

Grants-in-Aid Outlook

July 1, 2011

from eRegions

NEA Art Works Grants – *Deadline: August 11, 2011*

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications for grants of up to \$100,000 that will be awarded to states, local governments, and non-profit organizations to implement innovative community-based projects in one of four categories: (1) Creation – expanding the portfolio of American art that meets the highest standards of excellence, (2) Engagement – Americans throughout the nation are exposed to diverse and compelling art, (3) Learning – Americans of all ages acquire knowledge or skills in the arts, and (4) Livability – American communities are strengthened through the arts. A one-to-one non-federal match is required. More information is available at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP12/MuseumsAW.html>.

from The Fundbook

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program – *Deadline: September 30, 2011*

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Act authorizes the Secretary of Interior to provide direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in restoring, enhancing, and managing fish and wildlife habitats on their own lands. This announcement is not a solicitation for grant proposals. It is a goal of the program to secure at least 50 percent of project costs from non-Service sources, but this goal applies to the national program as a whole, and does not have to be achieved on a project-by-project basis. Funding above \$25,000 for an individual project must be approved at the Washington Office level. If you are interested in pursuing a project under the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program you must contact your local coordinator. A listing of coordinators by state is available at <http://www.fws.gov/partners/contactUs.html>.

from Grant Station Insider

Texas Bar Foundation Grants– *Deadline: July 15, 2011*

The Texas Bar Foundation annually grants more than \$700,000 to non-profits that enhance the rule of law and the Texas justice system. Grants are awarded in the following areas: (1) Legal Services for the Underserved, (2) Public Education, (3) Ethics and Professionalism in the Legal Profession, (4) Administration of Justice, and (5) Victim Services. Preference is given to programs that have state-wide impact. Grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Application information is available at <http://www.txbf.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=7>. *(I normally list only those grants that have at least a month before the submission deadline. However, this is a short application in questionnaire format.)*

Allstate Foundation Teen Safe Driving and Domestic Violence Grants – *Deadline: July 29, 2011*

The Allstate Foundation is dedicated to making communities and the nation a better and safer place to live. The Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations and government agencies that address the following signature issues: Teen Safe Driving and Domestic Violence. The goal of the Teen Safe Driving program is to make smart driving socially acceptable to teens by changing the way teens think and act in a car, as either a driver or a passenger. The Economic Empowerment for Domestic Violence Survivors program provides grants to state domestic violence coalitions and local programs to develop or enhance projects that help survivors overcome economic challenges and achieve financial independence. To learn more about the grant programs and application process visit <http://www.allstatefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant>.

(This deadline is also less than a month away, but I thought these were very important program areas for the region. Also, the application window opened in March. I assume that the Allstate Foundation contacted Grant Station to publicize the program because they wanted to improve the response rate. So, there may be limited competition for an organization that is able to respond in time.)

Premier Cares Award Competition – *Deadline: July 29, 2011*

The Premier Cares Award was established to recognize exemplary programs that have made health services more accessible to the medically underserved, particularly as demonstrated in superior health outcomes. The award spotlights innovative programs that support people excluded from or underserved by the mainstream health delivery system, including farm workers, homeless children, pregnant teens, low-income mothers and

infants, and individuals who don't have the strength or means to reach a clinic or hospital. The winning program must be able to show measurable benefits/outcomes covering a full two-year span and must be capable of being replicated. The award winner receives \$100,000, with an additional \$120,000 divided among five runners-up. For nomination guidelines visit <http://www.premierinc.com/about/mission/social-responsibility/cares/index.jsp>.

(Another short deadline, but with a short application.)

J.R. Albert Foundation Nutrition and Fitness Programs Funded – Deadline: July 31, 2011

The J.R. Albert Foundation supports community health education programs in addition to behavioral research related to nutrition and obesity by providing grants to nonprofit organizations or research programs that support nutrition, fitness, and health education - particularly in disadvantaged populations. Support is also provided for efforts to increase access to healthy foods using local food systems and sustainable agriculture and support for large regional food banks. Funding is generally provided for specific projects. Operating fund requests are accepted by invitation only. Funding guidelines and the online application are available at <http://www.jralbertfoundation.org/apply.htm#After>.

Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Homeownership Grant Program – Deadline: August 1, 2011

The Wells Fargo Housing Foundation is committed to increasing homeownership through development of affordable housing in the United States. The Homeownership Grant Program supports local nonprofit housing organizations nationwide that help create homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income families. Grants are provided for the development and pre-development of construction or rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes, homebuyer education programs, home repair assistance, or subsidies that help struggling families purchase or retain their homes. Funded programs must serve owner-occupied low- to moderate-income homebuyers only. The Foundation does not provide funds for construction or land acquisition, only for costs directly associated with the program or project. Application information is available at https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/wfhf/homeownership_guideline.

NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. Financial Education Grants – Deadline: August 1, 2011

The mission of the NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation is to promote learning about capital formation, financial markets, and entrepreneurship through innovative educational programs. The Educational Projects program provides grants to educational institutions and nonprofit organizations for classroom and extracurricular financial literacy programs at the high school, college, and university levels. Programs targeting teacher training and professional development for adults are also eligible for support. In addition to Educational Projects, grants are provided for research, fellowships, and curriculum development at the university level. Details are available at <http://www.nasdaqomx.com/howeare/educationalinitiative/educationalfoundation/>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Grants – Deadline: August 2, 2011

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation works to improve health and healthcare of all Americans. It works with a diverse group of dedicated people and organizations to address problems at their roots and to help make a difference on the widest scale, particularly for the most vulnerable among us. Grants are awarded for projects in through Calls for Proposals that target specific health issues. (Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity is the topic due August 2.) In addition, support is provided in response to unsolicited proposals that support innovative ideas that push beyond conventional thinking to explore solutions at the cutting edge of health and healthcare. Unsolicited proposals are reviewed throughout the year. Calls for Proposals have specific deadlines. Current Calls for Proposals and detailed information on submitting unsolicited proposals is available at <http://www.rwjf.org/grants/>.

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation – Deadline: September 1, 2011

The Foundation's Quality of Life Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations in the United States that provide services to individuals with paralysis, with some emphasis on paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries. Grants are awarded twice each year to programs in three broad categories: Actively Achieving, Bridging Barriers, and Caring and Coping. The Foundation gives special consideration to organizations that serve returning wounded military and their families, and to those that provide targeted services to diverse cultural communities. For detailed funding guidelines visit <http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4425935/>.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Childhood Development Grants – Deadline: Open Submission

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities in creating conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to their larger community and society. The Foundation approach is "whole child development": ensuring the emotional, social, cognitive, physical, cultural, and civic growth of young children, ages 0-8, within the context racial equity and civic engagement. Projects must address one of three goals: (1) Educated Kids - increase the number of children who are reading

and math proficient by third grade, (2) Healthy Kids - increase the number of children born at a healthy birth weight and who receive the care and nutrition they need for optimal development, and (3) Secure Families - increase the number of children and families living at least 200% above the poverty level. Application information is available at <http://www.wkcf.org/what-we-support/what-we-support.aspx>.

from grantsTX Digest

National Endowment for the Humanities – Deadline: August 1, 2011

The Division of Public Programs at the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities is accepting applications for America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants to fund humanities projects that are intended for broad public audiences at museums, libraries, historic sites and other historical and cultural organizations. These grants support traveling exhibitions that are presented at multiple venues, long-term exhibitions at one institution, interpretive websites or other digital formats, interpretation of historic places or areas, reading and discussion programs, panel exhibitions that travel widely, reach a broad audience, and take advantage of complementary programming formats (e.g., reading and discussion series, radio, or other media) to enhance the visitor experience, and other project formats that creatively engage audiences in humanities ideas. Details are available at http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO_ImplementationGuidelines.html.

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy National Grant Competition – Deadline: September 9, 2011

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has opened the 2012 National Grant competition. The program seeks to develop or expand projects that support literacy skills development for adult primary caregivers and their children. Approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. An organization must meet the following criteria to be eligible: (1) current nonprofit or public status and has been in existence for 2 or more years as of the date of the application; (2) maintained fiscal accountability; (3) operates an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least 2 years and includes one or more of the following components - literacy for adults, parent education, intergenerational literacy activities, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-k to grade 3. Application instructions are available at <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4344531/k.BD31/Home.htm>.

Literacy Texas Financial Fitness Festivals – Deadline: Unknown

Literacy Texas is the statewide literacy coalition that connects and equips literacy programs through resources, training, networking, and advocacy. Our vision is for every literacy organization in Texas to have the resources it needs to help as many people as possible learn basic literacy and numeracy skills in order to participate fully in society. The McGraw-Hill Companies awarded a grant to Literacy Texas to hold Financial Fitness Festivals in four Texas communities. The Festival concept was created as a fun event designed to better prepare low-literacy adults to make informed decisions about their finances. The issue: Texas ranks 42nd in the percentage of households that hold interest-bearing checking or savings accounts, 43rd in the proportion of households that are "asset poor," and 43rd in percentage of mortgage loans that are subprime. A "how-to" manual and training for creating your own Financial Fitness Festival will be provided. Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to create an event and collaborate with community service providers and businesses to make the event successful by providing a variety of financial literacy information targeted to low-literacy adults in their community. *(I was unable to find a link to the RFP on the Literacy Texas website. If your community is interested in participating, I suggest you contact them to ask about this program at <http://www.literacytexas.org/index.php/contact/>.)*

Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust Grants – Deadline: Open Submission

