



## 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 elected officials, municipalities, civic and non-profit organizations about fundraising and grant opportunities to support programs that empower and improve the lives of Portuguese-Americans.

### Federal Grants

#### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program**

***Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*** announces funds to support environmental projects that reduce or eliminate pollution at the source. **Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, private institutions of higher education and others.

**Deadline:** February 4, 2010.

**Funds:** \$1,300,000 is available to fund 300 awards, ranging from \$10,000-\$130,000. A match is required.

**Information:** Mindee Osno at (215) 814-2074 or [osno.mindee@epa.gov](mailto:osno.mindee@epa.gov); or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap10.pdf>.

#### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Excellence in Economic Education Program**

***Department of Education (ED)*** announces funds to promote economic and financial literacy among all students in kindergarten through grade 12 through the award of one grant to a national nonprofit educational organization that has as its primary purpose the improvement of the quality of student understanding of personal finance and economics.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** February 16, 2010.

**Funds:** 1 award is available ranging up to \$1,447,000.

**Information:** Julius Cotton at (202) 245-6140 or [julius.cotton@ed.gov](mailto:julius.cotton@ed.gov); or go to: <http://www.grants.gov> and enter CFDA# 84.215B.

#### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Regional AIDS Education and Training Centers**

***Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)*** announces funds to improve healthcare and health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS. This is accomplished through providing education, training, clinical consultation and other forms of decision support to HIV/AIDS clinical care providers currently serving this population and to clinical providers in minority and other highly



impacted and high risk communities, where enhanced access to HIV treatment resources is needed.

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

**Deadline:** February 19, 2010.

**Funds:** \$30,000,000 is available to fund 11 awards.

**Information:** Lynn R. Wegman at (301) 443-5658 or [lwegman@hrsa.gov](mailto:lwegman@hrsa.gov); or go to: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=0327C5A2-FC53-49DA-A91C-E49B92E38ADE&ViewMode=EU&GoB>.

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to support a unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** March 9, 2010.

**Funds:** \$2,000,000 is available to fund 9 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$150,000.

**Information:** (202) 343-9213 or [occonnor.dennis@epa.gov](mailto:occonnor.dennis@epa.gov) or go to [http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/care\\_rfp\\_12\\_09.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/care_rfp_12_09.pdf).

**State Single Point of Contact:** This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opqs.dc.gov/>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** Learn and Serve America Higher Education FY2010

*Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)* announces funds to support institutions of higher education that use innovative service-learning programming to meet the needs of local communities. Programs promote institutional commitment to the local community while promoting lifelong civic engagement for student participants.

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

**Deadline:** March 9, 2010.

**Funds:** \$6,800,000 is available to fund 18 awards, ranging from \$85,000-\$500,000. A match is required.

**Information:** (202) 606-7510 or [lsahighered@cns.gov](mailto:lsahighered@cns.gov); or go to: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_nofa\\_id=76](http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=76).

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring

*National Science Foundation (NSF)* announces funds to support the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) program. The program seeks to identify outstanding individual



mentoring efforts or organizational programs designed to enhance the participation of groups underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

**Eligibility:** Individuals.

**Deadline:** March 23, 2010.

**Funds:** \$400,000 is available to fund 16 awards, ranging up to \$25,000.

**Information:** Daphne Y. Rainey at (703) 292-4671 or go to:

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf10520](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf10520).

#### **America's Media Makers Development Grants**

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** announces funds to enable media producers to collaborate with scholars to develop humanities content and format and to prepare programs for production. These grants cover a wide range of activities that include, but are not limited to, meetings and individual consultations with scholars, research, preliminary interviews, preparation of program scripts, designs for interactivity and digital distribution, and the creation of partnerships for outreach activities and public engagement with the humanities. Development grants should culminate in the refinement of a project's humanities ideas, a script, or a design document for (or a prototype of) digital media components or projects.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, special district governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** January 13, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$40,000-\$75,000.

**Information:**

[http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AmMediaMakers\\_development.html#poc](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AmMediaMakers_development.html#poc)

#### **Public Health Conference Support Program**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** announces funds to support conferences that provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention, education programs, and applied research.

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

**Deadline:** January 29, 2010. LOI due January 5, 2010.

**Funds:** 8 grants will be awarded of \$100,000 each.

**Information:** Adam Brush at (770) 488-3961 or [Cbrush@cdc.gov](mailto:Cbrush@cdc.gov); or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov> and enter CFDA# 93.161.

#### **National Leadership Grants**

**Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** announces funds to advance the



ability of museums and libraries to preserve culture, heritage and knowledge while enhancing learning.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher education. Libraries and museums are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** February 1, 2010.

