



# Grant News

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## Grant-seeking No-Nos

Patrice Hagmann summarizes approaches that annoy funding decision-makers (*Foundation & Corporate Grants Alert*, January 1996). To avoid alienating funders, here are questions to ask yourself when communicating with them.

Are you being persistent or pesty?

Are you seeking answers to pertinent questions or seeking easy money?

Are you talking with the person most knowledgeable about a program or demanding to speak with the "head" of a program?

Are you seeking funding without a program purpose or proposal?

Are you asking questions that you should already know?

Are you requesting exceptions be made for funding criteria?

Are you using names of acquaintances inappropriately?

Are you requesting a budget that does not add-up in terms of items requested or simple calculations?

Are you requesting meetings for a purpose or to gather information that is available elsewhere?

Are you being over-friendly?

Are you contacting a funder by phone when they prefer email or another mode?

John Cook, President of the Henry Luce Foundation, says to give funding decision-makers, "less charisma and salesmanship and more substance" when communicating with funders. I echo his advice.

*Kelly*

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## Museums

### **Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grants for Museums**

**Objective:** Encourage leadership innovation in public service and meeting community needs, the use of new technologies, replication of model projects, greater access to collections, extended impact of federal funding through joint projects.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit, operating museums located in the U.S. and its territories that are open to the public and with regular staff. Federal museums are not eligible.

**Award:** Between \$15,000 to \$500,000 for two to three year projects with 1:1 matching requirements for projects over \$250,000 and .33:1 for requests under \$250,000.

**Deadline:** Museums On-line, Museums in the Community; Professional Practices applications are due March 1, 2001. Library-Museum Collaboration applications are due April 1, 2001.

**Application:** Application guidelines, forms, and samples are available on-line and on request. See guidelines for details about each category of grant.

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## Education

### Southern Poverty Law Center Teaching Tolerance Grants Program

**Objective:** Help teach youth from diverse backgrounds how to peacefully live together.

**Eligibility:** Community, religious, and educational organizations that have a direct impact on students. Most grants are awarded to kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers.

**Award:** Onetime \$2,000 maximum award for ongoing programming. Personnel, overhead, travel, food, and computer equipment costs are not normally funded.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Program application forms are available on request or on-line. Submit forms 10 to 12 weeks before the proposed project is scheduled to begin.

**Information:**

*Teaching Tolerance Grants  
400 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
INTERNET:*

*<http://www.splcenter.org/teachingtolerance/tt-index.html>*

### National Endowment for the Humanities Humanities Focus Grants

**Objective:** Support collegial study and exploration of humanities issues, topics, and materials including history, literature, languages, ethics, and philosophy.

**Eligibility:** Groups of 8 to 20 teachers and administrators in U.S. nonprofit educational organizations. Primary and secondary schools are encouraged to apply.

**Award:** Awards range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for year to year and one-half projects to pay for guest scholars and visiting consultants, investigation of model programs, books and other materials, logistical support, and released time. Pedagogical theory development and large-scale acquisition of computer equipment is not supported.

**Deadline:** April 15, 2001.

**Application:** The National Endowment for the Humanities has detailed, clear guidelines for

competitive and worthwhile applications. Interested parties should obtain and understand guidelines before embarking upon the grant-seeking process. Information, guidelines, and forms are available from the office listed below or from the Internet site.

**Information:**

*Division of Education Programs  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Room 318  
Washington, DC 20506  
TEL: (202) 606-8380  
FAX: (202) 606-8394  
EMAIL: [education@neh.gov](mailto:education@neh.gov)  
INTERNET: <http://www.neh.gov>*

### The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Technical Assistance Workshop

**Objective:** Support innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of issues in postsecondary education.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit providers of educational services.

**Award:** About 150 awards nationally ranging from \$150,000 to \$600,000 for projects that typically have a three-year cycle.

**Information:** Workshops will present program information and answer questions about 2001 priorities. Space is limited. Register by sending an email message with the subject header "Workshop 2000" to the email address below. Registrants will receive attendance confirmation and information via email.

