

Grants-in-Aid Outlook

February 1, 2011

from Grant Station

Intel Schools of Distinction Grants – *Deadline: February 17, 2011**

The Intel Foundation Schools of Distinction program recognizes K-12 schools that have demonstrated excellence in math and science education through innovative teaching and learning environments. Schools must demonstrate they have developed an environment and curricula that meet or exceed benchmarks put forth by national mathematics and science content standards. Up to three schools will be named as finalists at each level---elementary, middle, and high school---in both categories of math and science. Six winners will be selected from the 18 finalists and one of these winners will be selected as the Star Innovator. Finalists will receive a \$5,000 grant, winners a \$10,000 grant, and the Star Innovator will receive a \$25,000 grant. Visit the program's website to review the application process at

<http://www.intel.com/about/corporateresponsibility/education/soda/application.htm>.

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers – *Deadline: February 23, 2011**

A partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. , Inc. and the National Science Teachers Association, the Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K–12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district. In 2011, 50 projects of \$10,000 will be funded in the Environmental Science Education category that emphasizes the efficient use of natural resources and protection of the environment. Students participating in these projects should gain an increased awareness of the terrestrial, aquatic, and/or atmospheric environment and an understanding of their own interdependence with the natural world. More information may be found at

<http://tapestry.nsta.org/Content/GrantRegistration/Default.aspx>.

MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards – *Deadline: February 28, 2011**

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) administers the Community-Police Partnership Awards program for the MetLife Foundation. These two organizations are partnering for the 10th year to recognize, sustain and share the work of innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and community revitalization. This program honors partnerships that exhibit tangible accomplishments in advancing potent collaborations between Community and Police. Eligible applicants must be member organizations of partnerships that include, but need not be limited to, community organizations and police. The 2011 Community-Police Partnership Awards include two separate categories that emphasize different models of community-police collaboration. Neighborhood Revitalization Awards: 2 first place awards of \$25,000 and 4 runner up awards of \$15,000 will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yields crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes, such as real estate development, business attraction and job growth. Winners of Neighborhood Revitalization Awards agree to hold a local event in summer or fall 2011 to announce the award. Special Strategy Awards: 5 awards of \$15,000 will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yield significant public safety outcomes in one or more of the following areas: Applied Technology; Aesthetics and Greenspace Improvement; Diversity Inclusion & Integration; Drug Market Disruption; Gang Prevention & Youth Safety; and Seniors & Safety. Program information may be found at <http://www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/safety/awards> and application details at http://www.lisc.org/docs/resources/2011_MetLife_Preliminary_Application.pdf.

** We normally give at least a month lead-time for grants listed. But, these could be important for one of our area schools or community / police partnerships. Meeting the deadlines should be possible. For example, the Intel website suggests that it takes between 8 to 10 hours to complete a successful submission and the MetLife application is limited to three pages.*

Do Something Awards – *Deadline: March 1, 2011*

Since 1996, DoSomething.org has honored the nation's best young social entrepreneurs, community leaders, and activists who have made a significant social impact in order to inspire others to believe that change is possible and mobilize them to be leaders who strengthen their communities. Applicants must be 25 or younger (born on or after 9/1/85) and be a US or Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Do Something Award finalists are flown to New York City for face-to-face interviews. The finalists are narrowed down to five Do Something Award nominees who are honored in late August and receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships. Of those five winners, one will be selected as the grand prize Do Something Award winner to receive a total of \$100,000 in community grants. The Do Something Award community grant money is paid

directly to the nominee's organization or the not-for-profit of the nominee's choice. All winners have the option of receiving \$5,000 of the total money awarded in the form of an educational scholarship. Details may be found at <http://www.dosomething.org/programs/awards>.

National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant – *Deadline: March 1, 2011*

This program provides support for creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, are looking to increase their livability, and specifically are seeking to improve their quality of life, encourage creative activity, create community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize local economies. Priority will be given to activities that address the *Livability: American communities are strengthened through the arts* outcome, including the following areas: Planning - the development of plans for cultural and/or creative sector growth and the engagement of artists or arts organizations in place-based planning; Design - the use of design to enhance or revitalize public spaces; and Arts Engagement - new arts activities to foster interaction among community members, arts organizations, and artists and the commissioning or installation of new art to improve public spaces. More information is available at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>.