The purpose of the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust is to award grants of approximately \$500-\$2,500 to librarians who "promote the free reading of teenagers." Margaret Alexander Edwards grew up in West Texas and taught in the state for many years before becoming a ground-breaking YA librarian who transformed services for teens in both her adopted city of Baltimore and as a leader in ALA. If you're interested in learning more or obtaining an application form visit <http://www.carr.org/mae/trust.html>.

from Philanthropy News Digest

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry – Deadline: August 15, 2011

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children matching/challenge grants of up to \$20,000 per year to support local service initiatives that provide dental care to underserved children and that support and promote services, education, and research with the potential to improve oral health of infants through adolescents, including those with special health care needs. Funds may be applied to cover costs of clinic supplies, instruments, patient and parent education materials, take-home supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), education and/or outreach to recruit dentist participation in program activities, and other activities with clear, direct impact on child oral care.

Special consideration will be given to programs that have demonstrated success and/or have potential for replication in other communities. Initiatives demonstrating collaboration with other institutions and organizations will be given priority consideration. Eligible applicant organizations include nonprofit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations, local health jurisdictions, county health departments, hospitals and clinics, state government agencies, colleges/schools of dentistry, colleges/schools of medicine (pediatric and family medicine departments only), national, state, and local dental societies, national, state, and local pediatricians' groups, and state and local gynecological/obstetric groups. Application information is available at <http://www.aapd.org/foundation/grants.asp>.

Open Meadows Foundation Grants – Deadline: August 15, 2011

Open Meadows Foundation is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls, particularly those from vulnerable communities. Funds must be used for projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, sexual identity and expression, age, or ability. Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations that have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding and that reflect the diversity of the community served by their project, in both leadership and organization. The projects must be designed and implemented by women and girls, build community power, and promote gender, racial, social, economic and/or environmental justice. The applicant's organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000. Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Proposals from organizations not previously funded by the foundation will be given priority. Application information is available at <http://www.openmeadows.org>.

Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums Project – Deadline: August 15, 2011

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation announce the availability of application guidelines for the "Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums" project. The Learning Labs initiative is a national effort to bring American students to the forefront in science and math, provide the workers of tomorrow with the skills they need today, and re-envision learning in the 21st century. The program will support planning and design for up to thirty Learning Labs based on current research on how young people learn through new media and will be based in U.S. libraries and museums. Projects are expected to provide prototypes for the field and be based on current research about digital media and youth learning. To be eligible, library and museum applicants must be either a unit of state or local government or a private nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code. Planning and design grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded for a project period of eighteen months. Cost sharing of at least one third is encouraged but not required. More information is available at <http://www.imls.gov/about/macarthur.shtm>.

Patagonia Environmental Campaign Funding – Deadline: August 15, 2011

Patagonia funds only environmental work and is most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. We support small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect our environment. We help local groups working to protect local habitat, and think the individual battles to protect a specific stand of forest, stretch of river or indigenous wild species are the most effective in raising more complicated issues – particularly those of biodiversity and ecosystem protection – in the public mind. We look for innovative groups that produce measurable results, and we like to support efforts that force the government to abide by its own – our own – laws. Your efforts should be quantifiable, with specific goals, objectives and action plans, and should include measures for evaluating success. Because we're a privately held company, we have the freedom to fund groups off the beaten track, and that's where we believe our small grants are most effective. Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000. More information is available at <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>.

Staples Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition – Deadline: September 19, 2011

The Staples Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition is a global effort created by Staples Foundation and Ashoka to recognize exceptional young people using innovation and technology to advance social change and improve their community and the world. The competition is open to all youth between the ages of 12 and 24 who are operating entrepreneurial ventures that use innovation and technology to advance social change and make a positive impact on communities. The competition defines "technology" broadly, and it need not be the primary focus of an applicant's work. For example, young people using social media or digital platforms to accomplish their goals in other fields, such as education or the environment, would qualify. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the impact of their project and be willing to put effort into presenting their story to a global audience. Details are available at <http://ashokayouthcompetition.org/>.

North Face Explore Fund Grants – Deadline: October 5, 2011

Outdoor gear company North Face, a division of VF Outdoor, Inc., has launched the Explore Fund to support U.S. nonprofit organizations that help young people connect to the outdoors, encourage an active healthy lifestyle, and foster protection of the nation's natural landscapes by creating a stronger connection with the outdoors. Grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to organizations that help children connect to nature, increase access to both front and backcountry recreation, and provide education for both personal and environmental health. The proposed program or project should focus on a specific community or place of interest. Applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. More details are available at <http://www.explorefund.org/>.

from U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grants – Deadline: August 8, 2011

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants are awarded to assist in the transformation, rehabilitation and preservation of public housing and privately owned HUD-assisted housing that use innovative tools to holistically tackle concentrated poverty. More information is available at

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=K0MRTLsChBM4Sm1vCIXPkVbpLT0dcfnFnpbCzMCXnpyHmTmThvJL!1974073125>.