



Grant News

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Basic Grantseeking Principles

The J.C. Downing Foundation (<http://www.Jcdowning.org>) gives basic principles to help grantseekers improve their chances for successful application with funders:

Keep it simple: Be concise and clear using supported facts. Volumes of irrelevant documentation are confusing and unnecessary.

Know potential funders: Research and evaluate funding opportunities to match organizational goals, location, funding amounts, and grant types. Review successful applications of previously funded proposals.

Schedule submissions: Most funders have application deadlines.

Establish objectives: Communicate clear, measurable objectives and goals that fit with both organizational and funder philosophies.

Provide evidence: Describe the problem to be addressed using statistics, testimony, and other information that builds your case.

Consider cooperation: Funders are increasingly likely to support projects that involve more than one organization. Formal and informal relationships should be appropriately documented.

Be realistic: Set manageable timelines for reaching goals and present detailed budget tables that accurately reflect funding needs.

Define expected results: Achieving goals is the funder's objective. Identify and state indicators of success.

Introduce staff: Briefly explain organizational mission, structure, and experience that qualifies it to complete the proposed project.

Include a cover letter: Submit a clear summary of the application.

Apply again: Submit rejected and revised applications in the future and to other funders.

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Community Development

Illinois Department of Agriculture Conservation 2000 Sustainable Grant Program

Objective: Fund on-farm research, demonstrations, outreach, and educational programs.

Deadline: October 2, 2000.

Application: Call or write to the department for eligibility criteria and program rules.

Information:

Terry Donohue
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Land and Water Resources
State Fairgrounds
PO Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
TEL: (217) 782-6297

USDA

Rural Development Program Fact Sheets

Objective: Provide basic information about the myriad of programs available from the Rural Development branch of the USDA.

Eligibility: Interested parties.

Deadlines: Vary.

Application: See individual programs and call regional USDA office for more information about program funding, guidelines, and deadlines.

Information:

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

America Recycles Day and Contest

Objective: Renew public enthusiasm for recycling and introduce the importance of buying recycled content products.

Eligibility: Interested individuals, businesses, governments, nonprofit organizations, and cooperative efforts between parties.

Award: Materials and contests to promote the annual America Recycles Day on November 15th.

Information:

INTERNET: <http://www.americarecyclesday.org/homepage.html>

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Health Care

HRSA Bureau of Health Professions Nursing Grant Programs

1) Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship

Objective: Prepare nurse practitioners, clinical specialists, midwives, anesthetists, administrators, educators, and public health nurses by providing all or part of the costs of tuition, books, fees, and living expenses for individuals.

Eligibility: Schools of nursing, academic health centers, and similar public or private nonprofit entities.

Award: Award amounts vary but are expected to average \$53,000 for traineeships. Recipients are notified about four months after application.

Deadline: November 1, 2000.

Application: Application packages are available in Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word formats *via* the Internet and can also be requested by telephone or email at the contact information below.

Information:

Marjorie Hamilton

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to request package

INTERNET:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/bhpr/Grants2001/nrsadedtrain.htm>

2) Advanced Education Nursing

Objective: Enhance advanced nursing education and practice for professions noted in 1) Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Objective above. "Emphasis is on nursing practice in noninstitutional settings; care for underserved and high-risk people; managed care and quality improvement; cultural competence; increasing enrollment in baccalaureate nursing programs; cross-training or specialty-training among diverse populations to promote career mobility; and informatics, including distance learning."

Eligibility: Schools of nursing, academic health centers, and similar public or private nonprofit entities.

Award: Award amounts vary but are expected to average \$220,000 for institutional support. Recipients are notified four to six months after application.

Deadline: February 22, 2001.

Application: Application packages are available in Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word formats *via* the Internet and can also be requested by telephone or email at the contact information below.

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EMAIL: hrsa.gov@ix.netcom.com

to request package

INTERNET:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/bhpr/Grants2001/nrsaded.htm>

3) Basic Nurse Education and Practice

Objective: Strengthen basic nurse education programs by enhancing nursing practice in areas of emphasis listed under 2) Advanced Education Nursing Objective above.

