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Congressman

RUBEN HINOJOSA

Representing the 15th District of Texas

114th Congress

GRANTS ALERT, ISSUE 3

JUNE 2015

## CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA AWARDED “BOOK CHAMPION” BY READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (McAllen Teacher Awarded Volunteer of the Year)

Washington, D.C. - May 20, 2015 - Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) was presented the Book Champion Award by Reading is Fundamental (RIF) at their 2015 gala in Washington, D.C. The award is given to those who have advocated for federal investment in children’s literacy programming. The other recipient this year is U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS).

*“RIF has continued to invest in our region and selected several of our schools for their “Read for Success” demonstration program to help combat the “summer slide” where low-income children fall behind their peers during the summer months,” said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. “With RIF’s help, our reading test scores have improved dramatically and we now have higher graduation rates than the Texas state average. I want to thank everyone who has been a part of making this program a success and I thank them for this esteemed award.”*



### 2015 RIF Gala

**Congressman Hinojosa with  
Maira Burns of McAllen ISD  
“Volunteer of the Year”  
Honoree**

Studies have shown that more than 80% of children from economically disadvantaged communities can lose one to three months reading skills over the summer. By the end of 5th grade, students can lose up to three years of learning. The Read for Success: Combating the Summer Learning Slide in America program has helped so many of our students strengthen their reading skills throughout the years. Thousands of students from school districts in Edinburg, Hidalgo and McAllen have benefited from RIF programs.

Also honored at the RIF gala was Maira Burns of McAllen who was named Volunteer of the Year. Burns is the Elementary English Language Arts Coordinator for the McAllen Independent School District. Burns is responsible for the literacy program that reaches nearly 10,000 students. She recently led an initiative to pair a 1-to-1 iPad program with the local library, giving children free access to interactive eBooks.

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



## USDA Rural Development

### Housing Preservation Grants



**Deadline: July 6, 2015**

The HPG program is a grant program, authorized under 42 U.S.C. 1490m and implemented at 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which provides qualified public agencies, private non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, faith-based and neighborhood partnerships, and other eligible entities, grant funds to assist low- and very low income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in rural areas in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons.

For more information visit: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants>



## Texas Parks & Wildlife Department



### Texas Recreational Trails Fund

**Estimated Total Program Funding: \$200,000**

**Deadline: February 1, 2016**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects. Funding provided by this program is on a **cost reimbursement** basis. Website: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/>

#### ELIGIBLE PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

1. Construction of new recreational trails on public (federal, state, county, municipal, district, etc.) or private lands. To receive funding for trails on private lands, the sponsor must obtain a legally binding easement, lease, or license, satisfactory to TPWD, keeping the trail open to the public for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
2. Trail restoration, rehabilitation or resurfacing. Includes rerouting or repair of areas damaged by trail use, flooding, or erosion; rehabilitation of trail tread and facilities that have deteriorated over time as well as Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades.
3. Development of trail-side and trail-head facilities.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Cities, Counties, State agencies (including TPWD state parks and wildlife management areas), Other governmental bodies created under state law such as river authorities, water districts, municipal utility districts, or public school districts, Federal land managers, Private not for profit organizations (e.g. trail user groups, conservation clubs, "Friends of the Park") For purposes of implementing the Texas Recreational Trails Fund (TRTF), organizations must be incorporated with the Secretary of State or must have filed with the county to do business in Texas.



## Monroe E. Trout Premier Cares Award



**Entry deadline is July 31, 2015**

The Monroe E. Trout Premier Cares Award was established to recognize exemplary programs that have made health services more accessible to a specific medically underserved population. The award honors innovative programs that support people excluded from or underserved by the mainstream health delivery system, including farm workers, homeless children, pregnant teens, low-income mothers and infants, and individuals who don't have the strength or means to reach a clinic or hospital. The winning program must be able to show measurable benefits/outcomes covering a full two-year span and must be capable of being replicated. The Premier Cares Award is not a grant for future work, rather it is a recognition award for work already accomplished in the past. The award winner receives \$100,000 and the other five finalists receive \$24,000 each. For more information visit [Award Information](#).



