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## Grants Alert

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## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS FOR LIBRARIES IN THE 15th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded grants to the libraries of South Texas College, McAllen and Texas Lutheran University, Seguin. The grant awards will provide the NEH Bridging Cultures "Bookshelves" series to the school libraries. This year's award is entitled "Muslim Journeys".

provided will surely enhance each of these libraries and provide a broader selection of information for their students."

In their first in a planned series of Bridging Cultures "Bookshelves", the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) present Muslim Journeys. Through this initial program focused on the history and diverse cultures of Muslims in America and around the world, NEH will provide free books, films and on-line resources to enhance libraries' collections and enable them to create new programs for their communities.



"I want to congratulate those who prepared and planned the grant applications to earn this very important award from the NEH," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "Throughout the years these grants have served to introduce readers to diverse perspectives on people, places, histories, beliefs, practices, and cultures. The books and other resources

According to the NEH, these grants are highly competitive and involved a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement.



What is the Sequester? Find out more information on:

[www.whitehouse.gov/issues/sequester](http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/sequester)

## CONGRESSMAN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES ARTISTIC DISCOVERY CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

# Attention Students!



## Congressional Art Competition

*Artistic  
Discovery  
2013*

*Artistic Discovery 2013* is a national art competition coordinated by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Winning entries will be displayed for one year as part of the national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel of the U. S. House of Representatives leading to the United States Capitol. The winner will receive a trip for two to Washington D.C., courtesy of Southwest Airlines. The winner in the 15th Congressional District will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia.



*Competition Deadline:*

**Tuesday, April 30th, 2013**

*High School Campus Contact:*

For further details about the local contest please log on to  
<http://www.house.gov/hinojosa>, or contact Jay Garza, at 956-682-5545 (Jay.Garza@mail.house.gov).



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## WORD-OF-MOUTH MARKETING IS PERFECT FOR NONPROFITS

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

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



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

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

4) Take the opportunity to lower fundraising costs - For instance, eschew an expensive fundraising event and go directly to your donors for their help. Wrap a simple, low-cost mailing around the fact that you are lowering overhead by

skipping the event, and ask for a direct gift that will put more services and money into your clients' lives. Do the same with your publications. Ask donors to help you devote more of their donor dollars to direct service.

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

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

**Article by JoAnn Fritz at About.com**

**Website:**

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

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## 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>

### **Harpo Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry from Visual Arts and Nonprofit Arts Organizations**

#### **Deadline: 04/05/2013 letter of intent**

The Harpo Foundation is accepting applications from visual artists and nonprofit organizations that support visual artists whose work advances and crosses the boundaries of visual media and artistic disciplines. The foundation awards between ten and fifteen grants annually. In general, grant requests should not exceed \$10,000 per year. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of the quality of the artist's work, the potential to expand aesthetic inquiry, and the strength of its relationship to the foundation's priority to provide support to visual artists who are under-recognized. Grants made to nonprofit organizations must be used for direct project costs related to artist honoraria, commissioning fees, production costs, and travel. All projects funded during the 2013 grant cycle should be completed by September 2014. Projects scheduled for 2013 but that happen prior to the foundation's November notification date may be eligible for funding on a retroactive basis. In rare cases, the foundation will fund multiyear projects of up to three years to provide support to artists whose projects rely on the passage of time as an essential component of their concept and structure. The foundation is interested in supporting projects that will allow time and its properties of change to become a part of the project's cumulative process. Single-year projects that have durational qualities will be considered as well. Letters of Inquiry may be submitted by individual artists who are citizens of the United States and by U.S.-based nonprofit organizations recognized as "tax exempt" under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations based outside the U.S. are eligible to apply but must be prepared to supply the foundation with a legal affidavit written in English qualifying their tax-exempt activities and structure. Presenting venues and hosting organizations may submit only one application a year. Fiscal sponsors may submit proposals on behalf of more than one artist a year. Letters of Inquiry must be received by April 5, 2013. Applicants will be notified by May 24, 2013, if a full application is requested. Full proposals must be received by June 14, 2013, via the foundation's online application system.

Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/grant-program-overview/>

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## Target Accepting Applications for K-12 Arts Education Programs

**Deadline: 04/30/2013**

Arts, Culture & Design in Schools, a charitable initiative of national retailer Target, is accepting applications from schools and nonprofit organizations for programs that bring arts and cultural experiences directly to K-12 students. The company awards grants of \$2,000 for programs that enhance the classroom curricula by bringing the arts and cultural experiences to schools via in-school performances, artist-in-residency programs, workshops, and so on. Programs must take place between September 2013 and August 2014. Grants are restricted to K-12 educational institutions and organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applications are accepted between March 1 and April 30 each year, with grant awards announced in September.

Website: <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/arts-culture-design-in-schools-grants>

## Challenge Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 05/01/2013**

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 and enhance 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 total grant funds (federal funds plus matching 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.

Maximum Grant Size: \$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.

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Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

## Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants

*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)*

**Deadline: 05/10/2013**

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 are awarded to organizations that offer 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.