**Pre-Application Conference:** Wednesday, November 18, at 1pm (ET), 1 hour call. To join the conference call, phone 800/603-9527 and when prompted, provide the conference ID, # 39707506.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$50,000-\$1,000,000. A match is required.

**Information:** <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/nationalLeadership.shtm>

#### **OVW FY 2010 Court Training and Improvements Program**

**Department of Justice (DOJ)** announces funds to support court and court-based initiatives that aim to improve civil and criminal court functions, enhance court infrastructure and improve court responses to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

**Eligibility:** Federal, State, Tribal, Territorial, or local courts or court-based programs.

**Deadline:** February 9, 2010. LOI due January 26, 2010.

**Pre-Application Conference Calls:** January 20 or February 3, 2010.

**Funds:** \$2,900,000 is available to fund 10 awards, ranging up to \$450,000.

**Information:** (202) 307-6026 or go to: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy2010-courts-prog-solicitation.pdf>.

#### **Summer Seminars and Institutes**

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** announces funds to support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university teachers.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** March 2, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$60,000-\$200,000.

**Information:** Division of Education Programs at (202) 606-8463 or [sem-inst@neh.gov](mailto:sem-inst@neh.gov); or go to: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/seminars.html>.

#### **Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP)**

**Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** announces funds to deliver peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Successful applicants will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs and strengths, and will carry out a performance assessment of these



services.

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

**Deadline:** February 10, 2010.

**Funds:** \$2,200,000 is available to fund awards up to \$350,000.

**Information:** <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2010/ti-10-010.aspx>

#### **Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants**

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** announces funds to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve research that bring new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities; planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets; scholarship that examines the philosophical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies; innovative uses of technology for public programming and education utilizing both traditional and new media; and new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

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

**Deadline:** March 23, 2010.

**Funds:** 40 awards are available ranging up to \$50,000.

**Information:**

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

## **Foundation Grants**

#### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)** announces funds to improve the quality of care rather than to improve access. This program is focused on methods for reducing disparities in care delivery. It is particularly interested in evaluating interventions that activate consumers to be more engaged in their own care.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and Hospitals.

**Deadline:** February 4, 2010.

**Funds:** 5 awards are available ranging up to \$400,000.

**Information:** (866) 344-9800 or [info@solvingdisparities.org](mailto:info@solvingdisparities.org); or go to:

<http://www.solvingdisparities.org/>.

#### **Institutional Grants Program**

**Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)** announces funds to support fostering



educational activities between the public and the film industry while encouraging the appreciation of motion pictures as both an art form and a vocation.

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

**Deadline:** January 15, 2010.

**Information:** <http://www.oscars.org/education-outreach/grants/institutional/index.html>.

### **Coming Up Taller Awards**

*President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities* announces funds to support after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofit and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** January 29, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards range up to \$10,000.

**Information:** [www.http://www.pcah.gov/cut.htm](http://www.pcah.gov/cut.htm).

### **2010 Summer Education Grants**

*Fund for Teachers* announces grants to support teachers pursuing personal and professional interests through tours, conferences, and independent studies that are transferable to the classroom.

**Eligibility:** Public school districts, independent school districts and individuals.

**Deadline:** January 29, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$5,000-\$10,000.

**Information:** [www.fundforteachers.org](http://www.fundforteachers.org).

### **Intel Schools of Distinction Awards**

*Intel Education Initiative* announces an awards program that recognizes U.S. schools that demonstrate 21st century teaching and learning environments and implement innovative programs that inspire their students to excel in math and science.

**Eligibility:** K-12 public, private, charter, and/or parochial schools.

**Deadline:** February 17, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards ranging from \$2,500-\$25,000.

**Information:** <http://www.intel.com/education/schoolsofdistinction/?iid=CAG1005>.

### **New Voices**

*J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism* announces funds to launch participatory news ventures serving defined communities.

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

**Deadline:** March 1, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards range up to \$25,000.

**Information:** (202) 885-8100 or [news@j-lab.org](mailto:news@j-lab.org); or go to: <http://www.j-newvoices.org/site/story/2010rfp/>.

### **Shade Structure Program**



*American Academy of Dermatology* announces funds to purchase permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and public schools.

**Deadline:** April 12, 2010.

**Funds:** Awards range up to \$8,000.

**Information:** [shadestructure@aad.org](mailto:shadestructure@aad.org); or go to:  
<http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>.

### **Starbucks Shared Planet Youth Action Grants**

*Starbucks Foundation* supports organizations that: provide training to young people to develop necessary skills and knowledge to incubate ideas, identify and assess community needs, create a plan of action, execute a plan and evaluate outcomes against goals; build ongoing leadership capacity and long term engagement of young people; and communicate young peoples' success stories through various media (print, video, web based).

