



**Weekly Funding Opportunities: Grants Office, County of San Bernardino
August 17, 2012**

ARTS AND CULTURE

MacArthur Foundation Announces Open Call for Documentary Film Proposals

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Media, Culture, and Special Initiatives program supports the production and distribution of social-issue documentary films that address important contemporary topics and are intended for a broad audience, particularly in the United States. The program seeks to fund documentary projects that address the significant social challenges of our time or explore important but under-reported topics. Domestic and international topics are welcome, and preference will be given to projects that align with one of MacArthur's grantmaking areas. Support will be provided primarily for production and post-production activities, and to experienced filmmakers based in the U.S. with track records of completing feature-length films that have been broadcast nationally and internationally and received critical recognition.

Deadline: September 7, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.macfound.org/info-grantseekers/grantmaking-guidelines/media-grant-guidelines/media-documentary-films-guidelin/>

Warhol Foundation

The Foundation's grantmaking activity is focused on serving the needs of artists by funding the institutions that support them. Grants are made for scholarly exhibitions at museums; curatorial research; visual arts programming at artist-centered organizations; artist residencies and commissions; arts writing; and efforts to promote the health, welfare and first amendment rights of artists. For a comprehensive history of the grantmaking program, please see the Foundation's 20-Year Report.

Deadline: September 25, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.warholfoundation.org/grant/overview.html>

American Council of Learned Societies Invites Applications for Digital Innovation

The American Council of Learned Societies is accepting applications for its eighth annual Digital Innovation Fellowships. With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the fellowship program supports digitally-based research projects in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences. The aim of the program is to provide scholars with the means to pursue intellectually significant projects that deploy digital technologies intensively and innovatively.

Deadline: October 2, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$25,000 Projects; \$60,000 Stipends

Grant Link: <http://www.acls.org/programs/digital/>

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems

The Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems (CCSS) program is intended to spur visionary systems-oriented activities in collaborative, multidisciplinary, and integrative research. CCSS supports systems research in hardware, signal processing techniques, and architectures to enable the next generation of cyber systems (CPS) that leverage computation, communication, and algorithms integrated with physical domains. CCSS offers new challenges

at all levels of systems integration to address future societal needs. CCSS supports innovative research and integrated educational activities in micro- and nano-systems, communications systems, and cyber systems. The goal is to design, develop, and implement new complex and hybrid systems at all scales, including nano, micro, and macro, that lead to innovative engineering principles and solutions for a variety of application domains including, but not limited to, healthcare, medicine, environmental monitoring, communications, disaster mitigation, homeland security, transportation, manufacturing, energy, and smart buildings. CCSS also supports integration technologies at both intra-and inter-chip levels, new and advanced radio frequency (RF), millimeter wave and optical wireless and hybrid communications systems architectures, and sensing and imaging at terahertz (THz) frequencies. Proposals for the CCSS program may involve collaborative research to capture the breadth of expertise needed for such multidisciplinary integrative activities. ECCS will consider supporting a limited number of small team proposals of three or more Investigators from different disciplines and/or universities.

Deadline: November 1, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13381

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RSVP Competition Grant

In alignment with the Serve America Act (SAA) and the CNCS Strategic Plan, this Senior Corps RSVP Draft Notice will focus grant making for fiscal year 2013 in the six Focus Areas identified by SAA: • Education • Healthy Futures • Veterans and Military Families • Environmental Stewardship • Economic Opportunity • Disaster Services In order to carry out the intent of Congress and to maximize the impact of the investment in national service, CNCS seeks to fund programs that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems through National Performance Measures in the Focus Areas listed above. Please see the full text of this Draft Notice for additional funding priorities. In this competition CNCS intends to fund RSVP projects that support volunteers 55 years and older serving in a diverse range of activities that meet specific local and community needs and respond to National Performance Measures. RSVP projects awarded under this Draft Notice must: • Serve all the counties in the geographic service area associated with the funding opportunity listed in Appendix A Part 1 or Part 2 of the Notice; • Support at least 80% of the number of volunteers listed in Appendix A of the Notice; • Minimize, to the extent possible, disruptions to the current volunteers associated with any incumbent project. Please see Appendix C of the Notice for more information; and • Meet the National Performance Measure requirements and other criteria established in this Draft Notice. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is releasing the 2013 RSVP Competition Draft Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity (Draft Notice) as a draft on August 2, 2012. CNCS' is offering this Draft Notice to provide potential applicants with additional time to become familiar with the requirements and characteristics of the RSVP Competition. It is anticipated that the final Notice, the final Application Instructions and eGrants will be open for submission of applications on or about September 1, 2012.

