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Advocacy and Philanthropy

Soros Advocacy Fellowship for Physicians

Objective: Enable physicians to develop or strengthen public interest advocacy skills through advocacy organizations.

Eligibility: Experienced and new physicians willing to commit at least 50% time to the fellowship project.

Award: 6 to 12 month fellowship with stipend based on earnings and project expenses.

Deadlines: October 24, 2000; March 20, 2001.

Application: Fellows are selected based on their demonstrated interest in public work, how well the proposed project meets the needs of the target population, individual and organizational capacity to complete the proposed project, and project potential for replication.

Information:

Ms. Julie McCrady, Program Manager

Medicine as a Profession

Open Society Institute

400 W 59th Street

New York, NY 10019

TEL: (212) 547-6987

INTERNET:

<http://www.soros.org/medicine/advocacy.htm>

The American Foundation

Objective: Promote new and more effective philanthropy by helping establish and develop charitable trusts and foundations.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, nonendowment, nongovernmental entities.

Award: Financial support to improve organizational structure, human resources, and/or operations.

Deadline: September 1 annually for December distribution.

Application: Proposals meeting assessment criteria will be reviewed and acknowledged. Charitable organizations are rated based on management competence, clarity of mission, organizational ethos, impact, need of service, and fiscal responsibility.

Information:

The American Foundation

Attn.: Grant Request

4518 N 32nd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85018

EMAIL: grantinfo@americanfdn.org

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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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Health Care and Substance Abuse

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information Vouchers for Victory

Objective: Build strength within low-income communities through support of grassroots organizations that have created innovative and effective strategies in countering the problems of drug abuse and drug-related crime.

Eligibility: Nonprofit community-based associations with budgets less than \$150,000 using direct strategies to solve problems related to drug abuse among young people. Priority will be given to organizations that have been otherwise unable to secure technical assistance and have not previously received funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the sponsor of the program.

Award: \$1,000 to \$10,000 in vouchers to expand the capacity of an existing organization.

Deadline: None.

Application: Contact the person below for an application packet. Follow qualifications and guidelines carefully.

Information:

*Ms. Stacey Miller
National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
1424 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
TEL: (202) 518-6500
FAX: (202) 588-0314
INTERNET: <http://www.health.org/pubs/vov.htm>*

Association of Operating Room Nurses Research Grant Program

Objective: Contribute to perioperative nursing practice through nurse research development addressing quality and cost, technological, utilization, and ethical issues.

Eligibility: Student and registered nurses, association chapters, specialty assemblies, state councils and collaborative research teams. Preference is given to Association members.

Award: \$1,000 to \$25,000 depending on applicant and project type.

Deadlines: November 1, February 1, and June 1 annually.

Application: The grant guidelines provide pertinent information about grant funding. Seven copies of application materials are submitted. Materials include standard application and budget forms, a timeline, and

description of project, appendices, letters of reference and agreement, and biography. Applications are reviewed blindly by research committee members.

Information:

*Ms. Mary Howell Lopez
Nursing Research Grant Program
Association of Operating Room Nurses, Inc.
2170 S Parker Road, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80231-5711
TEL: (800) 755-2676, Ext. 8277
INTERNET: <http://www.aorn.org>*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Objective: Support the development or modification of treatment approaches for special populations and/or service settings and support rigorous study of their effectiveness; Generate new knowledge about three aspects of substance abuse treatment: 1) special populations, 2) integrated substance abuse treatment, screening, and early intervention in nontraditional settings, and 3) innovative programs; Provide a vehicle by which treatment providers and other experts identify innovative clinical and service delivery approaches in need of development and study.

Eligibility: Public or private, domestic for- or nonprofit entities. Partnership and collaboration between community-based organizations, researchers, practitioners, consumers, and payers is encouraged to support the development of infrastructure and to facilitate knowledge.

Award: Funds for full or for exploratory or pilot studies are awarded.

