

Grants-in-Aid Outlook

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from eRegions

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Roadmaps to Health: Community Grants – Deadline: May 2, 2012

The Roadmaps to Health: Community Grants program will support communities to implement policy or system changes to address one of the social or economic factors that most strongly influence health outcomes in their community. These include: education; employment and income; family and social support; and community safety. Up to 20 grants of up to \$200,000 each will be provided to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and/or tribal groups. Applicants must engage community members in the planning and implementation of projects, and must collaborate with organizations having expertise in improving the health of the public. Applicants must secure 100% matching support, including a cash match of at least 50%. Grantees will be organizations that participate in established coalitions or networks that span multiple sectors and perspectives and may include representatives from business, education, public health, health care, community organizations, community members, policy advocates, foundations, and policy-makers. Two webinar-conference calls will be held, the first on March 20 and the second on April 10, 2012, both from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST. More information is available at

http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21390&cid=XEM_A5734.

USDA Forest Service Community Forest Program – Deadline: May 15, 2012

The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program is a competitive grant program whereby local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land. The program requires a 50% local match and the community must be involved in the establishment of the community forest as well as long-term management decisions. Eligible lands for grants funded under this program are private forest that is at least 5 acres in size, suitable to sustain natural vegetation, and at least 75% forested. The lands must also be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, must not be held in trust by the United States on behalf of any Indian tribe or allotment lands, and, if acquired by an eligible entity, must provide defined community benefits and allow public access. The purpose of the program is to protect forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and to provide community benefits such as: sustainable forest management with environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and, recreational benefits secured with public access. More information is available at

http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/app_fed_rfa.pdf.

from Grant Station Insider

Gateway to College National Network Contracts – Deadline: April 30, 2012

Gateway to College National Network builds the capacity of colleges, school districts, and states to revolutionize education for high school dropouts and underprepared college students so that all young people can achieve college credentials. Gateway to College is interested in bringing its unique model to more communities and students throughout the country. In the fall of 2012, Gateway to College will select up to ten college/K-12 partnerships for multi-year contracts worth between \$325,000 and \$440,000. In addition to start-up funds, successful applicants will receive training, technical assistance, professional development opportunities, and program evaluation - from the initial year of planning and training, through program implementation, and for as long as the program remains a member of the network, which currently includes programs at 35 colleges in 20 states. More information is available at <http://www.gatewaytocollege.org/start.asp>.

Foundation for Financial Planning Grants – Deadline: April 30, 2012

The Foundation for Financial Planning helps people take control of their financial lives by connecting the financial planning community with people in need by supporting pro bono advice and financial life skills education. This is accomplished through grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that reach out to and extend the benefit of financial planning to those generally underserved by the market. Successful applicants have programs that: (1.) Utilize financial planning professionals, or local affiliates of financial planning organizations, to provide financial life skills education to those of diverse social-economic levels to help them take control of their financial lives through pro bono activities; (2.) Deliver programs to specific target audiences

who are underserved by the market, who are in need of financial guidance, or who are experiencing a financial crisis; (3.) Provide outreach to military personnel and their families, or provide Financial Life Skills training and education through high schools and/or youth organizations; or, through community based organizations; (4.) Provide opportunities to obtain unbiased financial advice in time of crisis or disaster. Priority will be given to programs that deliver one-to-one consultation, have impact on larger numbers of underserved individuals, can be easily replicated on a regional or nationwide basis, and are targeted to disadvantaged, underserved or special need populations. More information is available at <http://www.foundation-finplan.org/associations/9627/files/Grant%20Guideline%20December%202010.pdf> and <http://www.foundation-finplan.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=4>.

Banfield Charitable Trust Pet Support Program Grants – Deadline: April 30, 2012

The Banfield Charitable Trust provides grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations nationwide that keep pets and their people together. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Pet Advocacy Grants provide funding to programs that provide a direct solution to avoid surrender or separation of companion pets from their families. Funding priorities include: basic veterinary care for financially-challenged companion pet owners; programs that help the homeless, seriously ill, homebound, or disabled care for their pets; companion pet food banks; education programs that directly relate to keeping companion pets and their people together; behavior modification programs to correct inappropriate behaviors so that pets may remain in the home; and disaster preparedness and response. Pet Peace of Mind grants offer hospices a program model for a hospice patient/pet support program that includes funding to deliver in-home volunteer pet care services, pet food and veterinary/grooming services for patients who are unable to maintain routine health care and nutrition for their pets because of financial and/or physical disability. The Pet Food Distribution Program grants provide financial support to Meals-on-Wheels Associations of America programs to fund expenses associated with starting or maintaining a pet food distribution program for clients. More information is available at <http://www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org/grants/>.

