparation activities must include the following two components:

Citizenship instruction to prepare lawful permanent residents for the civics (U.S. history and government) and English (reading, writing, and speaking) components of the naturalization test.

Naturalization application services, within the scope of the authorized practice of immigration law, to support lawful permanent residents in the naturalization application and interview process.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants and any proposed sub-awardees must be organizations with public or non-profit status; Applicants must have recent experience providing direct citizenship instruction;

The applicant or any sub-awardees that are proposed to provide naturalization application services must have recent, relevant experience and must: a. Be recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals and have a BIA accredited representative on staff who provides or supervises the naturalization application services; or b. Have an attorney on staff who provides or supervises the naturalization application services. Eligible organizations include but are not limited to: public or private non-profit organizations such as public school systems; universities or community colleges; civic, community, and faith-based organizations; adult education organizations; public libraries; volunteer and literacy organizations; and state and local governments.

Contact: Stephanie Dawkins, Phone: 202-447-0495, Email: Stephanie.dawkins@dhs.gov

Website: www.dhs.gov

Eileen Fisher Invites Applications for Activating Leadership Grant Program for Women and Girls

Deadline: 04/25/2012

For three years beginning in 2010, women's clothing retailer Eileen Fisher will fund programs that activate leadership qualities in women and girls. The initiative is particularly interested in programs that bring about self-discovery and personal transformation; help women and/or girls find their inner strength and trust their intuition; and address any phase of a woman's and/or girl's life. In 2012, the grant program will review applications from nonprofit organizations along the theme of Leading for Impact. Grants of \$5,000 or more will be awarded, including grants for general support and seed funding for grassroots organizations. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to organizations that show an innovative, holistic, effective, and direct approach to activating leadership among women and/or girls; form partnerships with other community organizations for deeper impact;

Funding Opportunities

demonstrate the long-term sustainability and viability of the organization; show a clear need for the funds and a plan for their use; demonstrate a long-term commitment to their work; establish resonance with the Eileen Fisher company mission and leadership practices; and are located near Eileen Fisher offices, retail stores, or showrooms, or outside the United States (via U.S.-based charities only).

Website: http://www.eileenfisher.com/EileenFisherCompany/CompanyGeneralContentPages/SocialConsciousness/Self_Image.jsp

Eileen Fisher Invites Women Entrepreneurs to Apply for Business Grant Program

Deadline: 05/15/2012

Women's clothing retailer Eileen Fisher provides support to woman entrepreneurs through their annual Business Grant Program. The program seeks applicants from wholly women-owned businesses that combine the principles of social consciousness, sustainability, and innovation to create new businesses or invigorate existing ones. In addition to the key social principals, applicants must have a solid business plan and a strategy for long term growth. To be considered for a grant, businesses must produce products that foster environmental and economic health in the global community. (The program is not designed for consulting services, medical practices, and general services. It favors product-based enterprises.) Two business categories are eligible for the grant: established businesses and start-ups. An established enterprise will have been in business at least three years and be ready to develop the next stage of its business plan. A start-up (less than three years in business) will be considered based on a solid business plan, the ability to show how the grant money will enhance the growth of the business at this time, and financial documents that demonstrate the current health and future potential of the business. Only for-profit businesses and for-profit/nonprofit hybrid businesses (social enterprises) are eligible for the grant. (Nonprofit organizations may qualify for funding through other Eileen Fisher grant programs.) The five grant recipients will each receive a \$12,500 grant, mentoring from internal Eileen Fisher teams, and a trip to New York City for a three-day workshop with Eileen Fisher committee members and past grant recipients.

Website: http://www.eileenfisher.com/EileenFisherCompany/CompanyGeneralContentPages/SocialConsciousness/Grants_2011.jsp

ING/America's Promise: 100 Best Communities

Deadline: 05/17/2012

Each year, America's Promise and ING celebrate 100 deserving communities who effectively provide their youth with the Five Promises -- caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, effective education, and opportunities to help others -- and work to increase graduation rates. Winning communities come from all across the country and are addressing the unique challenges they face. Maximum award: recognition. Eligibility: any community committed to better serving its young people.