Deadline: None.

Application: Applicants must clearly indicate which type of grant they are applying for in their application. A copy of Guidance for Applicants is available through the contact information below.

Information:

*National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)
TEL: (800) 729-6686
TDD: (800) 487-4889
EMAIL: infor@health.org*

Multiple Objectives

Prandium, Inc.

Objective: Promote Prandium, Inc. operations through organizational sponsorship.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and schools in communities where a Prandium, Inc. restaurant is located. Prandium is the parent company of Chi-Chi's with restaurant locations in Aurora, Golf Mill, Moline, Orland Park, and Springfield, IL.

Award: Grants, partnerships, and awards.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Decisions are made by local restaurant managers who should be contacted for more information.

Information:

Aurora, IL

TEL: (630) 851-6975

Golf Mill, IL

TEL: (847) 298-5800

Moline, IL

TEL: (309) 762-2206

Orland Park

TEL: (708) 460-8050

Springfield, IL

TEL: (217) 546-5900

Farmers Insurance

Objective: Support education, safety, health and human services, civic needs, and arts and culture.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonreligious, domestic organizations that do not seek construction funds.

Deadlines: None.

Application: No formal application forms are required. Proof of tax-exempt status, a roster of the requesting organization's board of directors, a budget, and an annual report or financial statement are sent with a letter of request to be reviewed by the Corporate Contributions Committee. Local community and civic activities are requested through local agents and district managers.

Information:

Ms. Angela Easton

Community Relations Manager

Farmers Insurance Group

4680 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90010

INTERNET:

<http://www.farmersinsurance.com/fi4590.html>

Best Western International, Inc.

Objective: Promote Best Western International through organizational sponsorship.

Eligibility: Nonpartisan, nonreligious, fiscally responsible organizations with a conservative, noncontroversial mission.

Award: Cash and accommodation matching sponsorship.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Proposals require a minimum of 30 days for review. All proposals submitted will receive a response. All proposals are sent to the address below and then forwarded to a specific location if appropriate.

Information:

Ms. Nancy Kennedy

Human Resource Specialist

Best Western International, Inc.

62011 N 24th Parkway

Phoenix, AZ 88016

TEL: (602) 957-4200

FAX: (602) 957-5740

EMAIL: Nancy.Kennedy@bestwestern.com

INTERNET: <http://www.bestwestern.com/about/donation.html>

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Objective: Promote public welfare in specific areas of interest.

Eligibility: Religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational organizations that are at least regional in geographic reach.

Deadlines: None.

Application: No special forms are required. Informal communication with grant administration staff is encouraged before sending a letter of proposal. Proposal letters state the need, nature, amount, and justification of funding requested. Letters are sent together with Internal Revenue Service status verification for more formal review.

Information:

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

140 E 62nd Street

New York, NY 10021

TEL: (212) 838-8400

INTERNET: <http://www.mellon.org/about.html>

Environment

C.S. Mott Foundation Environment Grants

Objective: Protect the Great Lakes Ecosystem by improving water quality; maintaining diversity of wetlands, coastal areas, and forests; and improving environmental quality in urban areas.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Projects should be submitted at least four months prior to the expected start of a project. Prospective applicants should call the publication hotline listed below for resources with details about funding and application guidelines. Given the number of initiatives sponsored by the C.S. Mott Foundation, prospective applicants should be very specific in their requests for information. Calls and letters of inquiry or preproposal letters should be directed to the contact information listed below. Preproposal letter guidelines are available at the Internet address: http://www.mott.org/about/how_to_apply.htm

Information:

Office of Proposal Entry

C.S. Mott Foundation

1200 Mott Foundation Building

Flint, MI 48502-1851

PUBLICATIONS HOTLINE: (800) 645-1766

INTERNET: <http://www.mott.org>

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Illinois State Office

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Objective: Support volunteers who want to develop and improve private land wildlife habitat.

