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Make a Difference in Your Community

As a new century begins, we are reminded of the accomplishments of the past and needs for change in the future. Do you have a good idea for change in your community but no path to follow to make the change?

Many practical resources are available to help you provide leadership in your community. Two resources I have come across lately are the National Center for Small Communities and The Center for Community Change (CCC). The National Center for Small Communities (NCSC) publishes a free listing of guidebooks and materials, "Helpful Resources for Small Communities." Step-by-step solutions illustrated with practical, small town case studies containing valuable tips, worksheets, and checklists help turn ideas into action to save time and money.

The Center for Community Change offers advice to community members who may have good ideas but need advice about where to start in a specific area of community development. "CCC is dedicated to improving low-income communities by strengthening organizations run by people who live in these communities." CCC has an Internet site at <http://www.communitychange.org/index2.htm>. The site offers basic information about jobs and economic development, housing and community development, changing policies, and building organizations.

Statements introducing topics from the CCC are true for many communities: "Despite the rosy vision of an economy that is ringing prosperity to all Americans, the fact remains that millions of Americans are unemployed

or under-employed." "Often a low income community's most pressing need is affordable housing." " [Developing capacity] can't be done without adequate resources." "Grassroots leaders build strong organizations that bring large numbers of low income people together to become a force for change in their communities."

The message is clear. Change begins with individuals who work to make a difference. Ideas are easy. Turning ideas into reality is more difficult. Expertise offered by centers and institutes such as NCSC and CCC help people like you turn ideas into reality. *GrantNews* adds to your efforts by offering funding resources for your ideas.

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Arts

National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowships

Objective: Expand opportunities for artists to interpret, explore, and create work by offering funds that allow time to be set aside for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement.

Eligibility: Published creative writers of exceptional talent who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Collaborative, scholarly, journalistic, and vanity publications cannot be used to establish eligibility.

Award: \$20,000. Notification of rejection or award should be expected no earlier than late January 2001.

Deadline: March 14, 2000 for projects that may begin any time between February 1, 2001 and February 1, 2002 and last for up to two years.

Application: Follow the application package checklist to develop one package of materials. Included on the checklist is an application acknowledgment card, form, manuscript, and proof of eligibility guidelines. Guidelines and application forms are available for downloading from the Internet. Applicants should send material packages to the address below.

Information:

*Information Management Division, Room 815
(Creative Writing Fellowships)
National Endowment for the Arts
Nancy Hanks Center
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20506-0001
INTERNET: <http://www.art.endow.gov/guide/Lit00/Fellowships.html>*

Crime and Justice



State Justice Institute Curriculum Adaptation Grants

Objective: Provide State and local courts with sufficient support to modify a model curriculum, course module, or national or regional conference program so as to meet a State's or local jurisdiction's educational needs; pilot-test it to determine its appropriateness, quality, and effectiveness; and train instructors to enable them to make presentations of the curriculum.

Eligibility: State or local courts adopting a model curriculum listed in Appendix III of the grant guidelines. Guidelines are available from the Institute and for downloading from the Internet.

Award: No more than \$20,000 each with at least a 50 percent cash or in-kind match of the grant amount requested.

Deadline: None.

Application: Applicants should allow at least 90 days between the date of submission and the date of the proposed program for sufficient time for planning. Selection criteria include the appropriateness of the educational approach in achieving the project's goals and objectives; the likelihood of effective implementation and integration into the jurisdiction's ongoing education programming; and, expressions of interest by court personnel who would be directly involved in or affected by the project. A detailed letter and three photocopies of the letter describing the proposed project and addressing the following criteria should be sent to the Institute: project description; need for funding; likelihood of implementation; expressions of interest by court personnel; budget and matching contribution on Form E in Appendix V of the guidelines; and chief justice's concurrence on Form B in Appendix VI of the guidelines.

Information:

*State Justice Institute
1650 King Street, Suite 600
Alexandria, VA 22314
TEL: (703) 684-6100
EMAIL: sji@clark.net
INTERNET: www.statejustice.org*

Aging

The Retirement Research Foundation

Objective: Support programs that improve the quality of life for older Americans. Funding interests are for innovative approaches to community-based and institutional long-term care, opportunities for engagement of older adults in societal roles, causes and solutions of significant problems, and the preparation of professional and paraprofessional caregivers.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) qualified organizations that are not private foundations under Section 509(a) of IRS code.

