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Federal Grants

***** NEW *** Technology and Media Services for Children with Disabilities (DOE)**

Department of Education announces funds to improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; supporting educational media service activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting; and provide support for captioning and video description that are appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, Local Educational Agencies and State Educational Agencies

Deadline: 4/21/2011

Funds: \$1,200,000 available for six awards up to \$200,000

Website: www.grants.gov

***** NEW *** Healthy Indoor Environments (EPA)**

Environmental Protection Agency announces funds to reduce the public's exposure to common indoor environmental hazards by providing outreach and training projects that result in effective Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) management practices in schools; Education of asthmatics and/or their caregivers concerning environmental triggers through home, daycare, community, and school interventions; or Training of healthcare professionals, community workers, and other trained individuals on environmental management of asthma so they can counsel people with asthma.

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

Deadline: 5/21/2011

Funds: \$200,000 available for five awards up to \$50,000

Website: http://www.epa.gov/region6/6pd/iaq/iaq_rfp2011.pdf

Community Action For A Renewed Environment (Care) Program (EPA)

Environmental Protection Agency announces funds to provide support to build the capacity of collaborative, local partnerships, improve access to EPA programs, and address community environmental concerns, with a focus on identifying, understanding, and reducing the risks from toxic pollutants and environmental concerns in various forms, including indoor air, water, and land.

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

Deadline: 3/22/2011

Funds: \$2,000,000 is available.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/rfp-epa-oar-io-11-08.pdf>

Foundation Grants

***** NEW *** Family Services Community Grants**

Autism Speaks Foundation announces funds to support innovative, replicable education programs, community activities and services for teens and adults with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations

Deadline: 5/9/2011. Letters of Intent will be accepted on a rolling basis through April 8, 2011

Funds: Awards up to \$25,000

Website: http://www.autismspeaks.org/community/family_services/rfa_feb2011.php

***** NEW *** Grants for Education**

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

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and Local Educational Agencies

Deadline: 5/1/2011

Funds: Awards up to \$60,000

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

Financial Planning Programs

Foundation for Financial Planning announces funds to provide community outreach and pro bono activities that utilize financial planning practitioners in the delivery of services for specific target audiences who are underserved by the market, in need of financial guidance, or in a financial crisis.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Deadline: 4/30/2011

Pre-Application Meeting Information: Concept papers are required to apply and must be submitted by April 30, 2011.

Website: <http://www.foundation-finplan.org/grantInfo.html>

Needy Children

Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation announces funds to provide direct aid to children in need, including those who are ill, orphaned, disabled, injured, abused, or malnourished as well as children who have limited access to education.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations

Deadline: There is no deadline date for applications. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

Funds: Awards up to \$15,000 are available

Website: <http://www.dhrossfoundation.org/index.php>

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>

Resources and Announcements

Awards for Social Entrepreneurship

Skoll Foundation is accepting applications for its social entrepreneurship award to supporting nonprofit organizations that are led by social entrepreneurs whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges such as environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, and peace and security. The application deadline for the 2012 awards is April 27, 2011. For more information visit

<http://www.skollfoundation.org/about/skoll-awards/>.

The 100 Best Communities for Young People

America's Promise Alliance is sponsoring its annual competition, that rewards and recognizes communities making extraordinary efforts to reduce dropout rates and provide outstanding services and supports to their youth. These communities have demonstrated a significant and lasting commitment to their youth for which they deserve to be recognized and commended. Winners will receive one \$2,500 grant recognizing an outstanding local dropout prevention program; and one \$2,500 scholarship to the author of the youth testimonial that best captures the spirit of the 100 Best Communities program and more. Deadline is May 27, 2011. For additional information visit <http://www.americaspromise.org/100best>.

Previous Resources and Announcements

Free Classes for Nonprofit Organizations

The Foundation Center of Washington DC is offering free classes in the month of March in the following areas: Introduction to Corporate Giving; Before You Seek A Grant: A Checklist For New Nonprofits; Your Board and Fundraising; and Introduction to Finding Funders. Visit the Foundation Center Education and Events Calendar for additional information at <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/Washington-DC/> .