Eligibility: Schools of nursing, academic health and nursing centers, state and local governments, and other similar public or private nonprofit entities.

Award: Award amounts vary but are expected to average \$215,000 for traineeships. Recipients are notified about six months after application.

Deadline: February 22, 2001.

Application: Application packages are available in Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word formats *via* the Internet and can also be requested by telephone or email at the contact information below.

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<http://www.hrsa.gov/bhpr/Grants2001/nrsbasic.htm>

Libraries and Museums

Loleta D. Fyan

American Library Association Grants

Objective: Develop and improve public libraries and the services they provide.

Eligibility: Local, regional or state libraries; library associations or organizations including units of the American Library Association; library schools; or individuals.

Award: Up to \$10,000 total for one or more projects with up to \$5,000 given within one month of the ALA Annual Conference and the remaining amount paid after approval of a six-month report. Recipients are notified by the end of February.

Deadline: Annually on December 10.

Application: Applications are available online as are six-month and final reporting guidelines. Review criteria include: result in the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide; potential for broader impact and application beyond local needs; innovative and responsive to future public library needs; capable of completion within one year.

Information:

*Steven L. Brown, Jury Chair
North Richland Hills Public Library
6720 NE Loop 820
North Richland Hills, TX 76180
TEL: (817) 581-5725
FAX: (817) 581-5706
EMAIL: slb@flash.net; OR
Mary Jo Lynch
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
TEL: (800) 545-2433, ext. 4273
FAX: (312) 280-3255
EMAIL: mlynch@ala.org
INTERNET:
<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/ors/orsfyan.html>*

Carnegie Corporation of New York Millennium Project for Public Libraries

Objective: Help public libraries enrich their core collections of American literature and historical documents; offer programs to enhance the public's appreciation of American writing.

Eligibility: Public libraries in the U.S. unable to afford The Library of America volumes or to carry out community programming featuring the volumes. Preference is given to libraries with annual book budgets under \$50,000.

Award: 50 Library of America volumes published between 1992 and 2000, 50 bookplates citing the gift of the Millennium Project, press release and promotional material, online access to a resource guide for public programming and programming evaluation instrument will be awarded to at least 800 libraries. Libraries awarded pay \$250 toward the cost of the volume set. Training will be provided for recipients at the American Library Association meetings in June, 2001.

Deadlines: November 15, 2000 for awards announced mid-February, 2001; April 1, 2001 for awards announced mid-June, 2001.

Application: Selection criteria is based on the library's plans to organize imaginative programs designed to enhance its patrons' appreciation of books and writing and to encourage further reading. Geographic and demographic distribution is also considered in selection. Applications are to be submitted online and are available at <http://www.neh.gov/millenniumlibraries>. Internet connection web browsing software is necessary to submit an electronic application. Questions about the application process can be submitted to publicprograms@ala.org. Technical problem questions can be submitted to webmaster@neh.gov.

Information:

*TEL: (800) 545-2433, ext. 15045
EMAIL: publicprograms@ala.org
INTERNET: <http://www.neh.gov/millenniumlibraries/>*

SOS! Conservation Treatment Awards

Objective: Provide guidance and support to conserve outdoor sculpture.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations or nonfederal governmental entities for which collecting and caring for outdoor sculpture are not primary parts of their purpose, except for public art agencies. Museums and galleries charged with caring for objects are ineligible.

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Award: One \$1,000 to \$40,000 matching award in Illinois for conservation to be completed within two years. Conservation costs include personnel, travel, supplies and materials, and services and materials fees.

Deadline: November 15, 2000.

Application: Prior year applications can be downloaded from the Internet. Current year applications are available on request. Application review criteria are significance of the sculpture to be conserved, urgency of need for conservation, ability of applicant to carry out the project, and plans for public awareness of the project.

Information:

Save Outdoor Sculpture!
Heritage Preservation
1730 K Street NW, Suite 566
Washington, DC 20006
TEL: (888) 767-7285
EMAIL: sos!2000@heritagepreservation.org
INTERNET: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/SOS/awards.htm>

Institute of Museum and Library Services

1) Conservation Project Support

Objective: Help museums identify conservation needs and priorities and perform activities to ensure the safekeeping of their collections.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, operating museums located in the U.S. and its territories that are open to the public and with regular staff.