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## Technology

### Verizon Foundation

**Objective:** Improve technological literacy by providing assistance with access to technology programs.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit educational, human services, community organizations in communities that Verizon serves. Advocacy, research, performing arts, membership, media, and organizations dealing with pregnancy issues are not eligible for application. An "Eligibility Quiz" is available on-line at the Internet address provided below.

**Award:** Technology training, "Websourcing," and equipment donation matching services.

**Deadlines:** None. Applications are reviewed from January 1 through November 30 annually.

**Application:** Only electronic proposals are accepted. The application with instructions, a "Resource Guide," and "Needs Analysis" are available on-line.

**Information:**

*Verizon Foundation*

*INTERNET: <http://foundation.verizon.com>*

### Universal Service Fund

#### E-rate for Schools and Libraries

**Objective:** Provide affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services.

**Eligibility:** Elementary and secondary schools excluding home schools and private vocational schools; public and private libraries excluding academic libraries; or consortia of schools or libraries.

**Award:** 20 to 90 percent discount on specified telecommunications services. The percent discount is dependent on the number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program and urban or rural location.

**Deadline:** None for initial application.

**Application:** The first step is to develop a state approved technology plan. The Internet site provides step-by-step instructions for the entire application and implementation process.

**Information:**

*Universal Service Fund*

*Schools and Libraries Division*

*TEL: (888) 203-8100*

*FAX: (800) 959-0733*

*INTERNET:*

*<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/apply/Step1.asp>*

### Ericsson Community Internet Award

**Objective:** Help nonprofit organizations use Internet technology for promotion, improved operations, fund-raising, volunteer recruitment, or communication.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations worldwide.

**Award:** Web development services.

**Deadline:** 2001 deadlines have not yet been announced. The 2000 deadline was July 21; March 31 was the 1999 deadline. Monitor the Internet or inquire by mail for upcoming deadline announcements.

**Application:** Application materials may be requested by mail from the following address. Projects are evaluated based on the purpose of the project, its significance or innovativeness, feasibility, and involvement of the community.

**Information:**

*ERICA*

*c/o Edelman Public Relations Worldwide*

*1200 Brickell Avenue*

*Suite 1270*

*Miami, FL 33131*

*INTERNET: <http://www.ericsson.com/erica>*

### New Deal Foundation

**Objective:** Improve technological literacy by providing assistance with access to technology programs.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit educational, human services, community, and religious organizations.

**Award:** Grants and donations of computers and software. Awardees agree to share programming information for promotion.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Submit a program application form available on request or on-line. Completed applications can be sent via the Foundation's website, by mail, or by fax.

**Information:**

*New Deal Foundation*

*20 Holland Street*

*4th Floor*

*Somerville, MA 02144*

*TEL: (800) 310-9122*

*FAX: (617) 576-3899*

*EMAIL: [info@newdeal.org](mailto:info@newdeal.org)*

*INTERNET: <http://www.newdeal.org>*

## Advocacy and Leadership

### Ford Foundation

#### Community Health Partnerships

**Objective:** Recognize outstanding leaders and leadership teams that are not widely known beyond their immediate community or field of work.

**Eligibility:** Individual leaders or leadership teams in the U.S. working within a specific geographic community or in communities linked by affinity, ideas, and values on domestic issues for at least two years.

**Award:** Twenty winners will be awarded annually between 2001 and 2003. Winners receive \$100,000 to advance work and \$30,000 for supporting activities. Participation in related dissemination and research activities is expected.

**Deadline:** Nominations for 2001 awards are due by January 5, 2001.

**Application:** Nominations are submitted by persons well-acquainted with the leader or team. Nominators are responsible for submitting nomination materials and must be available to answer inquiries. Nominations are only accepted via postal mail but forms are available on-line along with an informational brochure and instructions.

**Information:**

*Leadership for a Changing World  
Advocacy Institute  
1629 K Street NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20006-1629  
TEL: (202) 777-7560  
EMAIL: [info@leadershipforchange.org](mailto:info@leadershipforchange.org)  
INTERNET: [www.leadershipforchange.org](http://www.leadershipforchange.org)*

### Common Counsel Foundation

**Objective:** Give voice for the needs of youth, low-income people, women, and minorities.

**Eligibility:** Organizations with annual budgets under \$300,000 that are not supported by taxes or government initiatives and that are not educational, cultural, or medical organizations. Staff and leaders must reflect the communities where the project is based.