National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program – Deadline: April 30, 2012

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, along with its partners, recognizes the important role refuge Friends organizations play in building critical community support for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System. Proposals for projects that assist organizations to be effective co-stewards of our Nation's important natural resources within the National Wildlife Refuge System are encouraged. This program provides competitive seed grants of between \$1,500 - \$5,000 for creative and innovative proposals that seek to increase the number and effectiveness of organizations interested in assisting the Refuge System nationwide. The goals of the program are to help Refuge Friends organizations gain experience in developing projects, expand and increase their capacity and skills, meet local refuge challenges, gain community recognition and support for the refuge, and build long-term relationships. The focus for this year's grant program is start-up and capacity building projects. More information is available at http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&CONTENTID=23659&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm.

Mary Kay Foundation Women's Shelter Grants – Deadline: April 30, 2012

The Mary Kay Foundation's Shelter Grant Program is committed to ending the epidemic of domestic violence by providing grants to women's shelters with grants of \$20,000 to at least one domestic violence shelter in every state. Any remaining funds are distributed based on state population. Applying organizations must offer immediate overnight housing to women and children affected by domestic violence. The grants provided by the Foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. More information is available at <http://www.marykayfoundation.org/Pages/ShelterGrantProgram.aspx>.

Aetna Foundation Healthcare Grants – Deadline: Open Submission for Letters of Intent, Next Application - May 15, 2012

The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities the company serves. It funds proposals having national impact and relevance, as well as regional proposals that impact specific regions, states, or communities. (*San Antonio is one of the selected areas.*) The Aetna Foundation provides grants in the following program areas: (1) The Obesity program focuses on addressing the rising rate of obesity among U.S. adults and children. (2) The Racial and Ethnic Health Care Equity program promotes equity in health care for common chronic conditions and infant mortality. (3) The Integrated Health Care program aims to advance high-quality health care by improving care coordination among health care professionals, creating informed patients, and promoting affordable care. (4) The Scholars Programs offers several opportunities for educational advancement. National grants of up to \$250,000 are awarded. Regional grants generally range from \$25,000 to \$50,000, with a limited number of grants of up to \$150,000. Letters of Intent may be submitted at any time. Selected applicants will be

invited to submit a full application. The annual application deadlines for full proposals are February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. More information is available at <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/aetna-foundation-programs/index.html>.

ING Run For Something Better School Awards Program – Deadline: May 15, 2012

The ING Run For Something Better School Awards Program, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs. The awards program will provide at least 50 grants of up to \$2,500 to schools that want to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing program that targets grades K through 8 in public elementary or middle schools. Funded programs must have a commitment of at least 25 students in order to apply. The program can be as short as eight weeks or as long as you want it to be. It can take place in physical education class, during recess, before school, after school, or any combination of these. A physical education teacher, coach, classroom teacher, or school administrator can facilitate it – whatever works for your school. The program's culminating running event is an exhilarating reward for participants – a final test that lets them know what they're capable of accomplishing. The event includes participants, family and community members, and it's meant to be personalized to the school. It can be any distance, and it can be held during school, after school or on a weekend. More information is available at http://www.orangelaces.com/site/index/get_your_school_involved.