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** Open. Complete an online profile, the Foundation will contact your organization if they want a full proposal.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$10,000-\$25,000.

**Information:** <http://www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-BBF9A860BE884D22>.

## **Announcements and Resources**

**The Point Foundation Opens 2010 LGBT Scholarship Application Season.** The Point Foundation has announced the opening of its 2010 application season. Students who will be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs for the 2010-11 school year are eligible to apply for the prestigious multiyear scholarships. The average amount of annual support devoted to each scholar is between \$25,000 and \$33,000. A Point Scholarship award includes financial support as well as programmatic support in leadership training, community service, and mentoring.

**Information:** <http://www.pointfoundation.org/instructions.html>.

## **Previous Announcements and Resources**

### **Freddie Mac Foundation Outcomes Funding Workshops**

The Freddie Mac Foundation is sponsoring two workshops. The workshops are targeted to executive directors, program managers and development directors and are open to those seeking Foundation funds, new staff members as well as those who want to refresh their knowledge of the application and its investor context. We encourage you to bring a team (maximum of three) of your key staff to the workshop. The workshops will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. The hours for the two workshops are 8:00 am - noon and 1:00 pm -5:00 pm. All workshops will be conducted at Freddie Mac, 8200 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA, Conference Room Atlanta A. A continental breakfast will be provided in the morning and refreshments will be available in the afternoon. To register for one of the



two sessions, please email [freddie\\_mac\\_foundation@freddiemac.com](mailto:freddie_mac_foundation@freddiemac.com) by 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Be sure to include your organization's name, the name and title of all attendees and each attendees email address and phone number. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To review the Foundation's guidelines, go to: [www.freddiemacfoundation.org](http://www.freddiemacfoundation.org).

**Independent Sector: The John W. Gardner Leadership Award**

The John W. Gardner Leadership Award honors visionaries who have empowered constituencies, strengthened participation, and inspired movements. Award recipients are builders -- people who, quite apart from personal achievements, have raised the capacity of others to advance the common good. Their leadership has either had national or international impact or, if at the regional level, has attracted wide recognition and imitation. Maximum award: \$10,000.

**Eligibility:** Gardner Award recipients may be of any age and be the creators of needed institutions or advocacy that changes public opinion and whose work has transformed their chosen field and has served as a role model to other fields.

**Deadline:** January 29, 2010.

**Information:** <http://www.independentsector.org/about/gardneraward.htm>.

**National Council of Teachers of English: Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship**

The Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship provides funding for professional development experiences for English/Language Arts teachers in public educational institutions to enhance teaching skills and/or career development in teaching. Maximum award: \$500.

**Eligibility:** teachers of English/Language Arts in a publicly funded institution.

**Deadline:** January 31, 2010.

**Information:** <http://www.ncte.org/second/awards/wheadon>.

**Youth Serve America: The Gladys Marinelli Coccia Awards**

The Gladys Marinelli Coccia Awards recognize young female social entrepreneurs whose initiatives serve the common good. Maximum award: \$2,000, plus travel, lodging, and registration expenses to the National Service Learning Conference in San Jose, March 24-27, 2010.

**Eligibility:** young women between the ages of 14 and 17 on January 1, 2010 who reside in the United States, have started their own social enterprise or organization, are supported by contributions of at least \$1,000 (cash and/or in-kind), and have a business plan including an itemized budget.

**Deadline:** January 15, 2010.

**Information:** <http://ysa.org/grants/announcements/coccia-award>.

**National Council of Teachers of English: Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship**

The Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship provides funding for professional development experiences for English/Language Arts teachers in public educational



institutions to enhance teaching skills and/or career development in teaching.

**Maximum award:** \$500.

Eligibility: teachers of English/Language Arts in a publicly funded institution.

**Deadline:** January 31, 2010.

**Information:** <http://www.ncte.org/second/awards/wheadon>.

### **Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Awards**

The Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that build on each other's strengths to improve higher education, civic engagement, and the overall health of communities. To be eligible, the applicant must be an established partnership involving one or more community partners and one or more higher education partners. Nominations are due February 1, 2010.

**Information:** <http://www.ccph.info/>.

### **Free Series of Webinars on Nonprofit Governance and the Revised IRS 990**

The DC Bar Pro Bono Program offers a webinar series addressing the revised Form 990 which requires nonprofits to describe in detail their governance practices, including such issues as how the nonprofits manage conflicts of interest and set executive compensation. The series is designed to help you understand and comply with the new disclosure requirements. The webinars are held once a month from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Topics include: Managing Conflicts of Interest (1/6/10); Setting Executive Compensation (2/3/10); The Role of the Board and the Audit Committee in Supervising the Independent Audit and Reviewing the Form 990 (3/3/10); and Developing a Culture of Transparency (4/6/10). To register, go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/598666041>.