Website: <http://www.americaspromise.org/100best>

Susan Harwood Training Grant Program

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Deadline: 05/17/2012

OSHA awards grants to nonprofit organizations on a competitive basis through its Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. Grants are awarded to provide training and education programs for employers and workers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The types of grants solicited each year vary. Grants solicited in the past include Capacity Building grants, Targeted Topic, and Training Materials Development. Capacity Building grants focus on developing and/or expanding the capacity of an organization to provide safety and health training, education and related assistance to the targeted audiences. The organization must provide financial plans to continue capacity beyond the grant period. Two types of capacity building grants have been awarded: developmental and pilot. Developmental grants support and assist organizations who through their past activities have established a capability to provide occupational safety and health training, education, or related assistance, but where the organization wants to expand their training capacity into a new safety and/or health topic area. Pilot grants are intended to assist organizations able to demonstrate a potential for meeting the objectives of this program, but that need to assess capabilities, needs and priorities; and formulate objectives before moving forward into developing a full-scale program. Target Topic grants focus on training of workers and/or multiple employers on occupational safety and health hazards associated with one of the OSHA selected training topics. Training Materials Development grantees are expected to develop, evaluate, and validate classroom quality training materials on one of the OSHA selected training topics.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, including qualifying community and faith-based organizations, employer associations and labor unions. State and local government supported institutions of higher education.

Contact: Kimberly Mason, Phone: 847-759-7700, Email: hardwoodgrants@dol.gov

Website: www.osha.gov

Funding Opportunities

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Campell's: Labels for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Campell's, Inc. Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment in exchange for labels from Campbell products. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools. Deadline: N/A.

Website: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About/about-the-program.aspx>

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com can nominate his/her school to win a Teach@15 Award. Maximum award: \$1,500 in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards. Eligibility: accredited, nonprofit junior or senior public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter high schools in the U.S. serving any grades 7-12.

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm

Target: Early Childhood Reading Grants

Deadline: 04/30/2012

Target Early Childhood Reading Grants promote a love of reading and encourages young children to read together with their families by supporting programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs. Maximum award: \$2,000.

Eligibility: schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations.

Website: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>

Target: Arts and Culture in Schools Grants

Deadline: 04/30/2012

Target Arts and Culture in Schools Grants help schools and nonprofits to bring arts and cultural experiences directly to K-12 students. These programs must have a curriculum component. Maximum award: \$2,000. Eligibility: schools and nonprofit organizations. Deadline: April 30, 2012.

Website: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031819>

ING: Unsung Heroes

Deadline: 04/30/2012

The ING Unsung Heroes awards program recognizes innovative and progressive thinking in education through monetary awards. Maximum award: \$25,000. Eligibility: full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff members with effective projects that improve student learning at an accredited K-12 public or private school.

Website: <http://www.ing.com/us/unsungheroes>

Gateway to College National Network Offers Funding for College/K-12 Partnerships to Serve Out-Of-School Youth

Deadline: 04/30/2012

The Gateway to College National Network has funds available for partnerships between colleges and K-12 school districts to implement the Gateway to College dropout recovery program. Gateway to College is a nationally recognized dual credit program that serves youth who have dropped out of school or are significantly behind in credits and unlikely to graduate. GtC classes are taught on the college campus. Students begin with the Foundation Experience, a learning community where students take developmental reading, writing, and math. After completing the Foundation Experience, students transition to regular college classes where they continue working toward their high school diploma and, simultaneously, an associate's degree. In the fall of 2012, GtCNN will select up to ten college/K-12 partnerships for multi-year contracts worth between \$325,000 and \$440,000. In addition to start-up funds, successful applicants will receive training, technical assistance, professional development opportunities, and program evaluation from the initial year of planning and training through program implementation, and for as long as the program remains a member of the network, which currently includes programs at thirty-five colleges in twenty states. Successful applicants for start-up funds will be able to demonstrate flexible systems that allow students to earn a high school diploma (either through the college or in cooperation with a K-12 partner) and provide access to public K-12 education funds for high school completion; strong partnerships between the college and the local school district(s) involved in program implementation; the desire to embrace the Gateway to College academic approach and student support strategies at every level throughout the college; and compatibility of the Gateway to College model with the mission and vision of the college and school district, in order to support the required commitment to working with dropout youth.

Website: <http://www.gatewaytocollege.org/start.asp>

Funding Opportunities

American Honda Foundation: Grants for Education

Deadline: 05/01/2012

The American Honda Foundation makes grants to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused nonprofit organizations for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. Maximum award: \$60,000. Eligibility: schools and youth-focused nonprofit organizations.