Award: Up to three years of support dependent upon progress during the first and second years. Funding is not generally available for construction, operations, campaigns, scholarships or loans, dissertation research, media production, computer equipment, and conferences, publications or travel unless they are components of other larger Foundation-funded projects.

Deadline: May 1, August 1, and February 1, annually with funding to be determined within four to six months after each deadline.

Application: Standard forms are not used. Proposals for funds should include a two- to three-page summary with the project's significance and cost, a statement of specific project objectives with outcomes, a description of methodology, a plan for dissemination of project outcomes, a budget and timetable, plans for continued support, personnel curricula vitae, organizational qualifications, and proof of tax-exempt status. Methodology should fall under three general categories: research, model projects and service, or education and training. Proposals should be sent to the address below.

Information:

*The Retirement Research Foundation
8765 W Higgins Road, Suite 430
Chicago, IL 60631-4170*

INTERNET: <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/rrf/approc.html>

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*Grant and other information was obtained from multiple sources including the *Federal Register*, various federal and state agencies, and private foundations. Obtain additional information about the opportunities which appear in *Grant News* by contacting the appropriate foundation, federal or state agency, or:*

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Community and Economic Development

Office of Community Services

Assets for Independence Demonstration

Objective: Help low-income individuals and families save money and assets.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, and collaborations between nonprofit and government units.

Award: Maximum of \$500,000 with an average award of \$200,000 for about 25 five-year projects with a 100 percent matching requirement.

Deadline: May 15, 2000.

Application: Federal grant application procedures are listed in the guidelines that can be obtained via Internet or at the address below. State intergovernmental review is required. The Illinois State Single Point of Contact for State review of Federal proposals is listed below.

Information:

Mr. Sheldon Shalit

TEL: (202) 401-4807

EMAIL: sshalit@acf.dhhs.gov

Mr. Richard Saul

TEL: (202) 401-9341

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Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

Office of Community Services

370 L'Enfant Promenade SW

Washington, DC 20447

INTERNET: <http://www.adf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/>

Ms. Virginia Bova

State Single Point of Contact

Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs

James R. Thompson Center

100 W Randolph, Suite 3400

Chicago, IL 60601

TEL: (312) 814-6028

FAX: (312) 814-1800

The Drucker Foundation

Frances Hesselbein Community Innovation Fellows

Objective: Provide a yearlong fellowship experience to social sector leaders.

Eligibility: Chief executive officers or senior staff members of nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated leadership and entrepreneurial record (at least ten years of experience) who are engaged in innovative projects are qualified to apply.

Award: Through formal and informal experiences, leaders gain knowledge to improve performance. Gatherings are scheduled for approximately 10 days throughout the program year.

Deadline: Deadlines for year 2000 fellowships will be posted on the Internet after January 18, 2000. May 1, 1999 was the deadline last year.

Application: Applicants are self-nominated. Applications consist of a cover sheet, resume, personal development plan, personal statement on leadership, recommendation letters and references, organizational materials, and materials that demonstrate the impact applicants have had in their communities. Applications can be downloaded from the Internet (see URL below) or obtained by mail.

Information:

The Drucker Foundation

Hesselbein Fellows Program

320 Park Avenue, Third Floor

New York, NY 10022-6839

TEL: (212) 224-1174

FAX: (212) 224-2508

EMAIL: info@pfd.org

INTERNET: <http://www.pfd.org/fellows/apply.html>

Charles A. Frueauff Foundation

Objective: Improve the lives of persons in need by granting to nonprofit organizations.

Eligibility: Private nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Annually, March 15 for May review; September 15 for November review.

Award: Higher education, social services, and health and hospitals are areas the Foundation supports. All applicants are notified of decisions. Funds are distributed annually in December.

Application: Proposals should be in the form of a letter and should include proof of 501(c)(3) IRS status. Pre-proposal letters and other supplementary materials are discouraged.

Information:

Ms. Sue M. Freauff,

Program Officer

Charles A. Freauff Foundation, Inc.

Three Financial Centre

900 S Shackelford, Suite 300

Little Rock, AR 72211

TEL: (501) 219-1410

Community and Economic Development

Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs: Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP)

Objective: Assist Illinois communities by providing grants to local governments to help finance economic development projects, public facilities, and housing rehabilitation. The programs are targeted to assist low-to-moderate-income people by creating job opportunities and improving the quality of their living environments. Individual programs are briefly outlined below.

Eligibility: Units of local government such as cities, villages, townships, and counties. Municipalities must have populations of 50,000 or fewer, not be located in an urban county, and not be of the 31 cities that receive federal "entitlement" funds.

