



**Weekly Funding Opportunities: Grants Office, County of San Bernardino
October 14, 2011**

AGRICULTURE

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

To support: (1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; (2) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities; and (3) a project that provides Training and Capacity Building on a nationwide basis to entities interested in developing new Community Food Projects or assisting current grantees and others to effectively operate their food security projects..

Deadline: November 17, 2011

Grant Link: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community_food.html

ARTS AND CULTURE

Arts Teachers Fellowship Program

The Surdna Foundation seeks to foster just and sustainable communities in the United States - communities guided by principles of social justice and distinguished by healthy environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures. The Surdna Foundation Arts Teachers Fellowship Program (SATF) invites arts teachers from public high schools to apply for funding for artistic development. Eligible schools include specialized public arts high schools, as well as arts-focused, magnet and charter high schools. The program offers teachers the opportunity to immerse themselves in their own creative work, interact with other professional artists, and stay with new practices.

Deadline: November 14, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/thriving-cultures/109.html>

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 intended for a broad audience. The foundation has announced it will be accepting proposals for documentary film projects from November 1, 2011, to December 2, 2011. This highly competitive program seeks to fund documentary projects that address the significant social challenges of our time and/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.

Deadline: December 2, 2011

Grant Link:

http://www.macfound.org/site/c.1kLXJ8MQKrH/b.943279/k.C2BD/General_Grantmaking_Media_Grantmaking_Guide_lines.htm

National Medal for Museum and Library Community Service

The Institute of Museums and Library Services is inviting supporters of outstanding museums and libraries to nominate their favorite institutions for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for exemplary museum and library community service. The National Medal honors museums and libraries that make extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions. Selected institutions demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and exceed the expected levels of community outreach. These organizations have established themselves as community anchor institutions.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=13>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

AVANCE Announces Call for Proposals to Implement Parent-Child Education Program

AVANCE, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that provides parent and early childhood education programs along with other family support services, is accepting proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations serving low-income Hispanic families to expand the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program. PCEP promotes community economic development, positive parenting skills and behaviors, school readiness, parental school involvement, adult education, and civic engagement to achieve a simultaneous impact on both parent and child. The program has been shown to improve the school readiness of children from birth to three years of age and has had a life-changing impact on Latino families through partnerships with community-based organizations.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Vodafone Americas Foundation Invites Entries for Annual Wireless Innovation Project Competition

The Vodafone Americas Foundation and mHealth Alliance have announced a call for submissions for the annual Vodafone Americas Foundation Wireless Innovation Project and the mHealth Alliance Award, which recognizes wireless-related technologies with the potential to solve critical global problems. The applicant should propose an innovation in wireless-related technology that addresses a critical global issue in education, health, access to communication, the environment, and/or economic development. The project should demonstrate a significant advancement in wireless-related technology, potential for replication and large-scale impact, and be at a stage of research where an advanced prototype or field/market test can occur during the award period. Early-stage research or ready-to-launch products will not be considered. Proposals should include a business plan or demonstration of financial sustainability.

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Grant Link: <http://project.vodafone-us.com/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Job Opportunity for Low Income Individuals Projects

The Office of Community Services' (OCS) will award up to \$1.16 million through the Job Opportunity for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program to support business development and expansion opportunities, including micro-enterprise and self-employment opportunities, in an effort to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. JOLI grantees create jobs through provision of technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community in order to create sustainable employment and business opportunities. Financial assistance to low-income individuals may be provided through the use of revolving loan funds or the provision of direct cash assistance to a micro-enterprise or self-employed business owner. Funded projects should focus on one of the following three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise projects.

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EO-0163>

EDUCATION

Learning Disabilities Foundation of America Grant

The Learning Disabilities Foundation of America supports the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA), whose goal is to advance the education and general welfare of children and adults with learning disabilities. Applications must be for projects which conform to the mission of the foundation by responding to an unmet need in the field of learning disabilities. Funds are granted for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes or for the identification, ongoing evaluation and education of and services for children and adults with learning disabilities. With the exception of LDA committed funds, grants will not be made for routine organizational operations or for endowment funds. Funds will be awarded only to non-profit organizations and educational institutions which are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.lidaamerica.org/about/acld_grant.asp

ENVIRONMENT

National Urban and Community Forestry Cost Share Grants

National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program Urban Forest Innovation Grants Funding Opportunity Request for Pre-Proposals The U.S. Forest Service anticipates that the statutory authority for the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program will provide, under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (Section 9), approximately \$900,000 in grant funds to be awarded through the 2012 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. Funds are to support urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or widespread impact and application. All awards are based on the availability of funding, which may be subject to change.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Nh2XTYRTqmVPw56kdvKq17HpL0MhyFD9L99DYG1b1pjMQIjgMnfM!1265931165?oppld=127913&mode=VIEW>

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Invites Applications for Community Garden Grants and Makeovers

Fiskars, a global supplier of consumer products for the home, garden, and outdoors, has announced that the application process for 2012 Project Orange Thumb garden grants and makeovers in the United States and Canada is open. Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. Fiskars will choose eleven recipients from the pool of grant applicants. Ten will receive \$5,000 in cash and tools, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. During a Project Orange Thumb garden makeover, Fiskars works with neighbors, business leaders, volunteers, and community partners to transform a barren lot into a beautiful, productive community gathering space — all in a single day.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: <http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>

