

The National Organization of Portuguese-Americans Funding Alert

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The Development and Funding Alert is a publication of NOPA, Inc. and is provided as a service to the community with the purpose of educating and informing municipalities, civic and non-profit organizations about fundraising and grant opportunities to support programs that empower and improve the lives of Portuguese-Americans.

****Please forward this alert to anyone who might find this information useful****

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) News

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, abbreviated ARRA, is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th United States Congress in February 2009. The Act was based largely on proposals made by President Barack Obama and was intended to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy in the wake of the economic downturn. The measures are nominally worth \$787 billion. Besides federal tax cuts, expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions, the Act includes domestic spending in education, health care, and infrastructure, including the energy sector.

Recovery Act and Grants.gov - A new feature was unveiled on Grants.gov to help users find and apply for ARRA grant opportunities. The launch of the ARRA or Recovery Act feature on the homepage of Grants.gov will direct users to Recovery Act opportunities, other Recovery Act resources, upcoming Webinars and links to www.whitehouse.gov/recovery and www.recovery.gov.

Recovery Act Webinars - Grants.gov is offering webinars on Recovery Act funds in August. Registration will open on August 10, 2009.

Go to http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery_webinar.jsp to learn more and to register.

Federal Grants

Professional Development Grants for Archives and Historical Publishing

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces funds to improve the training and education of professionals in the archival and historical publishing communities. Projects can be for professional education curriculum development; for basic and advanced institutes; or research seminars. Surveys, focus groups, and other activities to understand these professions and their educational and training needs are also eligible.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: October 6, 2009.

Funds: 4 awards ranging from \$150,000-\$300,000 are available. A match is required.

Information: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/development.html>.

Scholarly Editions and Translations

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announces funds to support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. Projects must be undertaken by a team of at least one editor or translator and one other staff member. Grants typically support

editions and translations of significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, are also eligible.

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

Deadline: October 29, 2009.

Funds: Awards range from \$50,000-\$100,000.

Information: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/editions.html>.

Strategies and Tools for Archives and Historical Publishing Projects

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces funds to support proposals to develop new strategies and tools that can improve the preservation, public discovery, or use of historical records. Projects may also focus on techniques and tools that will improve the professional performance and effectiveness of those who work with such records, such as archivists, documentary editors, and records managers.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and DC government agencies.

Deadline: October 6, 2009.

Funds: \$350,000 is available to fund 1-3 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$150,000. A match is required.

Information: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/strategies.html>.

The Arts on Radio and Television

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announces funds to support the development, production, and national distribution of radio and television programs on the arts.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: September 3, 2009.

Funds: Awards range from \$10,000-\$100,000. A match is required.

Information: <http://arts.endow.gov/grants/apply/RadioTV/index.html>.

Foundation Grants

Competition: Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announces an online, open source competition co-sponsored by RWJF's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio and Changemakers, that challenges organizations to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand our understanding and collective involvement in finding solutions.

Deadline: October 14, 2009

Information: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20881>

Announcements and Resources

990 Online Resource

In collaboration with the National Association of Attorney's General/National Association of State Charity Officials (NAAG/NASCO) and GuideStar, the National Center for Charitable Statistics NCCS has developed an online system, the 990 Online, for charities to complete all their federal Form 990 and state registration filing requirements and file these forms electronically. E-Filing of IRS Form 990s and state charity forms benefits nonprofit organizations, regulators, researchers, and donors alike. This online service offers an easy-to-use web-based system for completing IRS Form 990s, 990s-EZ or 8868 (application for extension). The system is free for organizations with less than \$100,000 in gross receipts

and there is a sliding scale for larger organizations. To complete and electronically file your Form 990, 990-EZ, 8868 (extension request) and State Charity Registration Forms go to: <http://efile.form990.org>.

Awards for Local Arts and Education Programs

Barnes & Noble Booksellers offers ongoing fundraising opportunities for local level pre-K-12 schools, not-for-profit arts and literacy organizations. Opportunities include in-store bookfairs and holiday gift-wrapping. They offer a limited number of sponsorships and donations to organizations that meet their mission of seeking partnerships that offer in-store events, visibility, and reach a wide audience. Opportunities must be located in the community or communities in which Barnes & Noble operates, and it must serve the greater good of the local community or region. For more information:

http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorship_local/donations_local.html.

Succeed Newsletter Summer 2009

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs, which provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. The website released "Succeed Newsletter Summer 2009" which provides information about Grant.gov website quarterly and is also a guide to the latest updates, handy tips and useful articles on how to best use Grants.gov. To view the "Success" newsletter, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/assets/grantsummernewsletter09.pdf>.

Celebrating Solutions Awards

Mary Byron Project, a national organization working to address the root causes of domestic violence and help build safer, healthier communities announces awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. The program provides cash awards of \$10,000 to each organization. The awards would be presented to programs that can serve as models for the nation in their efforts to reduce violence. Eligible applicants are non-profits organizations and government agencies.

Application deadline is November 17, 2009. For guidelines and nomination forms go to: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>.

Breakthroughs in Shared Measurement and Social Impact

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation released an online report based on interviews conducted with dozens of practitioners and thought leaders in the social sector. The report describes twenty different shared measurement systems already in use and documents their contribution to increasing grantees' efficiency, knowledge, and impact. The findings identify shared approaches to performance, outcome, or impact measurement across multiple organizations. The report includes four in-depth case studies where collaborative learning and measurement systems are used to create systemic and adaptive approaches to solving social problems. To access the online report go to: http://www.fsg-impact.org/ideas/item/breakthroughs_in_measurement.html.

Advice and Tips

Proposals inviting corporations to sponsor your organization are different from the typical grant proposal. You need to construct a proposal for corporate sponsorship by beginning with a short pitch letter that describes how an association with your organization can benefit the sponsor. The letter should provide a range of fees for varying levels of exposure to your audience. Accompany the letter with attachments detailing the demographics of your constituency and the size of your audience. Follow up with a telephone call to determine your prospect's interest in becoming a sponsor. But before making that call, make sure you're prepared to negotiate the terms of an agreement.

NOPA provides technical assistance and workshops on fundraising, grant development, and non-profit management. For more information contact NOPA, Inc. at 703-389-3512 or info@nopa-us.org.

NOPA is a national non-profit organization that supports and works with communities and organizations to advocate for and empower Portuguese-Americans.