Eligibility: Owners or controllers of land.

Award: Technical and financial assistance in the form of 5 to 10 year cost sharing agreements to establish wildlife habitat development practices through the local conservation district.

Deadlines: Determined individually by local conservation office.

Application: Interested landowners or controllers of land should contact their local National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office for priorities established in the area and further information. County contacts are available at the Internet site or the contact listed below.

Information:

Natural Resources Conservation Service

1902 Fox Drive

Champaign, IL 61820

TEL: (217) 353-6600

INTERNET: <http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/>

[click on Directories](#)

Safety

Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety

Objective: Support grassroots projects that educate or inform the public about boating safety activities or practices.

Eligibility: Nongovernmental, volunteer-based nonprofit organizations and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries.

Award: \$500 to \$5,000 projects in which at least 50% of the budget represents grant funds.

Deadline: November 1, 2000.

Application: Apply on-line or by mail.

Information:

Grant Administrator

Boat U.S. Foundation

880 S Pickett Street

Alexandria, VA 22304

TEL: (703) 823-9550, Ext. 3016

INTERNET:

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/grassroots.html>



Children's Issues

National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

Objective: Provide training, technical assistance, and networking opportunities to plan, establish, and improve Children's Advocacy Centers to ensure non-re-victimization of abused children.

Eligibility: Current or forthcoming members of multi-disciplinary community teams of professionals and agencies working collaboratively to create a child-focused approach to deal with child abuse cases.

Award: Toll-free technical assistance telephone contact, newsletter with opportunities for funding, training, and legislative information.

Deadlines: Funding opportunities are presented periodically throughout the year.

Application: Three levels of membership are available. Funding administered through the national network is available to nonmembers, though membership is expected in the network if funding is approved. There are three levels of membership: supporting, associate, and full. For additional membership information and/or to receive a membership application, call the numbers listed below.

Information:

*Ms. Donna Boone Johnson
Program Development Director
National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers
115 Manning Drive
Building D, Suite 202
Huntsville, AL 35801-4341
TEL: (800) 239-9950
INTERNET: <http://www.nncac.org>*

Community Development

Great American Main Street Award

Objective: Recognize accomplishments of revitalization in historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts.

Eligibility: Individuals, organizations, or agencies that represent community efforts resulting in successful downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization.

Award: \$2,500 to the community to use at its discretion for revitalization activities; commemorative plaque; and road signs.

Deadline: October 31, 2000, subject to funding.

Application: Questions will be answered and further information can be requested by calling or sending an email request to award coordinating organization, the National Main Street Center.

Information:

*National Main Street Center of the
National Trust for Historic Preservation
1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036
TEL: (202) 588-6219
EMAIL: william_mcleod@nthp.org
INTERNET: <http://www.mainst.org>*

Celia M Howard Graduate Fellowships

Objective: Support women with promise for community and government leadership.

Eligibility: Female U.S. citizens who have been residents of Illinois for at least two years with educational attainment equivalent to a baccalaureate degree that includes a minimum of twelve undergraduate credit hours in economics, history, and/or political science.

Award: Graduate educational fellowship awarded by April 1 and paid to the school selected for enrollment.

Deadlines: November 1 annually.

Application: Interviews are held with members of the award committee. Need, previous graduate study, practical business experience in government, and leadership experience are criteria for selection. Information and application materials can be requested from the address listed below.

Information:

*Celia M. Howard Fellowship Fund Committee
Illinois Federation of Business and Professional
Women's Clubs
528 S Fifth Street, Suite 209
Springfield, IL 62701
TEL: (217) 528-8985*

Community Development

Fannie Mae Foundation Maxwell Awards of Excellence

Objective: Recognize achievements of nonprofit low-income housing producers.

Eligibility: Nonprofit housing organizations that developed units for occupation in the preceding year.

Award: \$35,000 for six awards.

Deadlines: September 15 annually.