National Forest Foundation Announces 2012 Matching Awards Program Guidelines

The National Forest Foundation, the nonprofit partner of the U.S. Forest Service, works to engage America in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the National Forest System. The foundation also administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of national forests. NFF is currently soliciting proposals for its Matching Awards Program, which provides matching funds for direct on-the-ground and citizen-based monitoring projects benefiting America's national forests and grasslands.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$5,000

Grant Link: <http://nationalforests.org/conserve/grantprograms/ontheground/map>

HEALTH – RELATED

Viral Hepatitis Surveillance

The program will support active, enhanced surveillance to monitor the burden of acute and chronic viral hepatitis disease through core surveillance of acute hepatitis A, B, C, and chronic hepatitis B and C. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2020" focus area(s) of Immunization and Infectious Diseases: - IID-1.3 Reduce, eliminate, or maintain elimination new hepatitis B cases among persons 2 to 18 years; - IID-15 Increase hepatitis B vaccine coverage among high-risk populations; - IID-25.1 Reduce hepatitis B infections in adults aged 19 and older; - IID-25.2 Reduce hepatitis B infections among high risk populations - injection drug users; - IID-25.3 Reduce hepatitis B infections among high risk populations - men who have sex with men; - IID-26 Reduce new hepatitis C infections; and - IID-27 Increase the percentage of persons aware they have hepatitis C infection.

Deadline: November 1, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$1,200,000

Grant Link:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=5klQTzHQ01JMVKPlQm0QXImTzG19nG9Q0npY5hdt8ww1GjTsWKG!747832409?oppld=123013&mode=VIEW>

Cardinal Health Foundation Invites U.S. Healthcare Providers to Apply for Grants to Improve Patient Safety

The Cardinal Health Foundation has announced that, for the fifth consecutive year, it will award more than \$1 million in grants through its E3 - Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Excellence in Healthcare Program to help hospitals, health systems, community health clinics, and other nonprofit healthcare institutions in the United States improve the efficiency and quality of patient care. Applicants are encouraged to submit funding requests for projects that help improve medication safety, particularly for periods when patients move from hospital environments to home and other healthcare settings; or for projects that improve operating room safety through the use of World Health Organization Surgical Safety checklists. These checklists have been proven to reduce surgical morbidity and mortality by providing a list of patient safety activities that a surgical team must complete before commencing a medical procedure. In addition to receiving funding, grantees will have access to coaching and support from experts in medication safety and surgical safety checklists.

Deadline: December 2, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: <http://www.cardinalhealth.com/us/en/CommunityRelations/Apply/E3>

SAFETY

International Programs to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (the Office) is pleased to announce a two-stage competitive process for fiscal year 2012 funding of projects that will improve the response to trafficking in persons outside the United States. The first stage is submission and competitive panel review of two-page Statements of Interest (SOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that combat human

trafficking. In the second stage, the Office will invite applicants whose Statements of Interest meet the technical requirements and are reviewed favorably to submit proposals that expand on their SOI. These proposals will also be reviewed by a panel for consideration of funding. This announcement initiates the first stage and the Office is now requesting applicants to submit a Statement of Interest, as described in this solicitation. U.S.-based and foreign non-profit and non-governmental organizations (NGO), public international organizations (PIO), and institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply by submitting a Statement of Interest. Pending fiscal year 2012 appropriations, the Office anticipates awarding grants of up to \$750,000 per project.

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=13028>

Non-Profit Boating Safety Grant Program

The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 [recodified under Title 46, United States Code] gave the USCG new authority to deal with the large growth in recreational boating, including new programs for boat construction standards, boat defect correction oversight, boat operator requirements, and state financial assistance. The state financial assistance program was established to promote cooperative efforts between the USCG and states' boating safety programs. The majority of the program's financial assistance funds are allocated to the states and eligible U.S. territories via a formula fixed in law. However, under the provisions of the Act 46 USC Part 131, up to 5% of the total state financial assistance available each year may be set aside for awards to eligible national nonprofit public service organizations to support National Recreational Boating Safety Program activities.

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link: http://www.uscgboating.org/grants/nonprofit_grants.aspx

VETERANS

AmeriCorps State and National Planning Grants

The purpose of planning grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based interventions to solve community problems. Planning grant recipients are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle. Planning grants may not be used to support AmeriCorps members. CNCS expects to invest the available funding to applicants proposing programming in the Focus Area of Veterans and Military Families. **Email intent to apply by December 15, 2011.**

Deadline: January 18, 2012

Grant Link: http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=92

YOUTH

National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program

The National Geographic Student Expeditions Scholarship Program provides financial support to high school students who are seeking educational summer experiences they otherwise could not afford. The program seeks to provide opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds and to enhance the group dynamic and learning opportunities for everyone involved. The scholarship program generally considers students eligible if their parents' combined income is less than \$50,000 and they have few other assets. International students are welcome to apply.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Grant Link: <http://ngstudentexpeditions.com/about/scholarships/>

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