State Farm Company Grants – Deadline: May 31, 2012

Through company grants, State Farm makes it their business to be like a good neighbor by helping to build safer, stronger and better educated communities. The State Farm Companies Foundation and State Farm value inclusiveness and diversity. Therefore, charitable funding is intended to advance access, equity, and inclusiveness while discouraging harmful discrimination based on age, political affiliation, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation or identity, or religious beliefs. Charitable contributions are awarded to governments, educational institutions, nonprofits, volunteer fire departments, and chambers of commerce. Funding is focused on three areas: safety, community development and education. One proposal per organization per year may be considered. This should include all of an organization's needs for a 12-month period. All grant requests must be submitted online. If approved, funding will begin in the first quarter of 2013. Safety Grants: funding is directed toward auto and roadway safety, home safety and fire prevention, disaster preparedness and disaster recovery. Community Development Grants: Communities are the foundation of society and State Farm is committed to maintaining the vibrancy and culture of our neighborhoods. This commitment is demonstrated by supporting affordable housing, first time home buyers, community revitalization, and economic development. Education: State Farm supports efforts to provide all children with an education that will allow them to reach their greatest potential and prepare them to participate in a nation and economy that continues to be a global leader. We fund three types of grants for K-12 public schools – teacher development, service learning, and systemic improvement. More information is available at <http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/company/company.asp>.

Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative – Deadline: June 1, 2012

Bank of America's signature philanthropic programs put a premium on identifying and responding to local needs, including helping top nonprofit and charitable organizations build capacity, plan for the future, and simply operate every day. Neighborhood Builders: San Antonio is one of 44 markets where two outstanding nonprofit organizations that have received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and are not classified as a private foundation and are focused on local neighborhood priorities are selected to receive \$100,000 annually for each of two years. These organizations will also benefit from specially designed leadership development programs where senior executives gather for two 4-day workshops to discuss: strategic thinking, business planning in tough economic times, leadership development and succession planning, long-term business growth, and building a diverse funding base. In addition, emerging leaders will gather for three 4-day workshops to discuss: developing organizational management skills, managing strategic opportunities, forging alliances, and building communities. Local Heroes: San Antonio is one of 44 markets where 5 individuals who champion causes vital to their communities, who inspire others to get involved, and who have made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or their communities are selected to receive \$5,000 to donate to an eligible nonprofit/charitable organization of the hero's choice. Local Heroes should: have made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large; inspired others to volunteer for community service; and has been a catalyst for new visions, understanding, and change in a community. More information is available at http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loan Program – *Deadline: June 29, 2012*

The Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loan Program will provide a loan guarantee to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for the development and construction of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects. The minimum loan guarantee is \$5,000 and the maximum amount is \$25 million. For more information contact Billy Curb at USDA Rural Development, 101 S. Main Street, Suite 102, Temple, TX 76051 or (254) 742-9775.

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation Grants – *Deadline: July 31 or September 30, 2012, depending on program*

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that enhance the quality of life for children, families, and pets. Grant categories include: children's health and wellness; literacy and education; and domestic pets. Grants will be a one-time contribution and range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The average grant is \$1,500. Grant requests should be in line with an organization's overall budget. Individual project grants as well as organization program grants are provided. Priority is given to nonprofit organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores. (There are 2 will be accepted from March until August. For the domestic pets category, requests will be accepted until October. More information is available at <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700013>.

Home Depot Community Impact Grants – *Deadline: August 13, 2012*

The Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program provides support to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tax-exempt public schools, and tax-exempt public agencies that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Proposals will be considered for: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing; repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing or community facilities; and, planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans. Priority is given to projects that help veterans to stay comfortably in their homes. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. All applicants will receive a written response within 6 weeks of receipt of a request. (Please do not contact your local store or The Home Depot Customer Care helpline to inquire about the status of your application.) Projects must be completed within 6 months following notification that the grant has been awarded, with reporting requirements due 30 days following the completion of the project. More information is available at <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/how-we-help/grants.html>.

American Water Community Giving Program – *Deadline: Open Submission*

The American Water Community Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations with grants in the following categories: Water and the Environment; Water and Healthy Living; Environmental Education; and Community Sustainability. American Water invests in the communities where we live and work in several ways: financial grants; in-kind donations of property or materials; and volunteer labor including temporary help and board member service. The majority of American Water's grants are under \$1,000. Although there are exceptions, American Water usually does not consider multi-year funding requests. Unless previously agreed upon, organizations must submit a new request for funding annually. Under certain circumstances, American Water may contribute surplus property such as furniture, office supplies or other miscellaneous items, as well as volunteer labor using company assets. The company may also donate temporary use of real estate, such as meeting rooms. American Water is prohibited from donating or reducing the cost of water and/or wastewater services by law. The most successful grant applications fund specific programs as opposed to general operating expenses, address a demonstrated community need, provide an opportunity for American Water employees to volunteer in the community, and provide the grantee and American Water with recognition in the community. American Water's goal is that a portion of the company's total grant-making dollars are invested in underserved communities. In general, these include low-income communities, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities. More information is available at <http://www.amwater.com/about-us/community-involvement/giving.html> and <http://www.amwater.com/files/American-Water-Corporate-Giving-Guidelines.pdf>.