Neighborhood Leaders Strengthening Neighborhood People Facing Foreclosure Conference

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is sponsoring a free foreclosure conference on March 23, 2011 from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the HUD Headquarters in Washington D.C. There will also be a live webcast. Topics will focus on: what do I need to know about foreclosure programs; the how's and why's of scam prevention; banks-demystifying the foreclosure process, and more. For more information and to register email partnerships@hud.gov or call 202/708-2402.

Yoshiyama Young Entrepreneurs Program

The Hitachi Foundation seeks to discover and expand business practices that create tangible and enduring economic opportunities for low-wealth Americans, their families, and the communities in which they reside. The program seeks to identify five entrepreneurs, awarding each \$40,000 over two years, and providing technical resources to strengthen their businesses. Eligible applicants must be at least 18 and no more than 29 when they launched their business. Businesses must be one to five years old and have been generating revenue for at least the past twelve months. Complete program information and application materials are available at the Hitachi Foundation Web site at <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/>.

Raising Funds For Your Organization's Future: A Series Of Webinars About Planned Giving

The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program and Community Counseling Service are co-sponsoring a free series of three webinars for nonprofit organizations. The webinars will provide you with practical tips about how to get a planned giving program off the ground in order to develop a long-term income stream for your organization. This course is designed for executive directors, development directors and other nonprofit staff and volunteers responsible for marketing and fundraising. For more information about the webinar series visit <http://www.fileden.com/files/2010/8/6/2935022/Pg%20seriesa.pdf?emc=lm&m=141926&l=4&v=30613623>

ArtsCONNECT Program

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation: The Foundation's ArtsCONNECT program supports collaborations among presenters across the Mid-Atlantic region to facilitate tours of artists involving all performing arts disciplines, including dance, music, theater, and folk/traditional arts. The program is dedicated to bringing artists of the highest quality to underserved audiences throughout the region and encouraging engagements that feature meaningful exchanges between artists, audiences, and their communities. Grants of up to \$10,000 per presenting partner are provided. The application deadline is March 21, 2011 for projects taking place between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Visit the Foundation's website to download the ArtsCONNECT application guidelines at http://www.midatlanticarts.org/funding/pat_presentation/arts_connect/guidelines.html.

Hearne Award

American Bar Association Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law, in partnership with Starbucks is announcing its annual award in the amount of \$1,000 to an individual or organization that has performed exemplary service in the furtherance of access to justice for people with disabilities. The program invites the nomination of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to furthering the

rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities. Deadline for application is March 31, 2011. Visit <http://new.abanet.org/disability/Pages/Hearne.aspx> for complete program information and the nomination form.

Grant Development Tips

Do Not Stress Out Over Federal Grant Applications

If you're responsible for requesting federal funds, the prospect of a forthcoming new announcement may trigger anxiety--especially if your application will involve other organizations. In "Overwhelmed by the Thought of Writing a Federal Grant Application" (*CharityChannel*, December 15, 2010), Rebecca Vermillion Shawver suggests how to tame those worries. First of all, she says, don't wait for the Program Announcement or RFP to be published. Start preparing as much as six months ahead of the deadline, if possible.

Before the announcement is published:

1. Read everything you can find about the program.
2. Examine the Federal Register notice carefully.
3. Create a proposal outline based on the scoring criteria.
4. Develop a program logic chart that guides creation of the first proposal draft.
5. Get ideas by going to the federal agency's website and looking at previously funded projects.

After the announcement is published:

1. Work with your grant development team to carefully go over the official grant announcement soon after it is published.
2. Confer with your team as the proposal draft is developed.
3. For joint requests, prepare for and convene a meeting with partner organizations.
4. Gather information from your partners and share the final draft with them.
5. Complete all relevant forms.
6. Distribute the complete application packet to your partners and submit the application.

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