Application: Application guidebooks are available through the mail or by calling one of the numbers listed below.

Information:

*Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs
620 East Adams*

Springfield, IL 62701

TEL: (217) 785-7546

TDD: (217) 785-6055

INTERNET: www.commerce.state.il.us/communities/CDAP/cdap.htm

1) Economic Development

Objective: Loan businesses funds to locate or expand in the community. Funds are for machinery and equipment, working capital, building construction and renovation, and improvements to public infrastructure.

Award: Loan funds up to \$500,000.

Deadline: None.

2) Emergency Public Facilities

Objective: Supply emergency funds to eliminate or improve conditions detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare.

Award: Emergency funds up to \$100,000.

Deadline: None.

3) Housing

Objective: Provide safe and sanitary living conditions for low-to-moderate income residents.

Award: Up to \$400,000 per community is awarded competitively to upgrade and expand housing stock.

Deadline: July 21, 2000.

4) Planning Assistance

Objective: Fund studies, analyses, data gathering, and identification and implementation of action plans.

Award: Competitive, up to \$25,000.

Deadline: April 19, 2000.

5) Public Facilities

Objective: Improve public infrastructure and eliminate conditions detrimental to public health, safety, and public welfare.

Award: Competitive, up to \$100,000.

Deadline: October 3, 2000.

Ford Motor Company Fund

Objective: Support arts and humanities, civic activities, education, environment, health and welfare, public policy, and U.S. international relations.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, excluding endowments, private schools, agencies supported by the United Way, fellowships, labor groups, beauty or talent contests, and animal rights, religious, and fraternal organizations. Fundraising activity and donation of vehicles requests are not invited.

Deadline: None.

Application: Written proposals should include:

- ✓ a brief description of the organization
- ✓ the amount of funding requested
- ✓ the proposed use of funds
- ✓ a brief description of the project or program including goals and objectives
- ✓ other sources of funds applicable to the proposal
- ✓ a detailed budget of the project or program
- ✓ financial information concerning the organization
- ✓ status of other related projects previously supported by Ford Motor Company Fund
- ✓ a description of how the Fund would be recognized
- ✓ a summary of past performance, if applicable
- ✓ verification of charitable organization status

Proposals are acknowledged when received. If there is an interest in the request, notification will be sent of the disposition of the request within eight to ten weeks of acknowledgement.

Information:

*Mr. Gary L. Nielsen,
Vice President and Executive Director
Ford Motor Company Fund*

The American Road

PO Box 1899

Dearborn, MI 48121-1899

INTERNET: www.ford.com/default.asp?pageid=83&storyid=17

Health and Medicine

W.M. Keck Foundation

Science and Medical Research

Objective: Support research that leads to breakthrough discoveries and development of new technologies.

Eligibility: Accredited four-year colleges and universities, medical schools, and independent medical research institutions.

Deadline: Annually, May 15 for December grant cycle; November 15 for June grant cycle.

Application: Application is a two phase process. Phase one is through letter of inquiry containing a three page narrative, budget, tax exempt status verification, and organizational background. Phase two is through invitation after approval of the initial phase. Acknowledgement of initial requests is made within six weeks of receipt. The Internet site provides more detail about phase one requests. Submit materials to the address below.

Information:

*W.M. Keck Foundation
555 S Flower Street, Suite 3230
Los Angeles, CA 90071
INTERNET: <http://www.wmkeck.org/Keck99/applc.html>*

American Medical Association

National Patient Safety Foundation

Objective: Improve health care safety by supporting study of errors in the system and implementation of

safeguards to prevent patient injury.

Eligibility: Principal investigators or sponsoring nonprofit organizations in the US or Canada.

Award: \$100,000 maximum with a maximum indirect cost rate of 15 percent, excluding equipment.

Deadline: Letters of intent are due no later than March 29, 2000. Full proposals are due August 16, 2000. Recipients will be notified no later than November 30, 2000.

Application: Send 15 copies and an electronic text file of a letter of intent. Letters should include the title of the project, credentials of the investigator, executive summary, background, aims, methods, impact, budget, timeline, and qualifications of individuals involved in the project. There are very specific guidelines about letters of intent that should be reviewed and followed. These guidelines can be requested from the Projects Manager identified below.