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American Library Association Discover Tech Traveling Exhibition – *Deadline: May 1, 2012*

The American Library Association Public Programs Office in partnership with the National Center for Interactive Learning at Space Science Institute, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and the National Girls Collaborative

Project announces a new traveling exhibition opportunity for public libraries. Eight public libraries will be selected to host an interactive exhibition called Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference. Public libraries in rural areas and those serving rural populations and underserved groups are especially invited to apply. Discover Tech will tour from September 2012 to June 2014, visiting each of the eight selected sites for a period of eight weeks. The exhibition requires approximately 750 square feet of space for optimal display. Each site will be awarded a grant of \$1,000 to support public programs related to the exhibition. Through exciting interactive elements and displays, visitors to the Discover Tech traveling exhibition will realize that engineers are real people who, through a creative and collaborative design process, arrive at practical solutions to help solve society's problems in the U.S. and throughout the world. Visitors will become familiar with the National Academy of Engineering's 14 Grand Challenges for Engineering and critical issues that must be addressed in the 21st century. Visitors will also learn about the fundamental principles of energy, become aware of their own energy use, and understand the impact of engineering on societies over time and place. More information is available at <http://www.ala.org/programming/discovertech>.

from Libri Foundation

Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants – Deadline: May 15, 2012

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries through its Books for Children program. Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population below 10,000, and usually below 5,000. Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, as well as an active children's department. (County libraries having a total operating budget over \$350,000 and town libraries with a total operating budget over \$150,000 are rarely given grants. The average total operating budget of a BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipient is less than \$40,000. Please note: rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000.) Applications are accepted from school libraries only if they also serve as the public library - it is open to everyone in the community, has some summer hours, and there is no public library in town. (NOTE: DO NOT waste money sending your application by Express Mail. The application deadline is based on postmark date, not arrival date.) More information is available at <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

from National Association of Regional Councils

HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grants – Deadline: May 1, 2012

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will award approximately \$5 million nationwide for plans that propose to revitalize of a severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing project located in a distressed neighborhood into a viable, mixed-income community. Eligible applicants are public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. More information is available at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/fy12funding.

from San Antonio Area Foundation

Toyota 100 Cars for Good – Deadline: May 1, 2012

Toyota announced the return of its "100 Cars for Good" program. Building on the popularity of the program in its inaugural year, Toyota will again award 100 vehicles over the course of 100 days to 100 deserving nonprofit organizations based on votes from the public through the Toyota Facebook page. For a chance to win 1 of 6 different vehicles, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations can apply at <http://www.facebook.com/toyota> starting on March 12, 2012. Voting will start on May 14, 2012. Each day, 5 organizations will be profiled so that participants may vote for the charity they feel is most deserving of a vehicle. The four runners up every day will each be awarded a \$1,000 grant from Toyota. More information is available at <http://www.toyotanewsroom.com/releases/toyota+announces+return+100+cars+for+good+program+2012.htm>.

from Service Learning Texas

Captain Planet Foundation Environmental Stewardship Grant – Deadline: May 31, 2012

The Captain Planet Foundation supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world through hands-on projects to improve the environment with innovative projects that inspire youth to

participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. Nonprofit organizations and public schools are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2,500. Grants are primarily made to schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Preferential consideration is given to requests seeking seed funding of \$500 or less and to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability.) Projects of up to \$2,500 will be considered, but in the event a request exceeds \$500, the Captain Planet Foundation may choose to fund a portion of the project budget that best fits within the foundation guidelines or may contact an applicant for further discussion. An additional priority is to fund programs that encourage environment-based education in schools. All funded projects must involve young people ages 6 to 18 (elementary through high school). More information is available at <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>.

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