### **ING: Unsung Heroes Awards**

The ING Unsung Heroes Awards program recognizes innovative and progressive thinking in education through monetary awards. Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff members with effective projects that improve student learning at an accredited K-12 public or private school are eligible to apply. The maximum award is \$25,000. Applications are due April 30, 2010. For more information go to:

<http://www.ing-usa.com/us/stellent2/groups/dc/documents/companylobinformation/001143.pdf>.

### **Investing in Innovation Fund Fact Sheet**

The *Department of Education (ED)* announces competitive grants to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative and evidence-based practices, programs and strategies that significantly: improve K-12 achievement and close achievement gaps; decrease dropout rates; increase high school graduation rates; and improve teacher and school leader effectiveness. To view the fact sheet to learn more about this upcoming opportunity, go to: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/innovation/factsheet.html>.

### **Samsung's Four Seasons of Hope Offers Technology Donation Competition**

Samsung's Four Season's of Hope invites students, parents, and teachers to help improve



technology in classrooms by submitting a brief essay for the opportunity to receive a portion of over \$1 million in technology from Samsung Electronics America's Four Seasons of Hope campaign. Participants are invited to submit hundred-word essays on how the consumer electronics, computer equipment and software awarded through Samsung's Four Seasons of Hope could benefit their school. Participants should nominate a public or state-accredited private school for grades K-12 in their community. Complete contest rules and online entry forms are available at [http://pages.samsung.com/us/4seasons\\_hope/education.jsp](http://pages.samsung.com/us/4seasons_hope/education.jsp).

### **Free Positive Youth Development Training**

Introduction to Positive Youth Development (PYD), a new self-paced online course developed by the Family and Youth Services Bureau's National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth, will familiarize you with the theory and practice of PYD. When you take the course's two modules, you'll learn: the internal and external influences that help young people thrive; how to build individual strengths in youth; and how to create positive places for young people. For more information about PYD, see Putting Positive Youth Development into Practice and other NCFY publications at <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/publications/pyd/index.htm>. Access the online course at: <http://ncfy-learn.jbsinternational.com/course/category.php?id=3>.

### **Gear Up for Giving: Social Media Tutorials for Nonprofits**

Gear Up for Giving: Social Media Tutorials for Nonprofits is a month-long series of trainings designed to help nonprofits understand how to best leverage social media to create awareness for your cause, raise funds, and engage with new constituents. In the introductory video, issues addressed include: how social media affects monitoring and control of your brand; using social media for fund- and friend-raising; and who within your organization should be responsible for social media. After you've watched this video, browse other resources on some of the most popular social media tools and techniques, so you can learn more at your own pace. You can also view live presentations every Thursday at 1pm EST. To access the resource, go to <http://www.casefoundation.org/social-media-tutorials>.

### **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](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/sponsorship_local/donations_local.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](http://www.fsg-impact.org/ideas/item/breakthroughs_in_measurement.html).

## **Federal Grant Tip**

### **Build Relationships With Federal Grant Officials Early**

If you wait for a federal grant's RFP or application package to be issued before getting to know program staff, you may miss out on valuable insights or on chances to influence the grant guidance. In

["Nonprofits Can Help Guide Decisions"](#) (*Federal & Foundation Assistance Monitor*, October 16, 2009), editor Ray Sweeney tells how to get a head start. For example, under a new administration, federal officials are not only developing new approaches and programs; they are also rethinking existing programs (e.g., the faith-based initiatives of the former administration). He suggests contacting the program staff person once you have decided what you want to know. For example, you might ask to be brought up to date on the program and its history and how the work of your organization may relate to the goals of the federal program. If you develop a good rapport with the staff person, you may be able to discuss controversial aspects of the program (aspects that could be changed) and gain insights into the strengths and weaknesses of the program. Sweeney also suggests finding ways to keep in regular contact with the program officials. For instance, you might offer to be a resource to them, so information will flow both ways.

## **Please Give Us Feedback**

Please email us at [info@nopa-us.org](mailto:info@nopa-us.org) and let us know what type of funding opportunities you or your organization are interested in e.g. HIV/AIDS, social services, youth focused, or civic



participation.

***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](mailto:info@nopa-us.org). Please visit our website: [www.nopa-us.org](http://www.nopa-us.org).***

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