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Preservation and Access Education and Training grants support activities such as these:

preservation field services that provide a wide range of education and training programs (for example, surveys, workshops, consultations, reference services, and preparation of informational materials about the care of humanities collections), especially for staff at smaller libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural organizations;

master's degree programs in preservation and conservation; and

workshops that address preservation and access topics of national significance and broad impact, such as:

- o preventive conservation and sustainable preservation strategies;
- o the preservation of and provision of access to recorded sound and moving image collections;
- o digital preservation;
- o collections care training for staff members who are responsible for the day-to-day care and management of humanities collections;
- o disaster preparedness, response, and recovery; and
- o best practices for enhancing and integrating access to collections in libraries, archives, and museums.

Eligible Applicants: Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS tax-exempt status 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

Website: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

### Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation Seeks Proposals to Fund Guest Artists for University Productions

**Deadline: 05/13/2013**

The Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation is accepting proposals for the SDCF Guest Artist Initiative, which helps fund guest artists positions for professional directors and choreographers involved in stage productions at American colleges and universities. The program will award up to \$6,000 to be shared by at least two American colleges or universities for stage productions to be chosen by a panel of professional directors and choreographers, arts administrators, and college educators. To be eligible, the project must be produced by an American college or university located in the United States, be mounted by December 31, 2014, and be fully funded. See the Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation Web site for eligibility and application guidelines.

Website: <http://www.sdcweb.org/foundation/quest-artist-initiative-program/>

### Aaron Siskind Foundation Invites Applications for 2013 Individual Photographer's Fellowships

**Deadline: 05/24/2013**

The Aaron Siskind Foundation is accepting applications for its 2013 Individual Photographer's Fellowship program. The annual program encourages and celebrates artistic achievement in contemporary photography by supporting the creative endeavors of artists working in photography and photo-based art media. A limited number of fellowship grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to artists working in photography and photo-based art. Qualified applicants must provide a portfolio of still photography in or created by any subject matter, genre, or process. Works submitted may be traditional photography projects or experimental works, but photographic techniques must be pivotal to the work submitted. Examples of ineligible work include film, video, and interactive multimedia. Recipients will be determined by a panel of distinguished guest judges on the basis of artistic excellence, accomplishment to date, and the promise of future achievement in the medium. Fellowship funds must be used to further the artist's creative endeavors. Students enrolled in a college degree program are not eligible to apply. Students who graduate before the 2013 application deadline will be considered. Previous fellowship recipients are not currently eligible for a new award, and artists in the United States on a temporary visa are ineligible as well.

Website: <http://aaronsiskind.org/grant.html>

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## Open Society Foundations Invites Applications for Human Rights Photography Audience Engagement Grants

**Deadline: 06/18/2013**

The Open Society Foundations' Audience Engagement Grant program is designed to support photographers in taking an existing body of work on a social justice or human rights issue and devising an innovative and effective way of using that work as a tool for social change. The program seeks proposals for projects that will serve as interventions on pressing problems and provide concrete ways for photographers, organizations, and their target audiences to create a positive impact. To be eligible, partnerships should include a photographer or curator/project organizer whose expertise is in the production or presentation of documentary photography, and an audience engagement partner(s) with expertise in a specific issue and existing connections to the target audience. Partnerships may also include a distribution partner with expertise in the dissemination or presentation method. Projects should include an existing body of photographs that document a human rights or social justice issue (preference will be given to projects that address issues and geographical areas of concern to OSF); effective and innovative ideas for using photography to spark deeper engagement with a particular community on a social justice or human rights issue; well-designed dissemination strategies that are uniquely tailored to meet the needs and interests of a target audience; a detailed plan for engaging targeted audiences in concrete ways; and a clearly articulated theory of change that explains how the project will result in concrete solutions. The program will provide between five to eight grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Grant funds cannot be used to shoot new imagery. Optional Letters of Intent may be submitted until April 3, 2013. Full applications are due June 18, 2013.

Website: <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/audience-engagement-grant>

## **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

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Website: [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.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.mspx>

### **eWomenNetwork Foundation Announces Grants for Small Organizations**

**Deadline: 03/31/2013**

The eWomenNetwork Foundation is accepting grant proposals from nonprofit organizations working to improve the emotional and financial well-being of women and children. The foundation awards individual grants of \$6,000 to small entrepreneurial organizations working to address the health, wellness, and/or safety of underprivileged women and/or children. Eligible organizations must have been in existence for more than three years and have an annual budget between \$25,000 and \$1 million. In addition to cash grants, the foundation will sponsor representatives of grantee organizations to attend a special program at the eWomenNetwork International Conference and Business Expo, August 8-11, 2013, in Dallas. Organizations affiliated with a national organization will not be considered for a grant.

Website: [http://www.ewomennetworkfoundation.org/Give\\_Grants\\_Process.html](http://www.ewomennetworkfoundation.org/Give_Grants_Process.html)

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## Mutual of America Foundation Accepting Applications for 2013 Community Partnership Awards

**Deadline: 04/01/2013**

The Mutual of America Foundation, the charitable arm of the Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, is accepting applications for the 2013 Community Partnership Awards. The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions by nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private, and other social sector organizations, to society. Ten partnerships will receive awards, with the first-place winner receiving \$25,000 and a documentary video about the partnership to expand public awareness of its work. Award recipients must demonstrate the difference the partnership has made, show the ability of the partnership to be replicated and stimulate new ideas in dealing with social issues, and illustrate the partnership's commitment to advancing the mission and principles of the organization.