**Award:** \$3,000 to \$12,000 for items other than capital expenditures, construction, emergency funding, scholarship and other funds for individuals.

**Deadline:** January 15th and June 15th annually.

**Application:** Short proposals of five or fewer pages should include a cover letter and description of the organization and programs, strategies, and timeline. Attachments should include resumes of staff, a biographical list of board members, budget projection with fundraising plan, financial report, proof of tax-exempt status, reference letters, and publicity documents. Alternatively, the Foundation accepts the National Network of Grantmakers Common Grant Application which can be downloaded from [www.nng.org](http://www.nng.org). Send proposals to the following address.

**Information:**

*Executive Director  
Common Counsel Foundation  
1221 Preservation Park Way  
Suite 101  
Oakland, CA 94612  
TEL: (510) 834-2995  
EMAIL: [ccounsel@igc.org](mailto:ccounsel@igc.org)  
INTERNET: <http://www.commoncounsel.org/pages/application.html>*

### Rolex Awards for Enterprise

**Objective:** Encourage enterprise in individuals by supporting efforts that advance human knowledge and well-being in these areas: science and medicine; technology and innovation; exploration and discovery; the environment; and cultural heritage.

**Eligibility:** Interested qualified individuals representing themselves or a group.

**Award:** Five Laureate awards of \$100,000, a solid gold Rolex chronometer, and travel to an awards ceremony.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2001.

**Application:** Only one project per applicant is accepted. Third-party nominations are not accepted. A signed official application form, original or copy, is accepted through postal mail or the website. Facsimile transmissions are not accepted.

**Information:**

*The Secretariat  
The Rolex Awards for Enterprise  
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1211 Geneva 26  
Switzerland  
TEL: 41 22 308 22 00  
FAX: 41 22 308 25 85  
EMAIL: [rae@rolex.com](mailto:rae@rolex.com)  
INTERNET: <http://www.rolexawards.com>*

## Sports

### Women's Sports Foundation Community Action Program

**Objective:** Help females lead an active lifestyle and succeed in sports and sports-related careers.

**Eligibility:** Any interested individual.

**Award:** Many grant and scholarship opportunities are available for communities, leaders, and participants once a Community Action Program is initiated.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Complete an information form on-line to have a complimentary booklet sent about how to start a local program.

**Information:**

*Women's Sports Foundation*

TEL: (800) 227-3988

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

## Health

### Gerber Foundation Education and Training Programs

**Objective:** Promote responsible parenting through formal or informal instruction relating to parenting and child care, nutrition and development, prevention of child abuse, school readiness, and age of childbearing.

**Eligibility:** U.S. nonprofit organizations with the potential to have at least a regional influence.

**Award:** Funding for projects that require greater than \$10,000 for success. Previous grants range from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

**Deadline:** Postmarked by February 1 annually for award granted in May.

**Application:** Send one copy of the proposal. Proposals should be typed, double-spaced, and should include a cover letter, application form, narrative, budget, audited financial statement, board roster, and IRS documentation of tax exempt status. Application forms are available on-line or on request from the following contact information.

**Information:**

*The Gerber Foundation  
4747 W 48th Street  
Suite 153*

*Fremont, MI 49412*

*TEL: (231) 924-3175*

*FAX: (231) 924-7906*

*EMAIL: [tgf@ncisd.net](mailto:tgf@ncisd.net)*

*INTERNET: <http://www.gerberfoundation.org>*

### HRSA Bureau of Health Professions Health Careers Opportunity Program

**Objective:** Help provide students from disadvantaged backgrounds with opportunities to develop the skills needed to become health professionals.

**Eligibility:** Accredited health professions schools and training programs.

**Award:** Funds for identification, recruitment, selection, and entry into training; counseling and mentoring; financial aid outreach; scholarships and stipends; work-study programs; and partnerships for applicant pool-building.