Award: Up to \$50,000 for regular grant; up to \$75,000 for exceptional projects that benefit more than one collection and institution; up to an additional \$10,000 for educational component. One to one matching is required. The grant period is two years.

Deadline: October 15, 2000.

Application: Application guidelines, forms, and samples are available online and on request.

Information:

Steven Schwartzman, Program Officer
TEL: (202) 606-4641
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INTERNET:
http://www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus_cps.asp

2) Museum Assessment Program

Objective: Help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and plan for the future through institutional, collections, and public perception assessments.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, operating museums located in the U.S. and its territories that are open to the public and with regular staff.

Award: Noncompetitive one- to two-year award amounts vary; modest cost-sharing is dependent on museum budget.

Deadline: November 1, 2000 for April, 2001 awards; March 15, 2001 for September, 2001 awards.

Application: Application guidelines, forms, and samples are available online and on request. The Internet address for applications is <http://www.aam-us.org/map.htm#fundapp>.

Information:

Jeannette Thomas, Program Specialist
TEL: (202) 606-8548
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American Association of Museums (AAM)
1575 Eye Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 289-9118
INTERNET: www.aam-us.org

3) Conservation Assessment Program

Objective: Provide an overview of a museum's collections, environmental conditions, policies, and procedures relating to collections care.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, operating museums located in the U.S. and its territories that are open to the public and with regular staff.

Award: Noncompetitive one-year awards; amounts vary; modest cost-sharing required.

Deadline: Postmarked by December 1, 2000.

Application: Application guidelines will be mailed October 6, 2000. Requests for applications can be made through the contact information below. Sample applications and information about assessment can be found at <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/eligib.htm>

Information:

Noelle Giguere, Program Specialist
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EMAIL: ngiguere@imls.gov; OR
Kristen Overbeck
1730 K Street NW, Suite 566
Washington, DC 20006
TEL: (202) 634-1422
EMAIL: koverbeck@heritagepreservation.org

Libraries and Museums (continued)

4) General Operating Support

Objective: Provide recognition for museums that demonstrate the highest professional practices to enhance educational services, strengthen collections care, and raise funds from other sources.

Eligibility: Nonprofit, operating museums located in the U.S. and its territories that are open to the public and with regular staff.

Award: Up to \$112,500 for two-year grant cycles.

Deadline: January 15, 2001.

Application: IMLS distributes funds across types and sizes of museums in each grant cycle. The 2001 application is not yet available but will be available soon for download from the Internet or for request. The 2000 version is available and can be used as a reference.

Information:

Dan Lukash, Program Officer

TEL: (202) 606-4644

EMAIL: dlukash@imls.gov

INTERNET: <http://www.imls.gov/grants/museum/>

Justice

State Justice Institute Scholarships

Objective: Enhance skills, knowledge, and abilities by enabling attendance at out-of-state educational programs.

Eligibility: Judges, court managers and personnel, judicial educators. Staff attorneys, law clerks, line staff, and law enforcement officers are not eligible.

Award: Nontransferable \$1,500 scholarship for tuition and transportation to and from an educational program not presented in applicant jurisdiction and not part of regular meetings affiliated with State or national association membership.

Deadlines: December 1, 2000 for programs beginning between January 1 and March 31, 2000.

Application: Application forms are available at the Institute's Website. Use Forms S1 and S2, Education

Scholarship Concurrence Form. Selection criteria include the date of application (first come, first served); lack of state or local cost support; absence of educational programs in the applicant's state addressing the particular topic; geographic balance among recipients; balance of scholarships among educational programs; and of scholarships among types of represented courts. Applications should be sent by mail or courier and not by fax or email.

Information:

Scholarship Program Coordinator

State Justice Institute

1650 King Street, Suite 600

Alexandria, VA 22314

TEL: (703) 684-6100

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

Education

Computers for Learning

Objective: Provide required technological tools to teach students computer and technological skills.

Eligibility: Nonprofit educational organizations in need.