Website: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Dominion Foundation: Education Partnership Grants

Deadline: 05/01/2012

The Dominion Foundation is currently accepting applications for grants to encourage the development of new programs to strengthen math and science education in kindergarten through grade 12. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: accredited public and private elementary and secondary schools and public school divisions in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Virginia.

Website: <http://www.dom.com/about/education/grants/index.jsp>

State Farm Youth Advisory Board Invites Grant Applications for Service-Learning Projects

Deadline: 05/04/2012

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board, a philanthropic program of State Farm, is accepting applications for youth service-learning projects designed to create sustainable local change in communities across the United States and Canada. Each year through the program, thirty high school and college-aged youth oversee the granting of \$5 million for student-led service-learning projects in the U.S. and the provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Ontario in Canada. The board members research pertinent social issues, review grant applications, and ultimately decide the grant winners. Projects must be designed to address the root cause of the following issues: access to higher education/closing the achievement gap, financial literacy, community safety and natural disaster preparedness, social health and wellness, and environmental responsibility. Applicant organizations must be a K-12 public or charter school, or institution of higher education. Nonprofit organizations also are eligible if they are able to demonstrate how they plan to impact student achievement within the public K-12 curriculum.

Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

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

Libri Foundation: Books for Children Grants

Deadline: 05/15/2012

The Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants donate new, quality, hardcover children's books for small, rural, public libraries across the country. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. The average total operating budget of a Books for Children grant recipient must be less than \$40,000.

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

Social Science Research Council Announces New World History Curriculum Grant Program

Deadline: 05/31/2012

The British Council and the Social Science Research Council have announced the launch of Our Shared Past, a collaborative grants program designed to encourage new approaches to world history curriculum and curricular content design in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and North America. The program is supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Our Shared Past is designed to promote the development of international scholarly communities that are committed to analyzing history curriculum and reframing the teaching of world history through the identification of new scholarship and the development of new curricular content that illustrate shared cultural, economic, military, religious, social, and scientific networks and practices as well as shared global norms and values that inform world history and society. The project will encourage both the synthesis of existing scholarship on these topics and the exploration of concrete ways that this reframing can be successfully introduced into teaching curriculum in European, Middle Eastern, North African, and North American contexts.

Grants will be made to research teams and research centers at university campuses in the United States, including but not limited to Title VI National Resource Centers. While the program especially encourages research teams/consortia that include partner institutions from Britain and/or the Middle East/North Africa region, the principal investigator must be based at a U.S. university. The program anticipates awarding five grants of up to \$75,000 for a period of twelve months. Grants may support workshops that convene scholars and advisory boards as well as partnerships between regional educational organizations and advocates. Additionally, projects may use a grant to support public-facing events that allow for engagement with world history curriculum reform.

Website: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/our-shared-past/>

Funding Opportunities

NAIS: Challenge 20/20 Partnership

Deadline: 08/17/2012

The National Association of Independent Schools invites schools to participate in Challenge 20/20, a program that brings together one school from the United States and one school from outside of the United States. Teacher-student teams from both schools work together throughout the fall 2012 school semester to come up with a solution to a global problem. Challenge 20/20 is based on Jean Francois Rischarde's book, *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them*. Maximum award: international cooperation and collaboration between youth. Eligibility: all U.S. schools, elementary and secondary, public or private.

Website: <http://www.nais.org/resources/index.cfm?ItemNumber=147262>

YouthBuild Grants

Department of Labor (DOL)

Deadline: 09/30/2012

The Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$75 million in grant funds authorized by the YouthBuild provisions of the Workforce Investment Act [29 U.S.C. 2918a]. YouthBuild grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Under this solicitation, DOL will award grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. Based on FY 2012 funding, DOL hopes to serve approximately 5,210 participants during the grant period of performance, with projects operating in approximately 75 communities across the country.

Eligible applicants: Eligible applicants for these grants are public or private non-profit agencies or organizations including rural, urban or Native American agencies, but not limited to: Faith-based and community organizations; An entity carrying out activities under Workforce Investment Act (WIA), such as a local workforce investment board, One-Stop Career Center, or local school board; A community action agency; A state or local housing development agency; An Indian tribe or other agency primarily serving American Indians; A community development corporation; A state or local youth service conservation corps; A consortium of such agencies or organizations with a designated lead applicant; or Any other public or private non-profit entity that is eligible to provide education or employment training under a Federal program.