Website: <http://www.mutualofamerica.com/about/cpacompetition.asp>

## National Farmworker Jobs Program

*U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)*

**Deadline: 04/02/2013**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department) announces a grant competition for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP), authorized under section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). NFJP provides training, employment services, and related assistance in order to increase economic opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) and their dependents.

The Department is exercising its option under WIA to continue grant awards to NFJP grantees that have performed successfully, and hold a grant competition for service delivery areas in which the current grantee has not performed adequately. Therefore, this grant competition is only seeking applications to operate NFJP in the following service areas: California (central California service area covering Merced, Madera and Stanislaus Counties), Hawaii, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico. A total of approximately \$9.6 million is expected to be available for grants in these service areas. However, the final amount available depends upon the amount of funds appropriated for NFJP in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Department of Labor Appropriations Act.

Contact: Serena Boyd, Phone: 202-693-3338, Email: [boyd.serena@dol.gov](mailto:boyd.serena@dol.gov)

Website: [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov)

## Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training

*U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)*

**Deadline: 04/09/2013**

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, with a focus on solid and hazardous waste remediation, environmental health and safety, and wastewater-related training. Under this competition, applicants may choose to serve one or more of the following groups in the targeted community: dislocated workers, or those laid off as a result of recent manufacturing plant closures; severely under-employed individuals; or unemployed individuals. In Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13), EPA anticipates providing some funding preference to communities affected by recent manufacturing plant closures (2007 or later) and to applicants who choose to deliver other types of environmental training as referenced in Section I.B

A critical part of the EPA's Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program is to further environmental justice (EJ) by ensuring that residents living in communities historically affected by economic disinvestment, health disparities, and environmental contamination, including low-income, minority, and tribal communities, have an opportunity to reap the benefits of revitalization and environmental cleanup in these areas. Through the link to on-the-ground assessment and cleanup activities, Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants train unemployed and under-employed, predominantly low-income and minority, residents of communities impacted by a variety of waste facilities, blighted properties, contaminated sites, and other environmental issues, for environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants help residents take advantage of the jobs created by the management, assessment, cleanup, and revitalization of solid and hazardous waste sites, as well as other environmental projects, such as water quality improvement and chemical management efforts, in their communities. In addition to the focus of the program stated above, under this year's FY13 competition, applicants from communities affected by recent manufacturing plant closures (2007 or later) or other significant economic disruptions are anticipated to receive some funding preference. Applicants also may design their training program to meet the specific needs of dislocated workers who lost their jobs as a result of recent manufacturing plant closures in the affected community.

Maximum Grant Size: \$200,000

Eligible Applicants: General Purpose Unit of Local Government (as defined under 40 CFR Part 31).

Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government. Government entity created by State Legislature. Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government.

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Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a State. State. Indian Tribe other than in Alaska. (The exclusion of Alaskan tribes from grant eligibility is statutory at CERCLA 104(k)(1).) Intertribal Consortia are eligible for funding in accordance with EPA's policy for funding intertribal consortia published in the Federal Register on November 4, 2002, at 67 Fed. Reg. 67181. (This policy also may be obtained from your EPA Regional Job Training Coordinator listed in Section VII.)

Alaskan Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Metlakatla Indian Community. (Alaskan Native Regional Corporation and Alaska Native Village Corporation as those terms are defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 and following).)

Nonprofit organizations. For purposes of this grant program, the term "nonprofit organization" means any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that is operated mainly for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purpose in the public interest; is not organized primarily for profit; and uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the operation of the organization. Workforce Investment Boards and organized Labor Unions that meet these criteria may be eligible nonprofit organizations. Public and nonprofit private educational institutions are eligible to apply. However, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. For-profit or proprietary training organizations or trade schools are not eligible to apply.

Website: [www.epa.gov/oswer](http://www.epa.gov/oswer)

### Intermediary Organizations Serving Juvenile Offenders in High-Poverty, High-Crime Communities

*U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA)*

**Deadline: 04/15/2013**

The U.S. Department of Labor (we, the Department or DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announces the availability of \$20,000,000 in Program Year 2012 grant funds authorized by the Workforce Investment Act for intermediary grants to operate multi-site projects to serve juvenile offenders and in-school youth at-risk of offending, ages 14 and above, in high-poverty, high-crime communities. The definition of high-poverty, high-crime communities can be found in Section I.B. We expect to award four grants of \$5,000,000 each to cover a 39-month period of performance. We expect that the cost-per-participant over the duration of the grant will range between \$4,000 to \$5,000 (inclusive of administration and planning costs). The cost per participant cannot exceed \$5,000. The purpose of these grants is to improve the long-term labor market prospects of these youth. We will award these grants through a competitive process open to organizations with the capacity to implement multi-site, multi-state projects. These grants will include a combination of workforce development, education and training, case management, mentoring, restorative justice, community-wide violence reduction components, and post-program support and follow-up.

Maximum Grant Size; \$5,000,000

Eligible Applicants: Any non-profit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status with the capacity to implement multi-site, multi-state projects may apply for these grants. See Section IV.B.4. for guidance on submission of supporting documentation. Applicants awarded a grant are not allowed to provide program services to participants. Program services under this grant must be provided by subgrantees.

