



Weekly Funding Opportunities: Grants Office, County of San Bernardino August 31, 2012

ARTS AND CULTURE

Shubert Foundation Grants for Theater and Dance

The Shubert Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and advancing the live performing arts in the United States, with a particular emphasis on theater and a secondary focus on dance.

The foundation awards unrestricted grants for general operating support, rather than for specific project funding. Grants are awarded exclusively to U.S. nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. The foundation does not make grants to individuals. Not-for-profit, professional resident theater companies are the primary recipients of Schubert Foundation funding, with an emphasis on producing, rather than presenting, organizations. A smaller amount of funding is provided for dance companies. The foundation also makes a limited number of grants to arts-related, not-for-profit organizations that help support the development of theater and dance, and to graduate drama departments of private universities. Grants will be made only to organizations that have an established artistic and administrative track record as well as a pattern of fiscal responsibility. The foundation does not provide funds for project support, audience development, direct subsidies of reduced-price admissions, media (film, TV, and radio), renovation projects, or capital or endowment campaigns. No grants are made to conduit organizations (agencies that disburse funds to individuals or other organizations).

Deadline: October 15, 2012; December 3, 2012 (Theater only)

Grant Link: <http://www.shubertfoundation.org/grantprograms/default.asp>

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. Libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country are responsible for collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art, and historical objects that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning in the humanities. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light, and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters. As museums, libraries, archives, and other collecting institutions strive to be effective stewards of humanities collections, they must find ways to implement preventive conservation measures that are scientifically sound and sustainable. This program therefore helps cultural repositories plan and implement preservation strategies that pragmatically balance effectiveness, cost, and environmental impact. Projects should be designed to be as cost effective, energy efficient, and environmentally sensitive as possible, and they should aim to mitigate the greatest risks to collections rather than to meet prescriptive targets.

Deadline: December 4, 2012

Maximum Grant: 350,000

Grant Link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections>

MAP Fund

The MAP Fund supports artists, ensembles, producers, and presenters whose work in the disciplines of contemporary performance embodies a spirit of exploration and deep inquiry. MAP is particularly interested in supporting work that examines notions of cultural difference or "the other," be that in class, gender, generation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or other aspects of diversity.

Deadline: October 17, 2012 (LOI)

Maximum Grant: \$45,000

Grant Link: <http://mapfund.org/>

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grant Program to Support Innovative Community Problem-Solving Efforts

Initiated with leadership support from the Kendeda Fund, the New York Community Trust, the Summit Foundation, and the Surdna Foundation, the fund provides matching investments from national foundations on a competitive basis to build partnerships between local government sustainability directors and local place-based foundations to advance discrete sustainability initiatives that demonstrate broad community support and engagement. The proposal must be submitted by a team of at least two partners who are 1) the sustainability director of a city (municipality) or a county and 2) the local place-based foundation. A sustainability director may include a USDN member or associate member from North America (United States and Canada) or any person who leads a multi-department and community-wide urban sustainability initiative from within a city (municipality) or county government.

Deadline: October 1, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$75,000

Grant Link: <http://www.fundersnetwork.org/participate/green-building/local-sustainability-matching-fund>

ENVIRONMENT

North Face Explore Grant

The North Face Explore Fund was created by the North Face outdoor equipment and apparel company to inspire and enable the next generation of explorers and conservationists by funding nonprofit community organizations that are working to re-connect children with nature. The fund will support organizations that encourage youth outdoor participation by creating more connections between children and nature, increasing access to both front and backcountry recreation, and providing education for both personal and environmental health. Applicant organizations must have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status or be seeking this designation. Proposed programs should encourage community involvement, focus on breaking down barriers to getting youth outdoors, seek a specific audience, and reach out to a specific community or place of interest. Programs should have a good chance of significant measureable results and momentum over a fairly short term (one to three years). The fund does not support organizations without 501(c)(3) status, general education efforts that do not include an experiential component that involves getting youth outdoors, research, conferences, endowment funds, or political campaigns.

Deadline: October 8, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$2,500

Grant Link: <http://www.explorefund.org/>

SPORTS

Women's Sports Foundation for the Advancement of United States Judo Program

The Rusty Kanokogi Fund for the Advancement of United States Judo Program was established to provide direct financial assistance to aspiring female judo athletes with successful competitive records who have the potential to achieve even higher performance levels and rankings. The goal of the fund, which is administered by the Women's Sports Foundation, is to relieve aspiring elite-level female judo athletes of the financial burden associated with competing at higher levels and to permit them to concentrate on their training.

Deadline: September 28, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/en/home/programs/grants/rusty-kanokogi-fund-for-the-advancement-of-us-judo-grant>

YOUTH

Youth-Led-Service-Learning Projects

Youth Service America and UnitedHealthcare are inviting schools and other community-based nonprofit organizations to "step into service" by applying for UnitedHealth HEROES grants. Grants are available for youth-led service-learning projects that aim to combat childhood obesity through walking, running, or hiking. Project proposals must include an activity element where young people can count their steps, as well as a service component that provides direct service, enables advocacy on behalf of a cause, or features youth philanthropy. Service-learning projects are projects that engage young people in performing meaningful service to the community as they gain new knowledge about the issue they are addressing (childhood obesity), and acquire important college, career, and workforce readiness skills in the process. Each UnitedHealth HEROES project will begin on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 21, 2013) and end on Global Youth Service Day (April 26-28, 2013). Webinar available September 13, 2012.

Deadline: October 15, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.ysa.org/HEROES>

Nestlé Very Best Community Service Awards

The biennial Nestlé Very Best in Youth program was created to spotlight the best in youth leadership by identifying and honoring teenagers in the United States whose community service efforts are making a profound difference in the lives of others. Nestlé seeks to help young people who want to make a difference realize their dreams by donating \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. Nestlé also awards the winner a trip to Los Angeles, California, for the Very Best in Youth awards ceremony. The trip includes round trip air travel and hotel accommodations for three nights for the winner and a parent or guardian as well as spending money.

Deadline: November 8, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$1,000

Grant Link: <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com/public/default.aspx>

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