

# Grants-in-Aid Outlook

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## from Grant Station Insider

### **Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good – Deadline: June 12, 2012**

The Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good initiative supports grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with an operating budget of less than \$2 million that are working to do good in their communities. In 2012, the program will provide five grants of \$20,000 and one grant of \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations to help enhance their community projects. Eligible projects must have a positive impact on the community in one of the following areas: Environmental Goodness, Healthy Goodness, or Human Goodness. A review panel of leaders from around the country selects up to 51 finalists. In September, information about these finalists will be posted on the Tom's of Maine website so that the public can vote for which six projects should be awarded funding. More information is available at: <http://www.tomsomaine.com/community-involvement/living-well/50sfg/2012>. [Normally grants are not listed without a month to apply. However, this is a short application process.]

### **Finish Line Youth Foundation Grants – Deadline: June 30, 2012**

The Finish Line Youth Foundation strives to make a difference in the lives of youth by supporting programs that focus on youth development and an active lifestyle. The Finish Line Youth Foundation primarily offers grants to nonprofit organizations that generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to provide community-based access to athletics and other active lifestyle activities for youth under the age of 18. An additional focus is on camps that give kids the chance to be active, with emphasis on those that provide services to disadvantaged or special needs children. In addition, two new grant programs have been added to help serve the needs of youth. The Founder's Grant program provides grants between \$5,000 and \$25,000 to qualifying organizations that have an emergency need that would somehow keep the organization from providing current services. Examples would be natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstances that require special funding to help build or develop facilities or equipment needs. The Legacy Grant program provides grants between \$10,000 and \$75,000 to qualifying organizations in need of improvements and/or renovations to existing buildings, grounds, and property or for new facilities and/or grounds. More information is available at: <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>.

### **PEDIGREE Foundation Grants – Deadline: June 30, 2012**

The PEDIGREE Foundation is dedicated to helping dogs in need find loving homes by supporting the good work of 501(c)(3) nonprofit shelters and dog rescue organizations. Innovation grants of \$10,000 to \$25,000 are provided to creative programs and projects that increase dog adoptions. Priority is given to proposals that demonstrate proof of organizational stability, an improved adoption rate, and collaborative partnerships within the community that promote, educate, and increase awareness of issues that contribute to dog homelessness. Preference is also given to well-written, clear, and concise plans. More information is available at: <https://secure14.easymatch.com/marsgive/applications/agency/?skip=guideline>.

### **Tourism Cares Worldwide Grant Program – Deadline: July 2, 2012**

Tourism Cares is a public charity that receives funding from the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry. Tourism Cares is dedicated to preserving the travel experience for future generations with grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt, public charities that conserve, preserve, or restore tourism-related sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance. In 2012, the program will provide 12 grants of \$10,000 each for brick-and-mortar capital improvement projects or educational programs that will enhance interpretation of the site. More information is available at: <http://www.tourismcares.org/grants/grant-application-process>.

### **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Fund for National Projects – Deadline: July 2, 2012**

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Fund for National Projects is an initiative to support projects that strengthen the national infrastructure of the professional nonprofit dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theatre fields. In addition, it works to improve conditions for the national community of performing artists in the targeted fields. Grants of \$60,000 to \$200,000 and cannot exceed 40% of a project's total cost. Funding is provided to projects that engage a broad national constituency, occur once (or periodically) rather than annually, and have the potential to significantly impact a field. Examples of eligible projects include research initiatives assessing the national health of arts groups or of individual artists, national convening events for performing arts fields (beyond traditional national annual conferences), and special projects that address unique circumstances that affect an

entire professional nonprofit field. Highest priority will be given to projects that improve the health of the Arts Program's priority performing arts fields and do not duplicate ongoing efforts or existing services. Single nonprofit organizations and consortia are both eligible to apply. More information is available at: <http://www.ddcf.org/Arts/Program-Initiatives/National-Sector-Building/Fund-for-National-Projects/>.

**GTECH After School Advantage Program Grants – Deadline: Open Submission**

The GTECH After School Advantage Program equips nonprofit community organizations and public schools with state-of-the-art, Internet-ready computer centers. GTECH will donate up to \$15,000 in computers, online technology, computer software, and volunteer hours to each after school program in inner-city communities. These computer centers are designed to provide inner-city at-risk children aged 5 to 15 with a meaningful, fun, learning experience during the critical after school hours in a safe environment. This initiative is meant to provide an otherwise unavailable educational experience and bridge the digital divide among minority and at-risk children. By applying its knowledge and expertise to this type of program, GTECH hopes to increase children's interest in careers in computers and provide them with the necessary tools to help them become more competitive in school and in today's job market. More information is available at: [http://www.gtech.com/about\\_gtech/proposal\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp).