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### Positive Exposures Invites Applications from Nonprofit Organizations to Create Compelling Media Campaigns

**Deadline: 04/30/2013**

Positive Exposures is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for media projects that effectively tell their stories so they have more time to focus on their missions. Positive Exposures works with organizations to create compelling media projects free of charge that help them expand their reach, educate the public, and increase their funding. In addition, a detailed outreach plan is provided to help organizations to put their new materials into action. Organizations are selected based on mission, message, and need for services. Eligible organizations must be classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Website: <http://positiveexposures.org/our-mission/application/>

### Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation Offers Support for National Projects to Empower Youth With Disabilities

**Deadline: 06/01/2013**

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation's National Grants program provides support for innovative model projects of national scope focused on the foundation's mission of helping youth with disabilities lead productive lives through increased employment. The program seeks to fund innovative projects that help youth with disabilities develop the leadership and employment skills they need to succeed, particularly for careers in science, technology, and the environment. MEAF defines youth from birth through college (about 26 years of age). The foundation will also consider projects to create tools that help break down barriers to employment and increase job opportunities for young people with disabilities entering the workforce, including returning veterans with disabilities. Grants will be provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States with 501(c)(3) status for projects that present an innovative approach leading to measurable employment outcomes for youth with disabilities. Projects should be national in scope or have a definite plan for national dissemination and replication; should promote the full-inclusion of youth with disabilities alongside their peers without disabilities; and should promote inclu-

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sive competitive employment practices. Preference is given to projects that take place in Mitsubishi Electric community locations or involve Mitsubishi Electric Employee Volunteers. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to \$75,000 per year, for one to three years. Six to twelve grants are awarded each year.

Website: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=404100006](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=404100006)

### EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

#### **Whole Kids Foundation Announces Funding for School Salad Bars**

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

In partnership with Whole Foods Market, the Whole Kids Foundation has announced that it is seeking to raise \$2 million through its annual fall fundraising program for school-based programs, including school gardens, salad bars, and healthy eating education for teachers. One hundred percent of all proceeds raised will go directly to school programs designed to help children reach optimal health, strength, and nutrition through smart food choices. To date, the Whole Kids Foundation has funded nearly nine hundred school garden grants in partnership with FoodCorps and more than fifteen hundred salad bars with Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools. Beginning this month, public and private K-12 schools can apply for a salad bar grant online through the Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools Web site. Any K-12 school district participating in the National School Lunch Program is eligible to apply. Schools currently awarded with the bronze status or above in the Healthier US School Challenge automatically qualify for a salad bar donation, with the stipulation that the school or district desires and can support a salad bar every day at lunchtime. (The foundation will also accept applications for its School Garden Grant Program during the month of October. Check the foundation Web site for school garden grant program updates.) When funding is available, salad bar grants will be awarded based on application approval dates. Complete program information and application procedures are available at the Salad Bars to Schools Web site.

Website: <http://saladbars2schools.org/guidelines>

#### **American Honda Foundation Invites Applications for STEM Programs**

**Deadline: Quarterly**

The American Honda Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Honda Motor Company, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations and schools for programs that support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. Environmental projects, job training, and literacy programs also will be considered. Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, public school districts, and private/public elementary and secondary schools listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The foundation accepts applications on a quarterly basis. Deadlines for the 2013 grantmaking cycle are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Website: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=409800011](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=409800011)

#### **Lockheed Martin: Grants for Education**

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

Lockheed Martin provides grants for K-16 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education. This includes Lockheed Martin's K-12 STEM Education Initiative, Engineers in the Classroom, as well as STEM-focused curricular and extracurricular programs that provide employee engagement opportunities in a community in which Lockheed Martin has employees or business interests. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations that deliver standards-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to students in K-16. Website:

<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy/funding-guidelines.html>

#### **Toyota U.S.A. Foundation Accepting Proposals for K-12 Math, Science, Environmental Science Initiatives**

**Deadline: 10/01/2013**

The Toyota U.S.A. Foundation is committed to improving the quality of K-12 education in America by supporting innovative programs and building partnerships with organizations dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of mathematics, science, and environmental science. Grants are provided to colleges and universities as well as to nonprofit organizations engaged in pre-collegiate math and/or science education. The foundation places priority on programs that are broad in scope and incorporate systemic approaches; creative programs that develop the potential of students and/or teachers; and cost-effective programs that possess a high potential for success and relatively low duplication of effort.

Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation does not make grants for publications, lobbying activities, advertising, capital campaigns, or endowments. K-12 public and private schools are not eligible to apply.

Website: [http://www.toyota.com/about/philanthropy/education/toyota\\_usa/](http://www.toyota.com/about/philanthropy/education/toyota_usa/)

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### 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](http://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](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm)

### Pathways Within Roads to Reading

**Deadline: 03/30/2013**

The Pathways Within Roads to Reading Initiative donates books to literacy programs in small and rural low-income communities. Maximum award: 200 books appropriate for readers age 0 to young adult; English only. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations that run school, after-school, summer, community, day-care, and library reading and literacy programs; must have an annual operating budget of less than \$95,000 (schools and libraries are exempt from this budget requirement) and be located in an underserved community with a population of less than 50,000

Website: [http://www.pwirtr.org/annual\\_donation\\_prog.html](http://www.pwirtr.org/annual_donation_prog.html)

### Land o'Lakes Foundation Accepting Applications for Projects that Benefit Rural Communities

**Deadline: 04/01/2013, 07/01/2013 and 10/01/2013**

The Land O'Lakes Foundation was established to benefit nonprofit organizations working to improve communities where the Land O'Lakes company has a significant concentration of employees. The foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2013 Community Grants program for projects that address hunger, youth and education, civic improvements, and arts and culture in rural communities.