Contact: Kia Mason, Phone: 202-693-2606, Email: mason.kia@dol.gov

Broad Agency Announcement

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

Deadline: 09/30/2012

The purpose of this notice is to request applications for special projects and programs associated with NOAA's strategic plan and mission goals, as well as to provide the general public with information and guidelines on how NOAA will select proposals and administer discretionary Federal assistance under this Broad Agency Announcement. This BAA is a mechanism to encourage research, education and outreach, innovative projects, or sponsorships that are not addressed through our competitive discretionary programs. It is not a mechanism for awarding congressionally directed funds or existing funded awards. Funding for potential projects in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2012, Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for any potential activities in this notice. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to review an application, or to award any specific project, or to obligate any available funds. As an agency with responsibilities for maintaining and improving the viability of marine and coastal ecosystems, for delivering valuable weather, climate, and water information and services, for understanding the science and consequences of climate change, and for supporting the global commerce and transportation upon which we all depend, NOAA must remain current and responsive in an ever-changing world. We do this in concert with our partners and stakeholders in federal, state, and local governments and private organizations, applying a systematic approach that links our strategic goals through multi-year plans to the daily activities of our employees. Every year we are committed to re-evaluate our progress and priorities, look for efficiencies, and take advantage of new opportunities to improve our information, products, and services. In furtherance of this objective, NOAA issues this BAA for extramural research, innovative projects, and sponsorships (e.g., conferences, newsletters etc.) that address one or more of the following four mission goal descriptions contained in the NOAA Strategic Plan: Long-term mission goal: Climate Adaptation and Mitigation and responding to climate and its impacts, Long-term mission goal: Weather-Ready Na-

Funding Opportunities

tion, Long-term mission goal: Healthy Oceans and Long-term Mission goal: Resilient Coastal Communities and Economies.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants may be institutions of higher education, nonprofits, commercial organizations, international or foreign organizations or governments, individuals, state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Website: www.noaa.gov

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces Roadmaps to Health: Community Grants 2012 Call for Proposals

Deadline: 05/02/2012

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Roadmaps to Health Community Grants program will support communities working to implement policy or system changes to address one of the social or economic factors that, as defined by the County Health Rankings, most strongly influence health outcomes in their community. These include education, employment and income, family and social support, and community safety. Grantees will be organizations that participate in established coalitions or networks spanning multiple sectors and perspectives and may include representatives from business, education, public health, healthcare, community organizations, community members, policy advocates, foundations, and policymakers. Applicants must engage community members in the planning and implementation of projects, and must collaborate with organizations having expertise in improving the health of the public. Applicants also must secure 100 percent matching support, including a cash match of at least 50 percent, with the balance as in-kind support. Up to twenty grants will be awarded in this solicitation. Grantees will receive awards of up to \$200,000 each for up to twenty-four months to implement their proposed policy or system change strategy.

To be eligible, an applicant organization must be located in the United States or its territories. Applicants must be a nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, a tribal group recognized by the U.S. federal government, or a state or local government agency.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21390>

MetLife Foundation Announces: Creativity and Aging in America Technical Assistance Grant

Deadline: 05/04/2012

The National Center for Creative Aging is accepting applications for the MetLife Foundation Creativity and Aging in America Technical Assistance Grant.

The program provides grants to develop arts and aging programs in selected communities in the areas of Lifelong Learning, Health and Wellness, and Community Engagement.

Each grant will support 1) Mentorship — the selected site will bring one of the MetLife Foundation Leadership Award Winners to provide onsite technical assistance, mentoring senior staff and helping to train staff, partnering organizations, and community members in developing an arts program in their setting; and 2) Best Practice Forum — a half-day forum bringing together programs, organizations, individuals, and community partners dedicated to arts, education, health, social work, and aging in the community.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (organizations operating under the fiscal sponsorship of another agency are not eligible); have an annual organizational budget of at least \$150,000; and be a current NCCA Organizational Member. Organizations selected must demonstrate the capacity to develop an arts and aging program in their setting with sustainability of the program as a goal.

Contact: Katie Fitzgerald at e-mail: Kfitzgerald@creativeaging.org.