## Developing Healthy Places Initiative



**Deadline: There is no deadline date for applications**

Kresge Foundation announces funds to support programs working to address policies, systems change, and communication to connect health and housing; policies that promote healthy housing and mitigate the impacts of substandard housing; and innovative investments that connect community development, health, and housing. Preliminary applications may be submitted at any time.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, special district governments, state governments and nonprofit organizations

Contact: Kresge Foundation at (248) 643-9630

Website: <http://kresge.org/programs/health/developing-healthy-places>

Grant ID: GD6027



## Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation



The Drucker Institute at Claremont Graduate University is accepting applications for the 2015 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation, an annual award that recognizes a nonprofit organization that best demonstrates Peter Drucker's definition of innovation as "change that creates a new dimension of performance." The award, which includes an unrestricted cash prize of \$100,000, recognizes an existing program that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves and is granted to the nonprofit organization that best demonstrates innovation. To be eligible, organizations must be considered tax exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information visit: <http://www.druckerinstitute.com/drucker-nonprofit-innovation-award/>



## Grants Enhance Youth Education



**Deadline:** 8/1/2015

American Honda Foundation announces funds to support youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the environment, job training, and literacy.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations

**Funds:** Awards are available up to \$75,000

**Contact:** American Honda Foundation at [ahf@ahm.honda.com](mailto:ahf@ahm.honda.com)

**Website:** <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf> Grant ID: GD6022



## Hunger Prevention and Education Projects



**Deadline:** 7/10/2015

BJ's Charitable Foundation announces funds to support projects that support hunger prevention and education.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations

**Funds:** Awards are available up to \$2,500

**Contact:** BJ's Charitable Foundation

**Website:** [http://www.bjs.com/bjs-charitable-foundation.content.about\\_charitable.A.about\\_community2](http://www.bjs.com/bjs-charitable-foundation.content.about_charitable.A.about_community2)

Grant ID: GD6026



## Youth Sports Programs



**Deadline:** 6/30/2015

Finish Line Youth Foundation announces funds to support programs that provide opportunities for youth participation in the following areas: 1) youth athletic programs, with emphasis on community-based programs addressing active lifestyles and team building skills; and 2) established camps that focus on sports and active lifestyles, with emphasis on programs serving disadvantaged and special needs kids.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations

**Funds:** Awards are available up to \$5,000

**Contact:** Finish Line Youth Foundation at [Youthfoundation@finishline.com](mailto:Youthfoundation@finishline.com)

**Website:** [http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\\_question?x\\_gm\\_id=1993&x\\_quiz\\_id=498&x\\_order\\_by=1](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=1993&x_quiz_id=498&x_order_by=1)

Grant ID: GD6028



## Sustainable Economic Development Initiatives



**Deadline:** There is no deadline date for applications

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

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations

Contact: Surdna Foundation at [grants@surdna.org](mailto:grants@surdna.org)

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

Grant ID: GD6021



## Open Doors Homeownership Grant

**Deadline:** There is no deadline date for applications

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

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations

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

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

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

Grant ID: GD6017



## TD Charitable Foundation Grant

**Deadline:** There is no deadline date for applications

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

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations

Contact: TD Charitable Foundation

Website: [http://www.tdbank.com/community/charitable\\_foundation\\_grant.html](http://www.tdbank.com/community/charitable_foundation_grant.html)

Grant ID: GD6023

# June 2015

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28	29	30 <i>Finishline Youth Foundation Grant Due</i>				

**For more information on these and other funding opportunities,**

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The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley –  
Division of Governmental and Community Relations

U.S. Census Bureau-Data Dissemination Branch

*In Conjunction With*

The Office of Congressman Rubén Hinojosa  
Invite You to Attend

## Using Census Data for Community and Neighborhood Analysis

8:30 am to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2015

And

## LET'S GET FUNDED - Part 1

9:00 am to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015

**Using Census Data for Community Data Analysis** will provide a hands-on training to learn how to use U. S. Census Bureau data effectively to describe and understand the changing demographics of TX communities. Census Data is the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. In a live computer lab setting, participants will use the American Factfinder (data retrieval website) to conduct searches using critical datasets. The 2010 Census/Population Estimates is used for population numbers/basic characteristics. The American Community Survey is used to access social/economic characteristics such as median household income, educational attainment, and poverty status. In addition to datasets, updates on data visualizations, interactive mapping tools will be highlighted as well.

To register please visit: [http://community.utpa.edu/sbnrc/?form=censusdata\\_july15](http://community.utpa.edu/sbnrc/?form=censusdata_july15)

**LET'S GET FUNDED** is geared for beginner grant writers to learn the basics of grant writing and strategy. This workshop can also be used a refresher course. Topics include: grant strategy, review processes, application components such as the narrative and budget, award timelines, etc.

To register please visit: [http://community.utpa.edu/sbnrc/?form=Letsgetfunded\\_july16](http://community.utpa.edu/sbnrc/?form=Letsgetfunded_july16)

**Who should attend:** Local city governments, nonprofits and any professional who needs to assess community needs, develop strategic plans, implement policies, and prepare grant proposals.

**Location:** UTRGV - Community Engagement and Student Success Building (CESS 1.201)

**Seating is limited and some computers will be provided. Registration is required and space is guaranteed to the first 30 participants who register.**