Deadline: October 11, 2012

Grant Link:

http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=97

EDUCATION

FirstEnergy STEM Grant

FirstEnergy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Classroom Grants are awarded for creative, individual classroom projects for grades pre-K-12. The grants are available to educators and youth group leaders located in communities served by FirstEnergy's

ten electric operating companies, or in communities where the company has generating plants or does business. Any creative projects in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics will be considered. Grants may be used to compensate experts who come to work with students, but not to pay teachers or staff. Resources requested should be integral components of a well-planned classroom project/lesson plan, and important to its success.

Deadline: September 17, 2012

Grant Link: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/community/education/educational_grants.html

Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers

ITEST supports the research and development of innovative models for engaging K-12 students in authentic experiences that build their capacity to participate in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and information and communications technology (ICT) workforce of the future. ITEST projects must include students and may include teachers.

Deadline: September 20, 2012 (LOI)

Maximum Grant: \$2,150,000

Grant Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12597

Race to the Top-District

The purpose of the Race to the Top--District competition is to build on the lessons learned from the State competitions conducted under the Race to the Top program and to support bold, locally directed improvements in learning and teaching that will directly improve student achievement and educator effectiveness. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.416. Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted in electronic format on a CD or DVD, with CD-ROM or DVD-ROM preferred, by mail or hand delivery.

Deadline: October 30, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/pdf/2012-20037.pdf>

Shell Science Lab Challenge

The National Science Teachers Association, with support from Shell Oil Company, is accepting entries for the third annual Shell Science Lab Challenge. The challenge invites middle and high school science teachers (grades 6-12) in the United States and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups) to illustrate replicable approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. Entries will be judged on the basis of a number of criteria, including demonstrated science inquiry and innovation in the classroom with limited laboratory equipment, materials, and resources; demonstrated impact and engagement with students and the school community; and demonstrated need for support to improve science laboratory experiences.

Deadline: November 12, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>

ENVIRONMENT

Conservation Innovation Grant

The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies, while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS policy, technical manuals, guides, and references or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects and projects intended to test hypotheses do not qualify for a CIG award. CIG is used to apply or demonstrate previously proven technology. It is a vehicle to stimulate development and

adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a high likelihood of success, and that are a candidate for eventual technology transfer or institutionalization. CIG promotes sharing of skills, knowledge, technologies, and facilities among communities, governments, and other institutions to ensure that scientific and technological developments are accessible to a wider range of users. CIG funds projects targeting innovative, on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. In fiscal year (FY) 2013, NRCS is offering an adaptation to drought funding category for CIG projects that demonstrate and/or enhance system resilience to drought. NRCS will accept applications for single or multi-year projects, not to exceed 3 years, submitted to NRCS from eligible entities from all 50 States.

Deadline: October 15, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/home>

EarthEcho International and NEA Foundation Invite Applications for Water Planet

A collaborative effort between EarthEcho International and the NEA Foundation, the Water Planet Challenge grant program supports student service-learning programs designed to help improve the health of our water planet. The Water Planet Challenge Grants are available in the form of NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants to middle and high school public educators. Interested applicants must cite specifically how they are utilizing EarthEcho's Water Planet Challenge Action Guides in the classroom with their students. From conserving energy and improving the quality of drinking water to understanding the impact of the Gulf Oil spill, the Water Planet Challenge's collection of action guides, videos, lesson plans, and service-learning materials are intended to help educators connect with students and jumpstart student awareness and involvement in affecting change.

Deadline: October 15, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$2,000

Grant Link: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/nea-foundation-earthecho-%20grants/>

Value Added Producer Grant Program

The primary objective of the VAPG program is to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the end goals of this program. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain, as defined in the Program Regulation. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Deadline: October 15, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html

HEALTH

Southwest Airlines Medical Transportation Program

Southwest Airlines has announced a call for applications from hospitals and medical transportation charities in the United States to participate in the carrier's 2013 Medical Transportation Grant Program. The program provides complimentary, roundtrip tickets to nonprofit hospitals and medical transportation nonprofit organizations. The tickets are distributed by the organizations to deserving patients and their caregivers who must travel for

medical care. Southwest allows participating hospitals and medical transportation nonprofit organizations the freedom to determine how to distribute the tickets to their patients and/or caregivers. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit hospital offering specialized care, or a nonprofit medical transportation organization whose primary mission is to assist patients with their transportation needs. In an effort to further reduce any stress on the patient and/or their caregiver, Southwest can only consider hospitals located within forty miles of a city that is served by Southwest Airlines.

Deadline: September 30, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$375,000

Grant Link: <http://www.southwest.com/medicalgrant/>

NIMHD Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Initiative in Reducing and Eliminating Health Disparities: Dissemination Phase

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) invites applications for a limited competition Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to provide continuing support for NIMHD Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Intervention Research Phase grantees. The goal of this initiative is to support the implementation and dissemination of evidenced-based interventions designed to reduce health disparities using a community-based participatory research approach.

Deadline: October 10, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$375,000

Grant Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-13-001.html>

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