

Grants-in-Aid Outlook

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Lemelson Foundation/MIT High School Invention Grants – Deadline: March 18, 2011

The Lemelson-Massachusetts Institute of Technology Program created the InvenTeam initiative to provide U. S. high school students with the opportunity to cultivate their creativity and to experience invention. InvenTeams are comprised of high school students, teachers, and mentors who invent technological solutions to real-world problems by relying on inquiry and hands-on problem solving as they apply lessons from science, technology, engineering, and math to develop invention prototypes. InvenTeam projects span many fields, from assistive devices to environmental technologies and consumer goods. Applicants are encouraged to consider the needs of the world's poorest people (those earning \$2 or less per day) when considering ideas. Grant funds may be used for research, materials, and learning experiences related to the project. Any teacher who facilitates an extracurricular project may allot up to \$2,000 of an InvenTeam grant for a stipend. Science, math, and technology teachers at public, private, and vocational high schools are eligible to apply. More information may be found at <http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/about.html>.

from Grant Station Insider

Funding for Texan Senior Services – Deadline: January 31, 2011

The Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust provides support for nonprofit organizations throughout the State of Texas that provide services to the elderly. Types of programs considered for funding include health centers, recreation programs, retirement services, Alzheimer's initiatives, meal delivery programs, nursing facilities, etc. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. All application forms and supporting documents must be received no later than 5 p. m. on January 31, 2011 to be considered. Grant funds must be managed and used within the State of Texas for the benefit of the elderly. Application guidelines and forms, including a list of required supporting documents, are available at

http://www.islacarrollturnerfriendshiptrust.org/information_and_instructions.htm.

Baseball Tomorrow Fund – Deadline: quarterly each year on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. Its purpose is to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball in the United States and throughout the world by funding programs that encourage youth participation. Grants may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Invited grant applications are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, annually. Visit http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf_grant_process.jsp to learn more about the grant criteria and application process.

Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust – Deadlines: Jan. 20, April 20, July 20, and Oct. 20

The DAV Charitable Service Trust is a not-for-profit charitable organization incorporated in the District of Columbia. It is dedicated to building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families. Each year brings dramatic new changes in the lives of veterans that present greater challenges to our mission of service to disabled veterans and their families. The Trust will continue to do all it can to meet the real needs of sick and disabled veterans. Our mission of service is accomplished by making sure sick and disabled veterans have transportation to VA medical facilities for treatment, providing food and shelter and medical aid to homeless and needy veterans, meeting the special needs of veterans faced with specific disabilities such as paralysis, amputation and brain injuries, supporting physical and psychological rehabilitation projects aimed at some of America's most profoundly disabled veterans, and bringing hope to the forgotten and suffering families of disabled veterans. The Trust has awarded over \$62 million since 1988 in service to disabled veterans and their dependents. Grants are made to not-for-profit entities located in the United States of America. Priority is given to long-term service projects that provide direct assistance to disabled veterans and their families. The DAV Charitable Service Trust awards guidelines may be found at <http://cst.dav.org/Grants/Default.aspx>.

Ameriprise Financial Community Funding Program – Deadline: each year on Feb. 1, May 1, and Sept. 1

The Ameriprise Financial Community Relations Program supports nonprofit organizations in communities throughout the United States whose goal is to improve the lives of individuals from all walks of life. The

Community Relations Program focuses on Meeting Basic Needs, Supporting Community Vitality and Support for Volunteer Causes that Ameriprise employees, advisors, or retirees are involved with. The application deadlines are February 1, May 1 and September 1, annually. Visit <http://www.ameriprise.com/about-ameriprise-financial/company-information/ameriprise-community-relations.asp?vanity=communityrelations> to review the Community Relations guidelines and submit an online application.

Economic Development and Public Works Funding Program – Deadline: March 10, 2011

The U. S. Economic Development Administration provides funding support for construction or rehabilitation of essential public facilities and infrastructure to help communities and regions leverage their resources and strengths to drive innovation, create new and better jobs, ensure resilient economies, and create centers of competition in the global economy. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and reviewed quarterly. Visit <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/10/14/2010-25896/solicitation-of-applications-for-the-public-works-economic-adjustment-assistance-and-global-climate#h-21> for program details and application instructions.

New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program – Deadline: April 15, 2011

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture will make grants available to community colleges or advanced technological centers that are located in rural areas for technology development, applied research, and training necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's technical, scientific and professional workforce in the fields of pulp and paper manufacturing, bioenergy, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources. Preference will be given to development of agriculture-based renewable energy degree programs designed to ensure workforce opportunities in rural communities; promote educational practices within the food and agricultural sciences that improve how students learn; and address the priority areas of global food security and hunger, climate change, sustainable energy, childhood obesity, and food safety. Application instructions may be found at <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/neweraruraltechnology.cfm>.