Application: Applications are peer reviewed in three categories: homeownership, rental, and special-needs housing. To be placed on the mailing list for the Maxwell Awards available in August, send a request by email, fax, or mail to the following contact information.

Information:

*Maxwell Application
Fannie Mae Foundation
4000 Wisconsin Avenue NW
North Tower, Suite One
Washington, DC 20016-2804
TEL: (202) 274-8000
FAX: (202) 274-8125
EMAIL: maxwell@fanniemaefoundation.org
INTERNET:
<http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/grant/max.htm>*

USDA Rural Development Administration Community Facilities Loans

Objective: Construct, enlarge, extend, or improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents such as fire and rescue, transportation, health, school, municipal, industrial park, and utility services.

Eligibility: State and local governments, rural businesses, cooperatives and nonprofit agencies.

Award: Direct and guaranteed loans.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Local contacts for information and application are assigned by county. For the name of the contact person in your area, call or write to the person listed below.

Information:

*Mr. Gerald A. Townsend
Director
USDA Community and Business Programs
Illini Plaza, Suite 103
1817 S Neil Street
Champaign, IL 61820
TEL: (217) 398-5412, Ext. 243
FAX: (217) 398-5337
EMAIL: gtownsen@rdasun2.rurdev.usda.gov
INTERNET: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>*

AOL & National Center for Small Communities Rural Telecommunications Leadership Award

Objective: Recognize and promote telecommunications innovations that strengthen rural communities.

Eligibility: Leaders who have enhanced rural telecommunications through a public-private partnership in a community or a collection of communities each with 10,000 or less population.

Award: Five \$10,000 and ten \$2,000 awards to promote and further the goals of the project; \$10,000 award-winners receive an additional \$1,000 travel allowance for transportation to the RuralTeleCon'00 in Aspen, CO, October 1 to 4, 2000.

Deadline: Applications are due July 14, 2000; Awards are announced September 1.

Application: Application is made on-line. Categories for application include: infrastructure technology; public access, skills, and training; community/economic development and job creation; health information and services; enhanced disability access; and youth development/leadership. Award criteria are the following: impact, innovativeness, replicability, degree of community involvement, obstacles to success, proposed use of award. Questions and information requests should be directed to the appropriate contact listed at the Internet site below.

Information:

*Internet:
<http://ruraltelecon.org/aolawards/aol00/aolawards.asp>*

Illinois Farm Bureau's Agricultural Association Ag-in-the-Classroom

Objective: Promote agricultural literacy.

Eligibility: Kindergarten through eighth grade teachers.

Award: Maximum of \$250.

Deadlines: October 15 annually.

Application: Information is available through county Farm Bureaus or the program office at the address listed below.

Information:

*IFB Ag-in-the-Classroom Office
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701
TEL: (309) 557-2111*

Arts

Harmony Foundation

Objective: Increase popularity of barbershop quartet by supporting music and music education projects in various environments.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and qualified charitable or educational organizations that have been in operation for at least one year. Preference is given to projects operated or sponsored by the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA).

Award: Maximum of \$10,000 for performance, study, teaching, experimentation, practice, demonstration, composition, and arranging.

Deadlines: May 1 and November 1 annually.

Application: Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposed projects with the Foundation before completing an application. Award criteria include the project's relation to the Foundation's mission, contribution to the community being served based on the need proposed, the match between the project and its budget, likelihood of project success, experience of involved persons, number of persons served, and previous experiences with projects funded by the Foundation or other entities. Three copies of the standard form and budget and four copies of any attachments are submitted. Application materials may be submitted electronically if original copies are mailed simultaneously.

Information:

Mr. Gary Stamm
Executive Director
Harmony Foundation
6315 Third Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53143-5199
TEL: (414) 653-8440, Ext. 8447
EMAIL: gstamm@spebsqsa.org
INTERNET:
<http://www.spebsqsa.org/HarmonyFoundation/grants.htm>

Puffin Foundation

Objective: Encourage emerging visual, musical, theatrical, and literary artists who may be excluded from expression based on race, gender, or social philosophy.