Website: <http://www.creativeaging.org/programs-people/metlife-initiative/metlife-foundation-creativity-and-aging-technical-assistance>

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Announces: Innovative Ideas to Address Global Health and Development Challenges

Deadline: 05/15/2012

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications for Round 9 of its Grand Challenges Explorations initiative, a \$100

Funding Opportunities

million grant initiative encouraging innovation in global health and development research. The program seeks dynamic, transformative ideas that address the world's greatest health and development challenges. The grant program is open to anyone from any discipline, from student to tenured professor, and from any organization — colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies.

The foundation has also announced that this round of Grand Challenges Explorations will feature a new kind of topic that challenges people to find new ways to tell the story of development aid and the powerful impact it can have around the world. To help disseminate the message that aid works, Grand Challenges Explorations is partnering with Cannes Lions to uncover new ways to find and distribute stories that will inspire people to support development aid. The complete list of topics for Grand Challenges Explorations Round 9 is as follows: Aid Is Working — Tell the World (in partnership with Cannes Lions); New Approaches for the Interrogation of Anti-Malarial Compounds; Protect Crop Plants from Biotic Stresses (From Field to Market); Design New Approaches to Optimize Immunization Systems; and Explore New Solutions for Global Health Priority Areas. The Gates Foundation and an independent group of reviewers will select the most innovative proposals, with grants awarded within approximately four months of the proposal submission deadline. Initial grants will be \$100,000 each. Projects demonstrating potential will have the opportunity to receive additional funding up to \$1 million.

Eligible Applicants: Anyone with a transformative idea is invited to submit the two-page online application

Contact: For questions call (206) 709-3400 or e-mail: grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org. For more information see <http://www.grandchallenges.org/GrantOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

M•A•C AIDS Fund Announces the United States Community Grants Program

Deadline: 05/04/2012

The M•A•C AIDS Fund United States Community Grants Program supports organizations working to address the link between poverty and AIDS through grants for programs that provide food and nutrition or housing services to people living with HIV and AIDS.

The fund has released the guidelines and application for the food and nutrition component of the program. (The housing services application will be available July 13, 2012. Eligible organizations may apply for only one of the two grant opportunities each year.) Grants range up to a maximum of \$25,000. Grant requests should not exceed 20 percent of the total HIV/AIDS food or nutrition program budget. Funding categories include food purchases, capacity building, organization sustainability, and collaborations between organizations.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible, organizations must have 501(c)(3) status; operate an HIV/AIDS food and nutrition program five days or more per week and supply 50 percent or more of a person's daily nutritional requirements in the form of prepared meals, congregate meals, or pantry bags; and have been in operation for a minimum of three years. Organizations also must have a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation and specifically protects LGBTQ clients.

Website: <http://www.macaidsfund.org/#/work/application>

Gates Foundation Invites Innovative Ideas to Address Global Health and Development Challenges

Deadline: May 15, 2012

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications for Round 9 of its Grand Challenges Explorations initiative, a \$100 million grant initiative encouraging innovation in global health and development research. The program seeks dynamic, transformative ideas that address the world's greatest health and development challenges. The grant program is open to anyone from any discipline, from student to tenured professor, and from any organization — colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies. Anyone with a transformative idea is invited to submit the two-page online application. The foundation has also announced that this round of Grand Challenges Explorations will feature a new kind of topic that challenges people to find new ways to tell the story of development aid and the powerful impact it can have around the world. To help disseminate the message that aid works, Grand Challenges Explorations is partnering with Cannes Lions to uncover new ways to find and distribute stories that will inspire people to support development aid. The complete list of topics for Grand Challenges Explorations Round 9 is as follows: Aid Is Working — Tell the World (in partnership with Cannes Lions); New Approaches for the Interrogation of Anti-Malarial Compounds; Protect Crop Plants From Biotic Stresses (From Field to Market); Design New Approaches to Optimize Immunization Systems; and Explore New Solutions for Global Health Priority Areas. The Gates Foundation and an independent group of reviewers will select the most innovative proposals, with grants awarded within approximately four months of the proposal submission deadline. Initial grants will be \$100,000 each. Projects demonstrating potential will

Funding Opportunities

have the opportunity to receive additional funding up to \$1 million.

Website: <http://www.grandchallenges.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

Childhood Obesity Prevention

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Deadline: 06/05/2012

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under which the Secretary of Agriculture may make competitive grants for fundamental and applied research, education, and extension to address food and agricultural sciences (as defined under section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended, in six priority areas. The six priority areas include: plant health and production and plant products;

animal health and production and animal products; food safety, nutrition, and health; renewable energy, natural resources, and environment; agriculture systems and technology; and agriculture economics and rural communities.