**Maddie's Fund Pet Shelter Grants – Deadline: Open Submission**

The goal of Maddie's Fund is to help build a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats find loving new homes. Maddie's Fund supports collaborative efforts in which entire cities and counties pool their talents and resources to build a safety net of care for the community's dogs and cats. Maddie's Fund awards millions of dollars through multi-year grants to animal welfare coalitions to end the killing of healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats community-wide. Starter Grants for gathering shelter statistics, writing business and strategic plans and developing Pet Evaluation Matrixes are available as precursors to community collaborative grants. Maddie's Fund provides special grants to pilot programs that promise new lifesaving methods, to organizations and communities that are leading the way in achieving lifesaving goals through marketing and other means, and to adoption guarantee shelters for new medical equipment. Maddie's Fund also offers grants to colleges of veterinary medicine to establish shelter medicine programs so that the specialized knowledge and skills of these institutions' faculty and students can be incorporated into the effort to save all healthy and treatable shelter pets nationwide. More information is available at:

[http://www.maddiesfund.org/Grant\\_Giving.html](http://www.maddiesfund.org/Grant_Giving.html).

**Wallace Genetic Foundation – Deadline: Open Submission**

The Wallace Genetic Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations nationwide that work toward long-term conservation of the soil and of the environment, rather than exploitation of natural resources for temporary profits. Specific areas of interest include the following: sustainable agriculture, protection of farmland near cities, conservation of natural resources, biodiversity protection, reduction of environmental toxins, and global climate issues. Grants generally range from \$25,000 to \$40,000. More information is available at:

<http://www.wallacegenetic.org/require.php>.

**Energy Foundation Innovation Grants – Deadline: Open Submission**

The Energy Foundation is focused on advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy policy through programs that support (1.) efforts to reduce carbon emissions from the utility industry; (2.) policies to increase the energy efficiency of U.S. homes and businesses; (3.) policies that reduce vehicle pollution and oil consumption; and (4.) policies to put a cap and a price on carbon. The Energy Foundation is unable to support local projects unless they have been designed for further replication or have broad regional or national implications. Generally, grants are awarded to nonprofit charitable organizations classified as 501(c)(3) public charities. More information is available at: [http://www.ef.org/app\\_guidelines.cfm](http://www.ef.org/app_guidelines.cfm).

***from grantsTX Digest***

**Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Children's Book Grants – Deadline: June 15, 2012 (postmark)**

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people who are preschool through grade 8. Public libraries, school libraries, and non-traditional libraries operated by 501(c)(3) agencies that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need are eligible. Grants range from \$500 to \$3,000 and must be used for book purchases, funding cannot be used for administrative or operational purposes. Books purchased must be children's fiction or non-fiction books classified as Early Reader books through Young Adult and Hi-Lo books. The library grant program DOES NOT provide grants for book-donation programs, classroom collections, atlases, dictionaries, basal readers or similar texts, workbooks or similar instructional tools, or for textbooks or encyclopedias. Grant applications for audio books will be considered only in the cases of children with special

needs, where audio books would be particularly appropriate in addressing those needs. In order for a library to be considered, it must have been in operation for at least three years. County or district library systems cannot apply as a whole, but public or school libraries within a county or district system are eligible to apply individually. Grant awardees will be asked to return a brief questionnaire and to provide documentation of grant spending. More information is available at: <http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html>.  
[Normally grants are not listed without a month to apply. However, this is a short application and the program is an important way to provide expanded opportunities for area youth.]

### from Keep Texas Beautiful

**ONEOK Foundation Grants** – *Deadline: request of \$5,000 or less - Continuous Submission; request over \$5,000 - July 8, 2012*

The ONEOK Foundation provides grants on a one-to-one matching basis to 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations that enhance the quality of life and economic well-being in their communities. Primary focus areas are arts and culture, education, health and human services, and community improvement. Priority consideration is given to educational programs and health and human services organizations, particularly organizations with programs that help people become self-sufficient. Requests are only accepted online. More information is available at: <http://www.oneok.com/en/CorporateResponsibility/CommunityInvestments/ONEOKFoundation.aspx> and [http://www.oneok.com/en/CorporateResponsibility/CommunityInvestments/~/\\_media/MiscDocs/ofi-guidelines.ashx](http://www.oneok.com/en/CorporateResponsibility/CommunityInvestments/~/_media/MiscDocs/ofi-guidelines.ashx).

### from U. S. Department of Health & Human Services

**HHS Promise Neighborhoods Planning Grants** – *Deadline: June 15, 2012 for Letter of Intent; July 27, 2012 for full application*

The U. S. Department of Health & Human Services Promise Neighborhoods Planning Grant program seeks to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in our most distressed communities. Successful applicants will develop strategies to transform the distressed community by increasing the number of organizations involved in child and youth issues, building a continuum of cradle-through-college-to-career solutions, integrating program delivery, developing necessary local infrastructure, and learning further about the Promise Neighborhoods program. Eligible applicants are organizations that are representative of the geographic area that will be served and project partners will include a nonprofit organization, which may include a faith-based nonprofit organization, an institution of higher education, or an Indian tribe that currently provides at least one of the strategies from the applicant's proposed continuum of solutions in the geographic area proposed to be served. The applicant organization will work with at least one public elementary or secondary school that is located within the identified geographic area that the grant will serve. The maximum award is \$500,000. More information is available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-20/pdf/2012-9595.pdf>.

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