Tony Hawk Foundation Skateboard Park Construction Grants – *Deadline: March 1 & July 1, 2011*

The principal focus of this grant program is to help fund the construction of new, quality skateboard parks located in low-income communities throughout the United States. The Tony Hawk Foundation primarily considers projects that can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, particularly in the form of fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups. Priority is given to projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skateboard park contractors and include local skaters in the design process. Funding requests are reviewed two times each year. The grant criteria and an online application may be found at <http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/skatepark-grants/apply/>.

Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families – *Deadline: March 11, 2011*

This program provides funding for supportive services projects to assist veteran families who are very low-income (50% of median income or less), who are residing in permanent housing, or are homeless and scheduled to become residents of permanent housing within a specified time period, or, after exiting permanent housing within a specified time period, are seeking other housing that is responsive to very low-income veteran family's needs and preferences. Application information is available at <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/SSVF.asp>.

Dixon Water Foundation Grants – *Deadline: Open Submission w/ semi-annual review*

The Dixon Water Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations recognized as charitable organizations by the IRS that promote healthy watersheds through good landscape management throughout the key ecosystems of Texas. The Foundation focuses its support on education, outreach, and research regarding water issues, with a particular emphasis on ecologically and financially sustainable land management that will enhance water retention and minimize erosion in watersheds in the state. Visit the Foundation's website to review the application guidelines at <http://www.dixonwater.org/index.php?page=grants>.

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2011 Mantis Awards for Community and Youth Gardens – *Deadline: March 1, 2011*

Each year, [Mantis](#), a maker of garden tools, and the [National Gardening Association](#) present the Mantis Awards to charitable and educational garden projects working to enhance the quality of life in their host communities. Any nonprofit garden program may apply. In the past, winners have included schools, churches, correctional facilities, parks departments, youth camps, community gardens, and many others. To be eligible, applicants must operate a charitable or educational program that is not-for-profit in the United States. Twenty-five (25) programs will be selected to receive a Mantis tiller/cultivator with border/edger and kickstand, as well as their choice of gas-powered two-cycle engine or electric motor. Visit the NGA Kids Gardening Website for complete program guidelines at <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/mantis.asp>.

Young Naturalist Awards – *Deadline: March 1, 2011*

The [American Museum of Natural History](#) and the [ALCOA Foundation](#) are accepting applications for the Young Naturalist Awards from middle and high school students (grades 7 to 12) across the United States and Canada. This is an inquiry-based research competition created to promote active participation in the sciences and to stimulate youth to explore careers in science. It encourages students to independently explore the natural world and pursue in-depth scientific research in the areas of biology, Earth science, ecology, and astronomy. Contestants form hypotheses, conduct research, plan experiments, gather data, and report their findings in an essay. Twelve winning students will be honored at a ceremony at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Winners will receive a scholarship as well as paid trip to the awards ceremony, where they will meet with scientists and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum. In addition,

winning contestants will have their essays featured on the AMNH Web site. Visit <http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/youngnaturalistawards/index.html> for complete program guidelines and the essays of previous competition winners.

Constellation Energy EcoStar Grants – Deadline: March 10, 2011

Constellation Energy is accepting applications for its annual EcoStar Grant program, which targets community-based projects that fit into one or more of five environmental stewardship categories — pollution prevention, education and outreach, energy efficiency, conservation, and community activism. The 2010 EcoStar Awards supported 62 projects in 14 states, ranging from urban gardens and wetland restoration projects to innovative programs promoting energy efficiency and improved air quality. To qualify for an EcoStar Grant, a project should be located in an place where Constellation Energy does business. (Qualifying places may be found at <http://www.constellation.com/vcmfiles/Constellation/Files/Constellation-Geographical-List-with-Map.pdf>.) Applicants must have a board of directors and be designated a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Applications should include a project budget that details how the grant award will be spent, with no more than 20 percent allocated to administrative and office expenses. Grant awards will range up to \$5,000, with funds provided by the Constellation Energy Foundation. Complete project criteria, guidelines and application forms at <http://www.constellation.com/portal/site/constellation/menuitem.999b6fed85785a2399084010016176a0>.