Eligible Applicants: colleges and universities; 1994 Land-Grant Institutions; and Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities.

Contact: Jane Clary, Phone: 202-720-3891, Email: jclary@nifa.usda.gov

Website: www.usda.gov

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Announces Calls for Proposals for Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Deadline: 08/09/2012

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF's efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. RWJF funds efforts at the organizational, community, state, and federal levels to change public and institutional policies and environments in ways that promote improved nutrition and physical activity. This work ranges from large-scale changes to smaller-scale efforts taking place at the organizational or institutional level (e.g., in schools, recreational programs, child-care settings, hospitals, retail food outlets) that could be replicated if effective. The primary goal of this CFP is to fund and communicate strategic and timely research addressing key evidence needed to advance RWJF's policy priorities — providing advocates, decision-makers, and policy-makers with innovative, solution-oriented, policy-relevant environmental and policy studies to guide policy action. Proposals are invited for two types of awards: 1) Round 7 grants, and 2) RWJF New Connections grants awarded through the Healthy Eating Research program.

Round 7 grants represent the majority of RWJF's investment in research through this program. Approximately \$1.7 million will be awarded in grants of up to \$170,000 for a maximum funding period of eighteen months. Concept papers may be submitted at any time until August 9, 2012. The deadlines for receipt of invited full proposals are May 31, 2012; July 31, 2012; and October 4, 2012.

The New Connections grants are offered in collaboration with RWJF's New Connections program, which is designed to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the foundation. These grants are to support research by new investigators representing populations and communities historically underrepresented in childhood obesity prevention research, including researchers from underrepresented ethnic or racial minority groups and lower-income communities and those who are first-generation college graduates. Up to two grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded for projects of twelve to eighteen months. Concept papers are due May 22, 2012; invited full proposals will be due July 21, 2012. Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are either public entities or nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. The focus of this program is the United States; studies in other countries will be considered only to the extent that they directly inform U.S. policy.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21393>

Funding Opportunities

HOUSING

Enterprise Green Communities Offers Charrette and Sustainability Grants for Green Affordable Housing Projects

Deadline: Open /Rolling

An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, Enterprise Green Communities provides funds and expertise to enable affordable housing developers to build and rehabilitate homes that are healthier, more energy efficient, and better for the environment. In addition to loans and other funding options, Green Communities offers Charrette and Sustainability grants to help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing developments, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. Charrette grants provide up to \$5,000 per project for affordable housing developers to engage in integrative design. A Green Communities charrette involves an intense working session that brings together a diverse group of housing development professionals as well as residents, technical experts, funders, policy makers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. By supporting charrettes at the schematic design phase, Enterprise seeks to help developers establish green goals as early as possible so that the most cost-effective green strategies can be incorporated in the building and site plans. Projects applying for pre-development charrette funds must be in the early stages of planning or schematic design phase of development. Sustainability Training grants (post-construction) of up to \$5,000 each are provided for affordable housing developers to maximize the health, economic, and environmental benefits of green development throughout a project's life cycle. The grant program provides an opportunity to transfer the design knowledge that informed the Green Communities planning and construction process to residents as well as operations and management staff. Funding may be used to cover the cost of implementing a training program and related tools that support green resident engagement and operations. Projects must have completed construction at the time of application and be occupied prior to the grant award. For both programs, eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, tribally designated housing entities, and for-profit entities participating through joint ventures with qualified organizations.

Website: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/>

Bank of America Charitable Foundation Accepting Grant Requests From Nonprofit Organizations Addressing Housing Issues

Deadline: 4/30/2012

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is inviting nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations throughout the United States to submit funding proposals for programs that address the nation's ongoing housing challenges. The company will invest \$15 million to support impactful local and national programs and services addressing housing issues, including foreclosure counseling and mitigation, neighborhood stabilization, and affordable housing. This support builds on the bank's more than \$50 million in grants and program-related investments since 2010 to assist nonprofits providing homeowner retention programs, transitional services, and revitalization efforts in low- and moderate-income communities across the country. The company will invest \$15 million to support impactful local and national programs and services addressing housing issues, including foreclosure counseling and mitigation, neighborhood stabilization, and affordable housing. This support builds on the bank's more than \$50 million in grants and program-related investments since 2010 to assist nonprofits providing homeowner retention programs, transitional services, and revitalization efforts in low- and moderate-income communities across the country.