Eligibility: Interested individuals and groups.

Award: Grants range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Deadline: December 31, 2000.

Application: Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below for an application packet.

Information:

The Puffin Foundation, Ltd.
Department W
20 E Oakdene Avenue
Teaneck, NJ 07666-4198
EMAIL: puffingrant@mindspring.com
INTERNET:
<http://www.angelfire.com/nj/PuffinFoundation>

Education

7-Eleven People Who Read Achieve

Objective: Support literacy through new or existing programs.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations, including public schools and libraries, located in counties where there is a participating 7-Eleven franchise operating.

Award: A maximum of \$2,500 for the purchase of books, equipment, materials, or other operating expenses.

Deadlines: November 30 annually.

Application: Send a completed application form along with a description of the agency and program, a copy of the organization's tax determination letter, and a project

budget to the address listed below. No email or fax requests are accepted. Applications are not acknowledged. Send application packets and request application forms from corporate headquarters at the contact information listed below.

Information:

People Who Read Achieve
7-Eleven Stores
PO Box 711
Dallas, TX 95221-0711
TEL: (214) 828-7011
INTERNET: www.7-Eleven.com

Education

Bayer/NSF Award for Community Innovation

Objective: Encourage the study of science.

Eligibility: Three- to four- person middle school (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) teams.

Award: All student coaches who submit an entry are entered into a drawing for the chance to win an all-expense-paid trip for two to Epcot. Ten finalist teams are awarded the following: a trip to Epcot; and \$250 to further develop their idea. One first place finalist team is also awarded a \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant and \$5,000 per student team member. One second place finalist team receives \$3,000 per student team member, and one third place finalist team receives \$1,000 per student team member in addition to the trip and \$250.

Deadline: January 31, 2001.

Application: Call the toll-free number below for a free guide and entry forms for coaches and students.

Information:

Bayer/NSF Award for Community Innovation

TEL: (800) 291-6020

INTERNET: www.bayernsfaward.com



National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Application: The National Endowment for the Humanities has clear guidelines for competitive yet worthwhile applications. Recommended for interested parties is to obtain and understand guidelines before embarking upon the grant-seeking process. Information, guidelines, and forms are available from the offices listed under the respective **Information** sections below. General information is best obtained *via* the Internet at: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/deadlines.html>

1) Schools for a New Millennium

Objective: Support teaching and learning through professional development activities that incorporate content-rich technological resources into the classroom.

Eligibility: U.S., nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations or institutions dedicated to improving humanities education. See page 7 of the guidelines for a more complete listing of who is encouraged to apply. The program particularly welcomes proposals from educational institutions serving groups who historically have not had full access to educational opportunity.

Award: A maximum of \$200,000 for up to three years to cover costs of stipends, consultants, operations, equipment, materials, mentors, and other cost items.

Deadline: October 1, 2000 for projects that begin May 1, 2001.

Information:

Schools for a New Millennium

Division of Education Programs

National Endowment for the Humanities

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 318

Washington, DC 20506

TEL: (202) 606-8380

EMAIL: education@neh.gov

2) Summer Stipends

Objective: Support short and long-term projects that provide opportunities for individuals to pursue advanced work in the humanities.

Eligibility: Faculty or staff members of colleges, universities, or primary or secondary schools, and scholars and writers. Teaching methods and empirical educational research projects are not eligible under this grant but are available elsewhere within the NEH. **Award:** \$4,000 for two consecutive and uninterrupted months of full-time independent study and research.

Deadline: Postmarked between August 1, 2000 and October 1, 2000.

Information:

Summer Stipends

Division of Research Programs

National Endowment for the Humanities

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 318

Washington, DC 20506

TEL: (202) 606-8200

EMAIL: stipends@neh.gov

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