Typically, the foundation funds national programs and programs in the following twenty states: Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. Generally speaking, grants are restricted to organizations that have been granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are limited to one per organization per calendar year. This year's application deadlines are April 1, 2013, for education proposals; July 1, 2013, for hunger/food-related proposals; and October 1, 2013 for all other proposals.

Website: <http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/communitygrants/giving/default.aspx>

### Carol M. White Physical Education Program

*U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)*

**Deadline: 04/12/2013**

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to initiate, expand, and improve physical education for students in grades K-12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting State physical education standards.

The priority is: Programs Designed To Create Quality Physical Education Programs. Under this priority, an applicant is required to develop, expand, or improve its physical education program and address its State's physical education standards by undertaking the following activities: (1) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition and (2) physical fitness activities that must include at least one of the following: (a) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being; (b) instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed

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to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student; (c) development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle; (d) opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation; or (e) opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends in the field of physical education.

Maximum Grant Size: \$750,000

Eligible Applicants: LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, and CBOs, including faith-based organizations provided that they meet the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

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Website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### Farm to School Grant Program

*U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Program*

**Deadline: 04/24/2013**

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is charged with implementing the Farm to School Program. In this funding cycle, USDA anticipates awarding up to \$5 million in grant funding to support efforts that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. It is anticipated that any remaining funding will support a combination of training and technical assistance, administrative costs, and/or additional grants.

While individual farm to school programs are shaped by their unique community, geographic region, and scope, the term 'farm to school' is generally understood to include efforts that connect schools with local or regional farmers, food processors and manufacturers in order to serve local or regionally produced foods in school cafeterias. Bringing more locally sourced, fresh fruits and vegetables into school cafeterias is a seminal activity of many farm to school efforts; procuring locally sourced, minimally processed main meal items so that the entire school meal is representative of regional options is also a focus of many farm to school programs. Thus, USDA considers farm to school to be inclusive of many types of producers, such as farmers, ranchers, and fishermen, as well as many types of food businesses, including food processors, manufacturers, distributors and other value-added operations.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible schools; State and local agencies; Indian tribal organizations; Agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers; and, Non-profit entities.

Website: [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

### School Turnaround

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)*

**Deadline: 04/30/2013**

The School Turnaround AmeriCorps initiative is a collaborative effort by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to increase educational achievement, high school graduation rates, and college readiness for students in our nation's lowest-performing elementary, middle, and high schools.

The mission of CNCS is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. CNCS—through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and through the Social Innovation Fund—has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action. CNCS seeks to direct the power of national service to solve a common set of challenges, expand opportunities for all Americans to serve, build the enduring capacity of individuals, organizations, and communities to effectively use service and volunteering to solve community problems, and embrace innovative solutions that work.

Eligible Applicants: Public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations; schools or LEAs; institutions of higher education; government entities within states (e.g., cities, counties); Indian Tribes; and labor organizations, are eligible to apply. Partnerships and consortia of these entities are encouraged to apply, with one entity of an applying partnership or consortia designated as the lead applicant.

Contact: [americorpsgrants@cncs.gov](mailto:americorpsgrants@cncs.gov)

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## ING Unsung Heroes Program Invites K-12 Educators to Apply for 2013 Class Project Awards

**Deadline: 04/30/2013**

The ING Unsung Heroes awards program annually recognizes K-12 educators in the United States for their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and ability to positively influence the children they teach. Educators are invited to submit grant applications describing class projects they have initiated or would like to pursue. Each year, one hundred educators are selected to receive awards of \$2,000 each to help fund their innovative class projects. At least one award will be granted in each of the fifty United States, provided one or more qualified applications are received from each state. Of the one hundred finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards. First place will receive \$25,000; second place will receive \$10,000; and the third-place winner will receive \$5,000. All awards must be used to further the projects within the school or school system. All K-12 education professionals are eligible to apply. Applicants must be employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the U.S. and be a full-time educator, teacher, principal, paraprofessional, or classified staff member working on a project with demonstrated effectiveness in improving student learning. Previous recipients of ING Unsung Heroes awards are not eligible to apply for another award.

Website: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

## Earthwatch Institute: Fellowships

**Deadline: 05/01/2012**

The Earthwatch Institute offers educators fully-funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of over 100 projects around the world. Maximum award: fully-funded fellowship. Eligibility: elementary, middle, and high school educators and administrators of any discipline.