Information:

*Ms. Asta V. Sorensen
Research and Special Projects Manager
The National Patient Safety Foundation at the AMA
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Chicago, IL 60610
TEL: (312) 464-5462
FAX: (312) 464-4154
EMAIL: Asta_Sorensen@ama-assn.org
INTERNET: www.npsf.org*

Education

The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation Special Grant Program, Chemical Sciences

Objective: Advance the science of chemistry through support of curriculum and instructional materials, education and research, encouragement of teaching in high school, and public understanding.

Eligibility: Schools, colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations with related focus such as museums and libraries.

Award: 1999 awards ranged between \$10,000 and \$60,000.

Deadline: Preliminary proposals are due June 15, 2000; complete proposals are due September 1, 2000.

Application: No forms are required for initial inquiries. Letters no longer than three pages should be sent for initial assessment. The letter should describe the project, its purpose, and budget. Supplemental materials should not be included. Applicants will be invited to submit complete proposals at the Foundation's discretion. Final proposals are reviewed by faculty in the chemical sciences.

Information:

*The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
555 Madison Avenue, Suite 1305
New York, NY 10022
TEL: (212) 753-1760
EMAIL: admin@dreyfus.org
INTERNET: <http://www.dreyfus.org>*

Education

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) Migrant Education

1) High School Equivalency Program

Objective: Help migratory and seasonal farmworkers (or children of such workers), who are 16 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in school, to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma and subsequently to gain employment or begin postsecondary education or training.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education or a public or nonprofit private agency in cooperation with an institution of higher education.

Award: Competitive, five-year grants ranging from \$150,000 to \$495,000.

Deadline: Applications will become available February 11, 2000 and are due March 30, 2000.

Application: Notice of application availability is expected on January 27, 2000. Contact the person below for information about application guidelines and procedures.

Information:

Ms. Mary Suazo

US Department of Education, OESE

Office of Migrant Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Room 3E227, FOB6

Washington, DC 20202-6134

TEL: (202) 205-0089

FAX: (202) 260-1396

EMAIL: Mary_Suazo@ed.gov

INTERNET: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/MEP/>

2) College Assistance

Objective: Assist students who are migratory or seasonal farmworkers (or children of such workers) enrolled in the first undergraduate year at an institution of higher education to complete their study for that year.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education or a public or nonprofit private agency in cooperation with an institution of higher education.

Award: Competitive, five-year project grants ranging from \$150,000 to \$450,000.

Deadline: Applications will become available February 11, 2000 and are due March 30, 2000.

Application: Notice of application availability is expected on January 27, 2000. Contact the person below for information about application guidelines and procedures.

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EMAIL: Mary_Suazo@ed.gov

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3) Even Start

Objective: Help break the cycle of poverty and improve the literacy of participating migrant families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program.

Eligibility: State and local education agencies that have a high percentage of migrant students and nonprofit community-based organizations that work with migrant families.

Deadline: Applications will become available April 14, 2000 and are due June 30, 2000.

Application: Applications are is expected to be available April 14, 2000. Contact the person below for information about application guidelines and procedures or monitor the Internet site.

Information:

Ms. DonnaMarie Marlow

U.S. Department of Education, OESE

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Conservation

Audubon Society: Local Chapters

Objective: Support conservation of the natural environment by offering educational and citizen participation project opportunities.

Eligibility: Interested individuals and organizations.

Award: Local chapters offer varied types of support for educational experience opportunities.

Deadline: Varies dependent on local chapter guidelines.

Application: Contact the appropriate local chapter and request information about special projects and grants. Contact the National Field Office or look under "Audubon Society" in the appropriate area telephone directory for detailed contact information for Chapters in Illinois listed below.

*Champaign County Audubon Society, Urbana
Chicago Audubon Society, Chicago
Decatur Audubon Society, Decatur
DuPage Audubon Society, Winfield
John Wesley Powell Audubon Society, Normal
Lake County Audubon Society, Libertyville*

Information:

Mr. Glen Olson, Senior Vice President

National Field Office

555 Audubon Place

Sacramento, CA 95825

TEL: (916) 481-5332

FAX: (916) 481-6228

EMAIL: chapter_services@audubon.org

Mr. Ed Stirling

Audubon Council of Illinois

13807 Beaver Drive

Roscoe, IL 61075

TEL: (815) 389-4775

EMAIL: stirli@hughestech.net

INTERNET: <http://www.audubon.org/chapter/il/il/>

*Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, Freeport
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Sinnissippi Audubon Society, Rockford
Thorn Creek Audubon Society, Homewood
Vermilion County Audubon Society, Danville*