Award: Donation of surplus federal computer equipment.

Deadline: None.

Application: Register online to request surplus computer equipment at the Internet address below.

Information:

INTERNET:

<http://www.computers.fed.gov/School/user.asp>

Music

Chamber Music America

1) Ensemble Residency Program

Objective: Assist long-term development of ensembles in communities.

Eligibility: Chamber ensembles committed to performing chamber music that intend and are able to achieve self-sufficiency through performance.

Award: \$2,500 first year planning grants and up to \$15,000 for residencies. Planning grants do not require matching funds. Residency grants require a 1:1 match from the hosting community organization.

Deadlines: In 2000 letters of intent were due in January and applications were due in March. Monitor the Internet for 2001 opportunities.

2) Presenter-Community Residency Program

Objective: Develop appreciation and understanding of chamber music among community audiences.

Eligibility: Established ensembles who are members of Chamber Music America.

Award: Grants range between \$2,000 and \$5,000 to help cover expenses of residency activities such as partnerships, audience experiences, and educational opportunities.

Deadlines: In 2000 letters of intent were due in January and applications were due in February. Monitor the Internet for 2001 opportunities.

3) Opportunity Awards

Objective: Defray costs associated with conference, workshop, seminar, and training opportunities to improve organizational capacity.

Eligibility: Ensembles, presenters, festivals, or training institutions.

Award: Up to \$1,000 to cover fees and tuition of one or more participants.

Deadlines: None.

4) Consulting Awards

Objective: Help hire an expert consultant to address issues for benefit to the organization.

Eligibility: Ensembles, presenters, festivals, or training institutions.

Award: Up to \$2,000 in one-to-one matched funds.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Contact the program director listed below before sending application materials. Application forms are available through Ms.Lu or can be downloaded via the Internet.

Information:

Julia Lu, Program Director

Chamber Music America

305 Seventh Avenue, 5th Floor

New York, NY 10001-6008

TEL: (212) 242-2002, ext. 17

EMAIL: jlu@chamber-music.org

INTERNET:

http://www.chamber-music.org/grants_grants.html

The American Music Center Aaron Copland Funds for Music

1) Recording Program

Objective: Improve exposure for music of contemporary American composers through audience appreciation and record release and distribution.

Eligibility: Nonprofit professional performance ensembles, presenting institutions, and nonprofit or commercial recording companies.

Award: Grants range from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

Deadlines: January 15 annually.

2) Performing Ensembles Program

Objective: Improve public knowledge and appreciation of contemporary American music.

Eligibility: Nonprofit professional performing ensembles with a commitment to contemporary American music that have been in existence for at least two years. Festivals are eligible if their core ensembles or presenters are not eligible for application.

Award: Grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Deadlines: June 30 annually.

Application: Brochure, application, and detailed submission guideline materials are available via the Internet site or can be requested from the contact information provided below.

Information:

Grants Manager

The Aaron Copland Fund, c/o The American Music Center

30 W 26th Street, Suite 1001

New York, NY 10010-2011

TEL: (212) 366-5260, ext. 29

FAX: (212) 366-5265

INTERNET: <http://www.amc.net/resources/grants/>

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Advocacy

Stern Family Fund Public Interest Pioneers

Objective: Provide seed money to create new organizations or develop existing organizations toward new goals for innovative government and corporate accountability projects.

Eligibility: Individuals with a record of accomplishment in their work who are willing to devote themselves full-time to their proposed endeavor.

Award: Grants range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for one year with renewal opportunities.

Deadlines: Postmarked by January 5, 2001.

Application: Public Interest Pioneers are selected based on skill, experience, and passion to succeed; strategies developed that are likely to achieve reform goals; display of potential to create institutions or enlist support of

existing organizations. Prospective applicants should submit three copies of a concept paper. The concept paper should be no longer than three pages and should address the items noted for selection criteria. Application submissions should also contain a one-page cover page and additional materials directly relevant in assessment of the applicant or proposed strategy. The cover page should include basic items of information noted at the end of the "Question and Answer" page at <http://www.essential.org/stern/qanda.html>.

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The Stern Family Fund

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