Alston Bannerman Sabbatical Fellowship – Deadline: April 5, 2011

The Alston Bannerman Sabbatical Fellowship honors and supports longtime organizers of color by giving them \$25,000 for sabbaticals of three months or more to take time out for reflection and renewal. To qualify for a fellowship, an applicant must be a person of color, have more than ten years of community organizing experience, be committed to social change work in communities of color, and live in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Both paid and unpaid leaders are eligible to apply. The program distinguishes between organizing, services, and advocacy, and does not make awards to individuals who exclusively provide services, such as substance abuse counseling, after-school programs, or shelter for the homeless; or who advocate on behalf of a community without directly involving the members of that community in asserting their own interests and choosing their own leadership. However, applicants who provide services or engage in advocacy as a companion to organizing will not be disqualified. More information is available at http://www.centerforsocialinclusion.org/fellows_news/?url=apply-for-the-2011-alston-bannerman-sabbatical-fellowship-1.

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Wells Fargo Community Development, Education & Human Services Grants – Deadline: Open Submission

Wells Fargo makes contributions in the areas of community development, education, and human services. Wells Fargo believes that these issue areas are important to the future of our nation's vitality and success. The first priority is to support programs and organizations whose chief purpose is to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families. We look for projects that keep our communities strong, diverse, and vibrant. Wells Fargo makes contributions to organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as well as qualified tribal and governmental agencies, including public school systems. More information and application guidelines may be found at https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/tx_guidelines.

USDA Community Facilities Loans and Grants – Deadline: Open Submission

Community Programs provide loans, grants and loan guarantees for projects to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. This may include hospitals, fire protection, public safety, libraries, schools, day care centers as well as many other community-based initiatives. Four funding programs are available: the Rural Community Development Initiative, the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program. More information is available at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html.

Affordable Care Act: Health Center Planning Grants – Deadline: March 18, 2011

Planning grants are utilized to demonstrate the need for a comprehensive primary care health center and health services from public or non-profit organizations in the community. The purpose of the Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access and to improve their health status. The program includes: 1) Community Health Centers; 2) Migrant Health Centers; 3) Health Care for the Homeless program; and 4) Public Housing Primary Care. The populations served by these programs include: 1) medically underserved populations in urban and rural areas; 2) migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families; 3) homeless people, including children and families; and 4) residents of publicly subsidized housing. Application information is available at

<http://www.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=6y1JNw8CyLT3h4JxDBZwdsVh1Pv0PHR4WXnLNpnspTyNVGgGFq4L!-1377523287>.

Christopher Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants – Deadline: March 1 and July 1, 2011

The Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program awards grants of up to \$25,000 to non-profit organizations that improve the daily lives of people with paralysis, with an emphasis on paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries. These grants recognize and support organizations that help disabled individuals, their families and caregivers in ways that more immediately give them increased independence, day-to-day happiness, and improved access. Funding is awarded twice yearly to programs in three broad categories that are called the ABCs of Quality of Life: Actively Achieving (projects that enable people with paralysis to get out and be active), Bridging Barriers (projects that help people with paralysis to overcome obstacles to full participation in society), and Caring and Coping (projects that help take care of both the individuals with paralysis and the people that care for them). More information is available on the Foundation's website at http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4435149/k.4691/Grants_The_ABCs_of_Quality_of_Life.htm. (Grant navigation buttons are located in the left side-bar of the webpage.)

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation Grant for Young People With Disabilities – Deadline: June 1, 2011

The MEAF National Grant program provides funding to nonprofit organizations that are working toward the full inclusion of young people with disabilities into society. Proposed projects should be national in scope and have the potential to be replicated at multiple sites. A major program emphasis is inclusion -- enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. Grants are made only to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. While requests from all parts of the United States will be considered, priority will be given to communities where Mitsubishi Electric U.S. companies are located. Preference is given to organizations and projects that reflect collaboration among groups, and to those that actively involve people with disabilities in program planning and implementation. More information may be found at <http://www.meaf.org/how-to-apply.php>.

Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation Health Professional Education Grants Deadline: Open Submission

This program is primarily focused on domestic health professional education. Proposals are evaluated on the importance of the project and its relevance to the Foundation's funding priorities; the significance of the project's expected results and potential applicability to similar situations; and the sponsor's commitment to continue successful programs after the Foundation's support ceases. The foundation's funding priorities are: Projects to improve medical and health professional education in the context of the changing health care system; Projects that will increase diversity among health care professionals; Projects that demonstrate or encourage ways to increase teamwork between and among health care professionals; and Educational strategies to increase care for underserved populations. Grants are made only to tax-exempt institutions or agencies; no grants are made directly to individuals. The Foundation does not consider requests for general undesignated support, endowments, equipment, construction or renovation projects. Applications may be made at any time for support of activities consistent with the Foundation's guidelines. A preliminary letter of no more than three pages will determine whether submission of a full proposal is warranted. Please see the program web site for instructions on submitting the preliminary letter at <http://www.josiahmacyfoundation.org/apply>.

from Solicitations

EDA Local Assistance Programs – Deadline: March 10, June 10, & September 15, 2011

The U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration will have rolling application dates for three of their programs that benefit localities: Public Works, Economic Adjustment Assistance, and the Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund. These programs support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities to help communities and regions leverage their resources and strengths to create new and better jobs, drive innovation, become centers of competition in the global economy, and ensure resilient economies. Complete application details may be found at <http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY%202011%20EDAP%20FFO-FINAL.pdf>.

from Texas Grants Digest

The Barbara Bush Texas Fund for Family Literacy – Deadline: March 4, 2011

The First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas offers implementation grants of up to \$50,000 to help create a family literacy program that offers adult literacy education for parents or primary caregivers, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for young children, and interactive literacy activities for the young children together with their parents or primary caregivers; to expand an existing reading program that works with only one generation so that a complete family literacy program (including the required components named above) can be created; to allow for an innovative project within an existing family literacy program; or to replicate a successful family

literacy program with a new population or in a new location. This year, for the first time, planning grants of \$5,000 will be awarded to support a 9-month planning and development process (from June 2011 through February 2012) that will enable an organization to more effectively compete in 2012 for a First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas implementation grant. However, an organization may NOT apply for both a \$5,000 planning grant and a \$50,000 implementation grant. If both are submitted, only the planning grant application will be considered. For complete application instructions and forms, visit The First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas website at <http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/bbush/bbtf.htm>.

CLIR Requests Preproposals for Hidden Collections Grant – Deadline: March 11, 2011

The Council on Library and Information Resources has opened the pre-proposal application period for its Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives grant program. In 2011 the program expects to award about \$4 million in grants that range from \$75,000 to \$500,000. Applicants may request terms as short as 12 months or as long as 36 months, or any period in between. A review panel will evaluate proposals and select the award recipients; payments will be made by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Decisions will be announced by December 31, 2011, and applicants may begin their projects anytime between January 1, 2012, and March 1, 2012. The program will award funds to institutions holding collections of high scholarly value that are difficult or impossible to locate through existing finding aids. Award recipients will create descriptive information for their hidden collections that will be linked to and be interoperable with all other projects funded by this grant, to form a federated environment that can be built upon over time. More information is available at <http://www.clir.org/hiddencollections/index.html>.

Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants – Deadline: April 15, 2011

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries. The Libri Foundation will match money raised by local sponsors on a 2-to-1 ratio. The minimum local match is \$50 and the maximum is \$350. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds. The librarian of each participating library selects the books the library will receive from a booklist provided by the Libri Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist reflect the very best of children's literature published primarily in the last three years. These titles, which are for children ages 12 and under, are award-winners or have received starred reviews in library, literary, or education journals. The booklist also includes a selection of classic children's titles. More information and application forms are available at <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

Snapdragon Book Foundation Grants – Deadline: April 15, 2011

The Snapdragon Book Foundation was founded by a former librarian to foster children's literacy by providing financial grants to school libraries serving disadvantaged youth. In a time when many schools are reallocating their funds to technology and audiovisual equipment, we hope to make sure that school libraries are still offering children good books to read. Grants will be awarded to public, private, and experimental schools. The grants range from \$500 to \$20,000 and are aimed at school libraries serving disadvantaged children. Application instructions may be found at <http://www.snapdragonbookfoundation.org/index/Apply.html>.