HUD Emergency Capital Repair Grant Program – Deadline: November 29, 2011

This program provides support to make emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants. Assistance is limited to those projects with emergency problems that are of such a magnitude that the problem poses an immediate threat to the quality of life of the elderly tenants, and the problem would, if left untreated, result in an evacuation of the elderly tenants or long-term tenant displacement. **Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and are awarded until funds are expended or until November 29, 2011, whichever comes first.** More information may be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grpecrg.cfm>.

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Bezos Scholars Program for H.S. Juniors and Educators @ the Aspen Institute – Deadline: Feb. 11, 2011

The Bezos Scholars Program @ the Aspen Institute seeks 12 top public high school juniors and 12 dynamic educators to receive seven-day, all-expenses-paid scholarships to attend the **Aspen Ideas Festival**, June 26 to July 2, 2011, in Aspen, Colorado. The program was created by the **Bezos Family Foundation** to help cultivate the next generation of leaders. The program seeks independent thinkers, demonstrated leaders, and engaged community members. To be eligible for the program, the student and educator team must be from a public high school (including charter and magnet schools) at which at least 25 percent of students are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program. The school must offer Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or the opportunity to take college/community college courses. Student applicants must be public high school juniors during the 2010-11 academic year who demonstrate leadership in school and community, have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, have scored exceptionally well on PSAT/SAT/or ACT, are enrolled in Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/college classes, and are legal U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. After attending the Aspen Ideas Festival, the student and educator teams will return home and create Local Ideas Festivals in their schools. More information may be found at <http://www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/>.

VSA Playwright Discovery Program for Middle and High School Students – Deadline: April 15, 2011

VSA, the international organization on arts and disability, is inviting middle and high school students to submit scripts for the Playwright Discovery Program. The program invites students to take a closer look at the world around them, examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others, and express their views through the art of playwriting. Scripts can be comedies, dramas, or even musicals. Young playwrights with and without disabilities are encouraged to submit a script. Entries may be the work of an individual student or a collaboration by a group or class of students. The winning play will be professionally produced or staged at the **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. The winning playwright receives \$2,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., to view his or her work on stage. All submissions must be received by April 15, 2011, for consideration. Visit the VSA Web site for complete program information and entry procedures at <http://www.vsaarts.org/x244.xml>.

from Rural Assistance Center RSS Feeds

First Childrens Finance – Deadline: Loan Applications Accepted on a Continuing Basis

First Children's Finance makes loans to childcare and early education businesses, especially those serving lower-income communities, in Texas. FCF finances new businesses - in centers, family child care in homes and schools (including Head Start) - and supports expansion, quality improvements and operations for existing ones. First Children's Finance helps capable, dedicated early care and education professionals develop their business expertise, so they may continue to serve families over the longer term. To be eligible for a business loan your child care business must be a registered family child care provider or be in the process of becoming registered, provide care for a percentage of children who come from households with income within the state child care assistance program guidelines, and own the property for which a family child care improvement loan is being sought. Loans are available to family child care in homes for \$1,000 - \$25,000; Centers and schools, including Head Start for \$1,000 - \$125,000. For all family childcare projects there is a non-refundable application fee of \$25. If it's a center or school project, including Head Start, the application fee is \$100. Contact Charissa Banov at 1-866-562-6801 or by e-mail at charissa@FirstChildrensFinance.org to discuss your project and verify eligibility prior to applying.

from Texas Department of Rural Affairs

Water & Wastewater Renewable Energy Grants - Deadline: January 28, 2011

TDRA anticipates having up to \$681,000 available for fiscal 2011, with individual grants limited to \$500,000. Priority is given to projects that use wind power or solar power to help meet energy needs for water treatment or wastewater treatment facilities. This program is part of the Texas CDBG Program, therefore non-entitlement rural cities or counties that apply for these grants must demonstrate that 51% or more of the residents that benefit from these projects meet low-to-moderate income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Program guidelines may be found at:

<http://www.orca.state.tx.us/TxDRA/Libraries/cdbgDocs/cdbgRenewableEnergyRedppAppGuide2011v2.sflb.ashx> and the program application can be found at:

<http://www.orca.state.tx.us/TxDRA/Libraries/cdbgDocs/cdbgRenewableEnergyRedppApp2011.sflb.ashx>.