Website: <http://www.earthwatch.org/aboutus/education/edopp/>

## American Psychological Foundation Invites Proposals to Promote Psychology in Secondary Schools

**Deadline: 05/01/2013**

The American Psychological Foundation provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential. APF's Pre-College Psychology Grant program provides financial support for efforts aimed at improving the quality of education in psychological science and its application in secondary schools for talented students. The program awards grants of up to \$20,000 to projects that improve the quality of high school education in psychology and/or encourage talented high school students to pursue careers in psychology. Priority is given to projects that reinforce the discipline of psychology as a science in secondary school curricula; expand the profile of psychology as a science among talented high school students; convey to high school students that psychological science is a tool to improve society; and teach students about career options that apply psychology outside of an academic setting. Proposals must focus on supporting the education of talented high school students. Generally, grants are restricted to educational institutions, organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and/or individuals affiliated with a qualifying institution.

Website: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=411900025](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=411900025)

## Dollar General Literacy Foundation Accepting Applications for Youth Literacy Grants

**Deadline: 05/23/2013**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations in the forty states where Dollar General stores are located. The foundation's Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations working to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grants are available to support organizations that provide literacy programs for new readers, below-grade-level readers, or readers with learning disabilities. Grant funding is provided to assist in implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and/or purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs. Applicants must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, a K-12 private or public school, a college or university, or a public library. Organizations must be located and provide services within twenty miles of a Dollar General store. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000.

Website: [http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth\\_grants.aspx](http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx)

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## Crayola Invites Proposals from Elementary Schools for 2013 Creative Leadership Grants

**Deadline: 06/21/2013**

Crayola, in collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals, is accepting applications for the 2013 Creative Leadership Grant program. The program will award up to twenty grants of \$2,500 to elementary schools working to develop a team of leaders who can help increase arts-infused education within school and beyond. In addition, each program will receive an in-kind grant of Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications will only be accepted from principals who are members of NAESP. Principals whose schools received a Creative Leadership grant in 2012 will not be eligible to apply for a grant this year, but may apply again in 2014. Every school that submits an application by June 10 will receive a Crayola product Classpack.

Website: <http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx>

## Toshiba America Foundation Invites Applications for K-5 Science and Math Projects

**Deadline: 10/01/2013**

The Toshiba America Foundation is accepting applications from K-5 grade school teachers with innovative science or math projects. The foundation awards grants of up to \$1,000 to K-5 teachers in public or private nonprofit schools in support of hands-on science or math education projects. Grant funds may be used for project-related materials only. The foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms. Summer projects or afterschool programs will not be considered, nor will salaries, facility maintenance, textbooks, video production, audio-visual equipment, and education research be funded. Complete application and eligibility guidelines and information about past recipients are available at the Toshiba America Foundation Web site.

Website: [http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5\\_teachers.jsp](http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_teachers.jsp)

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### RGK Foundation Accepting Proposals for 2013 Grants Cycle

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The Austin-based RGK Foundation is inviting proposals in the broad areas of education, community, and health and medicine. The foundation's primary interests include formal K-12 education (particularly math, science, and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. The foundation's community grants support a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. The foundation's current interests in health and medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Although the foundation's grantmaking program doesn't have any geographic restrictions, the foundation no longer accepts unsolicited requests from international agencies or programs. While the foundation occasionally awards grants for operating expenses, capital campaigns, endowments, and international projects, such grants are infrequent and usually initiated by the foundation. Multiyear grants are rare, and most grants are awarded for a period of one year. Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply. Organizations that have completed and filed Form 1023 but not yet received an IRS determination letter are not eligible to apply.

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

### Cigna Foundation Invites Applications for Health Promotion Projects

**Deadline: Open/Rolling**

The Cigna Foundation, the charitable arm of the Cigna Corporation and its subsidiaries, supports organizations that share its commitment to enhancing the health of individuals and families, and the well-being of their communities, with a special focus on those communities where Cigna employees live and work. The foundation focuses its funding in four areas: promoting wellness by building awareness, helping people manage their health challenges, and making health services available and affordable for all; expanding opportunities by reaching across barriers to tap the talents of every person; developing leaders by supporting the type of community service that gives talented individuals the experience to become future leaders; and embracing communities

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by connecting neighbors to create networks to address complex social and environmental challenges. There is no maximum or minimum grant. However, a typical first-time grant is \$5,000.

All organizations requesting funding must be recognized as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Website: <https://secure17.easymatch.com/cignagive/applications/agency/default.aspx?Skip=Guideline&programid=2>

### Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program

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

**Deadline: 03/22/2013**

Maternal and Child Health Bureau grant funds are awarded to establish and enhance nutrition centers of excellence to improve MCH by promoting the healthy nutrition of the mother, child, and family. The Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Training Program improves access to quality health care by providing graduate education to nutritionists designed to:

foster leadership in administration, systems integration, continuous quality improvement, education, and nutrition services with a public health focus, for populations of women and children (infants through adolescents) and families; the development and dissemination of curricula, teaching models, and other educational resources to enhance MCH nutrition programs; and the continuing education, consultation and technical assistance in nutrition which address the needs of the MCH community with a special focus on Title V programs, community-based programs, and other Federal programs, such as the US Department of Agriculture's WIC and Summer Feeding Programs.

Maximum Grant Size: \$176,800

Number of Awards: 6

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A Website: [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov)

### Massage Therapy Foundation Invites Applications for 2013 Community Service Grants

**Deadline: 04/01/2013**

The Massage Therapy Foundation is accepting applications for its 2013 Community Service program, which is designed to promote working partnerships between the massage therapy profession and community-based organizations. Community Service grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to organizations that provide massage therapy to individuals who currently have little or no access to such services. To qualify, organizations must: be classified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code; have been in existence for at least one year in the state where the proposed services are to be provided; and currently provide some therapeutic or other service programs to the community. See the Massage Therapy Foundation Web site for eligibility and application guidelines and for profiles of past recipients.