Website: http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_grantapp

Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Deadline: 04/30/2012

SHOP grant funds are awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. Applicants must propose to use a significant amount of SHOP funds in at least two states. SHOP funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning, administration and management costs (not to exceed 20 percent). The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds. The average SHOP expenditure for the combined costs of land and infrastructure must not exceed \$15,000 per SHOP unit. Eligible low-income homebuyers must contribute a significant amount of sweat equity towards the development of the SHOP units. Donated volunteer labor is also required. Assisted units must be decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings that comply with local building and safety codes and standards, and with the SHOP requirements. The SHOP units must be sold to the homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market price. The homebuyer's sweat equity contribution must not be mortgaged or otherwise restricted upon future sale of the SHOP unit. SHOP grantees may award SHOP funds to affiliates to carry out the grantee's SHOP program. These affiliates must be located within the grantee's service area. SHOP funds are awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs. SHOP grantees must use a significant amount of SHOP funds in at least two states. SHOP funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning, administration and management costs (not to exceed 20 percent). The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds. The average SHOP expenditure for the combined costs of land and infrastructure must not exceed \$15,000 per

Funding Opportunities

SHOP unit. Eligible low-income homebuyers must contribute a significant amount of sweat equity towards the development of the SHOP units. Donated volunteer labor is also required. Assisted units must be decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings that comply with local building and safety codes and standards, and with the SHOP requirements. The SHOP units must be sold to the homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market price. The homebuyer's sweat equity contribution must not be mortgaged or otherwise restricted upon future sale of the SHOP unit. SHOP grantees may award SHOP funds to affiliates to carry out the grantee's SHOP program. These affiliates must be located within the grantee's service area.

Contact: Ginger Macomber, Phone: 202-402-4605

Website: www.hud.gov

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Planning Grants

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Deadline: 05/01/2012

The spatial concentration of poverty remains a serious and often unrecognized challenge to the ability of poor families and children to access opportunities and move up the economic ladder. Many neighborhoods of concentrated poverty contain distressed public and/or HUD-assisted housing in need of repair or replacement. Prior to the creation of Choice Neighborhoods, HOPE VI was the only major source of revitalization funding available to these areas. This funding was only available to the public housing stock, and HUD could not reach nearby distressed assisted or vacant private housing. Choice Neighborhoods helps communities also address assisted and vacant housing units, while investing in people and neighborhood assets, to transform neighborhoods of distress into revitalized mixed-income neighborhoods. Choice Neighborhoods employs a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. Choice Neighborhoods will ensure that current residents will be able to benefit from this transformation, by preserving affordable housing or providing residents with the choice to move to affordable and accessible housing in another existing neighborhood of opportunity. Planning Grants assist communities in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.

Maximum Grant Size: \$500,000

Number of Awards: 17-20

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for Choice Neighborhoods grants are Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), tribal entities, local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity.

Contact: HUD STAFF, Email: choiceneighborhoods@hud.gov

Website: www.hud.gov

Rural Community Development Initiative

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

Deadline: 05/09/2012

This Notice announces the availability of \$8,611,000 of FYs 2011 and 2012 funding of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area (Agency). Appropriation Acts made available \$4,990,000 in FY 2011 and \$3,621,000 in FY 2012 for the RCDI program for a total of \$8,611,000 for the two fiscal years. The RCDI grant program includes an initiative called the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge. For FY 2011 and the FY 2012 RCDI funds will be divided between the traditional RCDI Program and the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge as follows: \$2,500,000 of the FY 2011 funds and \$1,811,000 of the FY 2012 funds will be available for the traditional RCDI program and \$2,490,000 of the FY 2011 funds and \$1,810,000 of the FY 2012 will be reserved for awards through a Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement in partnership with the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge. An application for "Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge" funds must be submitted to both USDA and EDA by an organization or a team of organizations that is individually or collectively eligible to receive funding from USDA and EDA. Additional information regarding the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge can be found in Part VI and Part VII of this NOFA. Requirements outlined in Parts II, III, VIII, IX, X, and XI of this NOFA apply to both the Traditional RCDI Program and the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge.

Eligible Contacts: Qualified private, nonprofit, including faith-based and community organizations, in accordance with 7 CFR part 16, and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations.

Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Funding Opportunities

Home Depot Foundation Accepting Applications for 2012 Community Impact Grants Program

Deadline: 08/13/2012

The Home Depot Foundation, a philanthropic vehicle of Home Depot, has announced that it is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Given the realities of the current housing market, the foundation is prioritizing projects that help military veterans stay in their homes comfortably. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications, and weatherization work. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing, or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional veterans' housing, or community facilities; and planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S. Only registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tax-exempt public schools, and tax-exempt public agencies in the U.S. are eligible to apply. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Visit the Home Depot Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines, an FAQ, and the online application.

Website: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/how-we-help/grants.html>

PARK AND ENVIRONMENT

Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: 04/06/2012

EPA's Green Infrastructure Program has announced the availability of direct assistance from EPA to facilitate the use of green infrastructure to protect water quality. Green infrastructure uses vegetation, soils, and natural processes to manage storm water, and can decrease temperatures in the urban environment by deflecting solar radiation, providing shade, and removing heat from the air through evapotranspiration. Technical assistance will be provided through EPA contract support and can help communities with any level of green infrastructure implementation. The value of the assistance available to each of the 10 to 20 projects selected will be approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Eligible Applicants: Any combination of local government department, office, agency or non-profit.

Website: http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/gi_support.cfm#CommunityPartnerships

Captain Planet Foundation: Grants for the Environment

Deadline: 05/31/2012

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects that encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations.

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

SPORTS

United States Paralympic Integrated Adaptive Sports Program

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Deadline: 05/11/2012

The USOC is announcing the availability of funds for the Olympic Opportunity Fund Grant Program, application process and application timeframes. This announcement pertains to \$1,600,000 in grant funds to be competitively awarded through the OOF. The USOC considers competitive grant applications to provide adaptive sport programs to: Promote lifelong health of disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces through regular participation in physical activity and sports.

Enhance recreational activities provided by creating partnerships among organizations specializing in supporting, training, and promoting programs for disabled veterans from the recreationalist to the emerging athlete. Provide training and technical assistance to national and local non-profit organizations to provide Paralympic sports training to disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces in their own communities. Increase participation of disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces in sports.

Eligible Applicants: Those eligible to apply for the grant include Paralympic Sport Clubs, colleges/ universities, Parks and Recreation Agencies, Veterans

Funding Opportunities

Service Organizations and community-based non-profit organizations. Additionally, these organizations must also: Serve disabled veterans or disabled members of the Armed Forces or both. Provide regular, frequent activity over an extended period of time (weeks or months). One-time events will not be funded unless the event serves as a launching or focal point for ongoing Paralympic or non-Paralympic sport programming. Be designed for long-term sustainability. Have specific objectives and measurable outcomes for participation, community involvement, outreach, skill progress and/or other factors.

Contact: Michael F. Welch, Phone: 202-632-7136.

Website: www.va.gov

ING Run for Something Better Invites Grant Applications for School-Based Running Programs

Deadline: 05/15/2012

Working in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, ING will provide a minimum of fifty grants (up to \$2,500 to each school) to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one through the ING Run for Something Better program. The program is open to elementary and middle schools (K-8) in the United States. Schools must have at least twenty-five students in grades 4- 8 committed to their running program to be eligible. Qualifying running programs must last for at least eight weeks. Programs can take place in physical education class, during recess, before school, after school, or any combination of these. Programs may be facilitated by a physical education teacher, coach, classroom teacher, or school administrator. Programs should culminate in a running event as a final test to help participants realize what they have accomplished. Awards are available to schools in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, but will be limited to no more than seven recipients per state.

Website: http://www.ingrfsb.com/site/index/get_your_school_involved

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

USGA/Alliance: Grants for the Good of the Game

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The National Alliance for Accessible Golf (Alliance) and the United States Golf Association (USGA) believe that golf should be open to everyone and sup-

Funding Opportunities

ports a wide variety of programs that create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in the sport. They especially encourage inclusive programming- opportunities that allow participants with disabilities and participants without disabilities to learn and play the game side by side.

Maximum award: \$20,000. Eligibility: tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations as defined under Section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or government entities such as public schools or municipalities.

Website: http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/alliance_grants.cfm



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

Desirée Mendez-Caltzontzint, Grants Coordinator

Edinburg District Office

2864 W. Trenton Road

Edinburg, Texas 78539

(956) 682-5545 (956) 682-0141 fax

desiree.mendez@mail.house.gov