

Grants-in-Aid Outlook

August 1, 2011

from eRegions

U. S. Department of Transportation TIGER Grants – Deadline: October 3, 2011

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the availability to issue \$527 million for TIGER grants, a competitive grant program, which funds innovative transportation projects that address job creation and making a significant impact on the nation, a region or a metropolitan area. Each project is multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional or otherwise challenging to fund through existing programs. The TIGER program enables DOT to use a rigorous process to select projects with exceptional benefits, explore ways to deliver projects faster, save on construction costs, and make investments in our Nation's infrastructure that make communities more livable and sustainable. More information is available at <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/>.

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, Don Wilhelm at Don.Wilhelm@fws.gov or (817) 277-1100. More program information is available at <http://www.fws.gov/partners/>.

from Grant Station Insider

Avon Breast Health Outreach Program Grants – Deadline: August 26, 2011

The Avon Breast Health Outreach Program (BHOP) provides grants to community-based organizations and healthcare agencies to link medically underserved women to breast health education and screening services. Grants may be used for non-medical expenses incurred by funded programs to link underserved women with low-cost or free breast cancer screening services and follow-up care. Approximately \$5 million will be awarded to about 125 organizations. The majority of the grants will range from \$30,000 to \$60,000, with an average of \$45,000. To ensure that smaller community-based organizations receive funding, BHOP plans to award at least 40% of the grants to organizations with operating budgets under \$2 million. BHOP will provide at least one grant in every state and two grants in every state where there is an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. (*There is an Avon Walk in Houston.*) Application information is available at <http://avonbhops.org/applyforfunding.htm>. (*I normally list only those grants that have at least a month before the submission deadline. However, this funding is for existing programs that already offer these services and the application appeared easy to answer.*)

Bikes Belong Community Partnership Grants – Deadline: August 26, 2011

Bikes Belong provides grants to organizations and agencies within the United States that are "committed to putting more people on bicycles more often. Application are being accepted for Community Partnership Grants, which are designed to foster and support partnerships between city or county governments, nonprofits, and local businesses working to improve the environment for bicycling. Grants largely will be used to fund construction or expansion of bicycle facilities such as bike lanes, trails, and paths. The grants committee also will consider advocacy projects that promote bicycling as a safe and accessible mode of transportation. To be eligible for a grant, a partnership must include collaboration between at least one city/county government office or department; one nonprofit with a mission specific to bicycling, trails, or recreation; and one local business. "Collaboration" means that each partner contributes time, labor, materials, or money to the project. The project must support bicycling among all age groups and ability levels. The lead (submitting) organization must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or a government entity (city or county government office). More information is at <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>.

USDA Rural Rental Housing Program – Deadline: August 29, 2011

The Rural Rental Housing Program provides direct loans to developers of affordable rural multi-family rental housing for very-low, low, or moderate income persons or families, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Loan requests will be accepted to finance the new construction of a Section 515 property, or the purchase and substantial rehabilitation of non-program rural rental housing and related facilities in rural areas. Properties in either the new construction or purchase and rehabilitation category may receive points for participation in energy generation and green property management measures, including participation in one or a qualifying combination of the following programs: [Green Communities](#), [ENERGY STAR New Homes](#), [LEED for Homes](#), and [ICC 700 National Green Building Standard](#). More information is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-13/pdf/2011-17530.pdf> and the application may be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/MPR/Forms/515%20RRH%20Preapplication%20FY2011.pdf>.

Oxbow Animal Health Rescue Grants – Deadline: August 31, 2011

Oxbow Animal Health Rescue Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations that rehabilitate wildlife or find "forever" homes for small animals. Grants are offered in several categories. The Education and Outreach category provides grants for educational programs, training materials, leaflets, and videos. The Capital Improvement category supports renovations, additions, new structures, and equipment purchases. The Operating Support category funds normal operating expenses such as feed, utilities, and veterinary care. Grant decisions are based upon an organization's effective use of resources in providing quality animal care, home placement, education, and community outreach. More information is available at http://www.oxbowanimalhealth.com/oxbow_cares/rescue_support.