Website: <http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/grants-contests/community-service-grants/>

### Langeloth Foundation Invites Health Organizations to Register for Physical and Emotional Healing Grants

**Deadline: 04/08/2013**

The Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation is inviting healthcare organizations that promote physical and emotional healing — especially among underserved populations — to register projects on the foundation's Web site. The foundation supports programs, practices, and policies related to healing from illness, accident and physical, social, or emotional trauma, or t that extend the availability of healing to underserved populations. Grants are directed principally to activities conducted in New York State. Exceptions may be made for proposals that hold promise of national impact or extensive replication. In addition, the foundation has identified the area of correctional health care as a funding priority and is interested in projects that seek to improve the physical and mental health of individuals involved in the criminal justice system. Programs focused on alternatives to incarceration, detention, and re-entry will be considered. While the foundation does not support prevention projects, it is interested in programs that seek to reduce recidivism. Collaboration among providers and funders is encouraged. In 2012, grant amounts ranged between \$100,000 and \$450,000. Grants restricted to institutions and nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Proposals for annual or capital campaigns, building or renovation projects, budgetary relief, or preventive medicine will not be considered. The foundation does not support projects that focus on children or end-of-life issues. The registration deadline for proposed projects is April 8, 2013. If an organization is subsequently invited to submit a Letter of Intent, the deadline is

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April 15, 2013. If invited to submit a full proposal, the deadline is June 15, 2013. Funding decisions will be announced in mid-October 2013. Projects are expected to start on January 1, 2014.

Website: <https://www.langelo.org/content.php?content=60>

### Caplow Children's Prize Invites Proposals for Best Plan to Save Children's Lives

**Deadline: 05/01/2013**

The Caplow Children's Prize, an initiative of the Miami-based Whole New World Foundation, is accepting proposals for the best plan to directly and quickly save the lives of children from birth to age 5 anywhere in the world. Proposals will be accepted from nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, government agencies and programs, academic institutions, and individuals age 18 or older.

The prize-winner will receive \$1 million to initiate the plan. The winning proposal will include a sound proposal to directly execute life-saving interventions with a high likelihood of success based on the experience and track record of the applicant. Proposals will be judged according to how many lives the plan will save, how credible the plan and the applicant are, how directly the funds can be applied, probability of success, and the ease of verification. To enter the contest, applicants must submit an online entry form detailing the proposed project by May 1, 2013. Upon review, select applicants will receive an e-mail invitation to submit a full prize plan in June 2013. Contest finalists will be showcased in August and September 2013, with the winner to be announced at an award ceremony in December 2013. See the Caplow Children's Prize Web site for eligibility and application guidelines. Applicants with questions may contact the foundation by email at [info@childrensprize.org](mailto:info@childrensprize.org).

Website: <https://online.foundationsource.com/public/home/caplowchildrensprize>

### Drexel University Seeks Applications for Bayada Award for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice

**Deadline: 05/17/2013**

Drexel University is accepting applications for the Bayada Awards for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice, which recognize nurses who have made a significant contribution to nursing education or practice through the development and/or adoption of a new technology. Applications must be submitted under one of two categories: Patient Care and Nursing Education.

Patient care: A cash award of \$10,000 will be made to a nursing educator or practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved nursing education and student outcomes. The innovation may be related to improving the efficiency of patient care delivery, preventing errors in patient care, or improving outcomes. Examples include using current technology/equipment to develop a new way to monitor patient assessment data, alerting staff of status changes, developing new technological tools to assess patients, and decision support tools. Nursing education (both didactic and clinical): A cash award of \$10,000 will be made to a nurse educator or practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved patient care and patient care outcomes. The innovation may be related to curriculum delivery methods and improving student clinical competency and efficiency. Examples include developing a software program that assists nursing students with the collection of patient data and the creation of an electronic nursing care plan.

All submissions will be blind and reviewed for merit by a panel of Drexel University nursing and technology faculty. The judges will consider the technology's innovativeness and its impact on nursing education or direct patient care. The innovation must be new and be in use for six months or longer prior to submission of the application. Resubmissions are welcome. Employees of Drexel University are not eligible. The awards will be presented at the annual Drexel University Nursing Education Institute conference. The winners must be present to accept the awards; travel expenses will be paid.

Website: <http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp/newsEvents/events/BayadaAwards/>

## 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

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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/>

### Housing Counseling Program

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

**Deadline: 03/18/2013**

As Congress stated when making the FY 2012 appropriation, the purpose of housing counseling is "to provide counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management/ literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership." Funding provided by this NOFA is intended to support HUD-approved counseling agencies to respond flexibly to the needs of residents and neighborhoods, and deliver a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, renters, and the homeless. This NOFA comes at a critical time when many Americans are facing the economic challenges associated with loss of employment, reducing debt and reestablishing credit history, the housing challenges associated with natural disasters, the transition from ownership to rental and the need for improved housing conditions. Traditionally underserved populations, such as minorities, the elderly, veterans, persons with disabilities, and residents of rural areas, face additional housing and economic challenges. HUD's Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program funds housing counselors who provide expert, unbiased guidance and information to help families and individuals meet their housing needs and improve their financial situations. Moreover, HUD grants assist housing counselors to act as an important safeguard against scams and discrimination, and to act as an important gateway to local, state, federal and private housing assistance.