MAP Fund Performing Arts Grants – Deadline: September 1, 2011

The Multi-Arts Production (MAP) Fund, administered by Creative Capital, supports new, original work in all disciplines and traditions of the live performing arts. MAP's goal is to assist artists who are exploring and challenging the dynamics of live performance within our changing society, thus reflecting our culture's innovation and growing diversity. Project-specific funding is provided to playwrights, choreographers, directors, composers, and performers experimenting in any performance tradition or discipline. MAP is especially interested in supporting work in its early development. Touring or documentation of completed projects is not eligible for funding. Applications for MAP grants must come from U.S. nonprofit organizations. (Artists or ensembles may apply through a fiscal sponsor.) Applying organizations and artists must demonstrate at least two years of professional experience. More information is available at <http://mapfund.org/>.

TKF Foundation Planning Grants – Deadline: September 1, 2011

In a time when modern man is more and more surrounded by the built world, beset by ever increasing stress and overwhelmed by technology, the need for open, sacred places in nature is more important than ever. Every neighborhood needs a Walden Pond in their back yard, a place where people can be in nature and reconnect to themselves, to the land, and to each other. The mission of the TKF Foundation is to provide the opportunity for a deeper human experience by supporting the creation of public green-spaces that offer temporary sanctuary, encourage reflection, provide solace, and engender peace and well being. The Open Spaces Sacred Places National Awards Initiative funds the development of significant open spaces that are designed to address critical human factors related to the physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of individuals living in challenging urban environments. This new program will fund the creation of significant Open Spaces Sacred Places that are designed specifically with the intent to study and communicate the impact of a specific type of urban public green-space on users. Grants will be awarded from a total funding pool of \$5 million. Funding will be provided to cross-disciplinary teams that conceptualize, plan, design and implement a physical space, conduct associated research study(s) and disseminate findings. This Request for Proposals launches the first phase of the program and will provide funding for up to ten planning grants of up to \$50,000 that support design and research studies to understand the impact of contemplative green-space on urban dwellers. Eligible projects must have both an institutional and a community-based partner. More information is available at <http://www.opensacred.org/grants>.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Keystone Initiatives Grants – Deadline: September 1, 2011

The mission of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is to sustain, restore, and enhance the nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats. Through Keystone Initiatives Grants, the Foundation awards matching grants in the categories of bird conservation, fish conservation, marine and coastal conservation, and wildlife and habitat conservation. Prospective applicants should contact the targeted category's Keystone Director to discuss project ideas prior to submitting requests in order to help ensure the relevance of funding requests. The upcoming pre-proposal deadline is September 1, 2011 with full proposals due on November 1, 2011. More

information is available at

<http://www.nfwf.org/Content/NavigationMenu/GrantPrograms/ProgramsOverview/Keystones/default.htm>.

Women Helping Others Foundation – Deadline: September 6, 2011

Women Helping Others supports grassroots organizations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico that serve the overlooked needs of women and children. The Foundation provides grants of \$1,000 to \$40,000 for critical health programs and social services projects that give women and children the knowledge and tools they need to improve their lives. Examples of funded programs include food and shelter for the homeless, healthcare for the poor, after-school programs, career training for under-employed women, positive programs for young girls, and domestic violence prevention programs. In order to qualify for funding, an organization must have. Organizations must have 501(c)(3) non-profit status through the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and be qualified to receive deductible charitable contributions and have been incorporated for a minimum of three years prior to application. Preference will be given to organizations with an operating budget of \$3 million or less, those not dependent upon government grants, and those with greater organizational program costs than personnel costs. More information is available at <http://www.whofoundation.org/Funding/index.asp>.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants – Deadline: October 14, 2011

The Toolbox for Education Grant Program, offered by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, provides grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000 to public K-12 schools and school parent-teacher groups associated with public schools that develop projects to encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Preference is given to funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping/clean-up projects. This year the program is seeking ways to provide support to help educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact. Therefore, basic needs will take priority. If 1,500 applications are received before the deadline, then the application process will close. For an online application visit <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>.

from Solicitations

USDA Housing Preservation Grants – Deadline: August 22, 2011

The USDA Rural Housing Service announces that it is soliciting applications under its Housing Preservation Grant to provide qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, which may include but not be limited to Faith-Based and Community Organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. Application information and the Notice of Funds Availability are at <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=103613>.
(Another short application timeframe, but this could be an important opportunity for the right program.)