Eligible Applicants: All housing counseling agencies (including Local Housing Counseling Agencies, Intermediaries and Multi-State Organizations) that are directly approved by HUD and State Housing Finance Agencies (SHFAs) are eligible for this NOFA. Housing Counseling agencies that have not received HUD approval but meet the Housing Counseling Program approval criteria at 24 CFR 214.103 are encouraged to affiliate with a HUD-approved Intermediary or SHFA.

Website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

### American Kennel Club Humane Fund Invites Applications from Women's Shelters that Permit Pets

**Deadline: 05/15/2013**

The American Kennel Club Humane Fund, the charitable arm of the American Kennel Club, works to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible pet ownership through education, outreach, and grantmaking. The fund is accepting grant applications from women's shelters that permit pets.

The Fund's Women's Shelter grants are awarded for essential operational support related to the housing of pets or capital improvements specifically for the housing and maintenance of pets. To be eligible, organizations must provide temporary or permanent housing for victims of domestic abuse and their pets or provide temporary or permanent housing for pets of victims of domestic abuse and have a formal, established working relationship with at least one nonprofit shelter for victims of domestic abuse. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants may not be used for fundraising purposes.

Website: [http://images.akc.org/humane\\_fund/GrantApp\\_Women.pdf](http://images.akc.org/humane_fund/GrantApp_Women.pdf)

## PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

### Lawrence Foundation Accepting Proposals for Environmental, Education, Human Services Projects

**Deadline: 04/30/2013 and 11/01/2013**

The Lawrence Foundation awards grants in support of the environment, education, human services, disaster relief, and other causes. The foundation

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awards both program and operating grants with no geographic restrictions to nonprofit organizations that qualify for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as public schools and libraries. International charitable organizations, private foundations, for-profit businesses, individuals, churches, and religious, charter, and magnet schools are not eligible for grants from the foundation. In addition, grants not awarded for computer or audiovisual equipment purchases or for music or garden programs (or related equipment). Also ineligible for funding are programs and equipment for physical education, recreation, theater performance, hospices or old age homes, political lobbying activities, and voter registration, as well as dinners, balls, and other ticketed events.

Website: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php>

### Wildlife Without Borders: Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund

*U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

**Deadline: 05/01/2013**

The Wildlife Without Borders - Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund will fund projects that conserve the world's most endangered species. Species eligible for funding are those that face a very high risk of extinction in the immediate future. Species should meet the criteria to be listed as "Critically Endangered" or "Endangered" on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. Species listed as "Data Deficient" on the IUCN Red List are also eligible if the applicant can provide information that suggests a similar urgency for conservation action. Species listed as "Extinct in Wild" are eligible if the applicant is proposing a reintroduction attempt.

The goal of this grants program is to reduce threats to highly endangered wildlife in their natural habitat. Proposals should identify specific conservation actions that have a high likelihood of creating durable benefits. Project activities that emphasize data collection and status assessment should describe a direct link to management action, and explain how lack of information has been a key limiting factor for management action in the past. Proposals that do not identify how actions will reduce threats, or do not demonstrate a strong link between data collection and management action, are not eligible for consideration.

Maximum Grant Size: \$25,000

Eligible Applicants: Applicants under this program can be: individuals; multi-national secretariats federal, state and local government agencies; non-profit, non-governmental organizations; and public and private institutions of higher education. U.S. non-profit, non-governmental organizations must submit documentary evidence of their Section 501(c) (3) non-profit status.

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## SPORTS

### ING Run for Something Better Offers Grants to Establish Youth Running Programs

**Deadline: 05/15/2013**

With the goal of empowering school-age children nationwide to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle, the ING Community Fund, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, conducts the ING Run For Something Better initiative, a school-based running program designed to fight childhood obesity and improve the self-esteem, school performance, and overall well-being of children in grades K-8. The program uses activity plans created by NASPE and based on the National Standards for Physical Education to help children get off to a healthy start in life and spark an interest in exercise before obesity becomes a problem. The ING Run for Something Better program will provide a minimum of fifty grants of up to \$2,500 each for schools to establish a running program or expand an existing one. The first \$1,000 will be awarded to winning schools upon notification of the grant, while the second installment will be distributed upon conclusion of the program and evidence of a culminating running event, receipt of PACER data, and other required post-evaluation materials.

Awards are available for programs serving boys and girls in grades K-8. Schools must design an eight-week program that runs before, during-, and/or afterschool and that is offered (to the best of the school's ability) to all students in eligible grades at least twice a week, with a culminating event completed by December 31, 2013. In addition, the program must have a commitment of at least twenty-five students in grades 4 through 8 and must supply PACER data results to NASPE. Any school districts currently involved with ING Run for Something Better or that already participate in an ING U.S.-sponsored culminating event are not eligible to apply.

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

### 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

## Funding Opportunities

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>

### 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 supports 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](http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/alliance_grants.cfm)



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