**Deadline:** January 10, 2001.

**Application:** Download an application and guidelines from the Internet or request application materials via email from the address provided below.

**Information:**

*Kathy Balasko*

*HRSA Bureau of Health Professions Grants Office  
Grants Management Branch*

*Health Careers Opportunity Program*

*Room 8c-26*

*5600 Fishers Lane*

*Rockville, MD 20857*

*TEL: (301) 443-4233, information*

*TEL: (877) 477-2123, application CFDA 93.822*

*EMAIL: [kbalasko@hrsa.gov](mailto:kbalasko@hrsa.gov); [hrsaGAC@hrsa.gov](mailto:hrsaGAC@hrsa.gov)*

*INTERNET:*

*<http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants2001/hcop.htm>*

## Health

### HRSA: Rural Health Outreach Project Community Mini-Grant Program

**Objective:** Improve the overall health of rural communities or of specific populations within rural communities in Illinois.

**Eligibility:** Community committees, groups, or organizations with goals that directly impact the health and well-being of rural community members.

**Award:** Up to \$3,000 annually is available for projects. Grantees are expected to complete a brief project report within a year of project approval.

**Deadline:** December 1, 2000.

**Application:** Projects can extend or expand an existing rural health program or may propose a new program. Proposals are evaluated based on the following criteria: (1) Clarity—Proposals must clearly describe the project, the health problem to be addressed by the project, and the proposed program goals to address the health problem; (2) Community impact—Proposals must describe how the health problem addressed by the project was derived as a community health priority; the impact of the proposed project within the community or on a specific population; and the organizational qualifications of the proposed project administrators; (3) Link between objectives and outcomes—Proposals must describe specific expected outcomes and how outcomes will be measured; (4) Budget—Proposals must include a budget of how funds will be spent. Funds may be requested for items such as the purchase of materials and payment for services, but should limit payment for activities of existing staff to 50% of the total requested budget amount, e.g., \$1,500 for a funding request of \$3,000. Request more information and/or send proposals to either of the contacts below.

**Information:**

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College of Medicine at Rockford  
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Rockford, IL 61107-1897  
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EMAIL: [michaelg@uic.edu](mailto:michaelg@uic.edu); [ellens@uic.edu](mailto:ellens@uic.edu)

### Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation

**Objective:** Conduct research on aspects of alcohol consumption and its effects.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations including colleges, hospitals, and universities. Graduate training is not supported.

**Award:** Awards generally do not exceed \$40,000.

**Deadline:** February 1, 2001 and September 1, 2001 for decisions made in April and November.

**Application:** Download an application and guidelines from the Internet or request application materials via email from the address provided below.

**Information:**

*ABMRF*

*Attn.: Grant Reviews*  
1122 Kenilworth Drive  
Suite 407

*Baltimore, MD 21204*

*FAX: (410) 821-7065*

*EMAIL: [info@abmrf.org](mailto:info@abmrf.org)*

*INTERNET: <http://www.abmrf.org/grants.html>*

### Drug Policy Foundation

**Objective:** Support drug policy education and advocacy for effective alternatives to criminal punishment and its effects.

**Eligibility:** Organizations involved in public and professional education and advocacy.

**Deadline:** Postmarked by April 1 and October 1 annually.

**Application:** Preapplication concept papers sent via email from January 1 through February 1 and July 1 through August 1 are reviewed and returned with comments. Guidelines are available for download from the Internet. Nine copies of proposal are mailed to the address listed below. Emailed submissions are not accepted.

**Information:**

*Ruth V. Lampi, Grant Program Director*  
The Drug Policy Foundation  
4455 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Suite B-500

*Washington, DC 20008*

*TEL: (202) 537-5005*

*FAX: (202) 537-3007*

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*INTERNET: <http://www.dpf.org/>*

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## **Animals and Pets**

### **Pet Life Foundation**

**Objective:** Support care for homeless animals and teach responsible pet ownership.

**Eligibility:** U.S. nonprofit animal shelters. Small shelters with limited funding and collaborative projects between larger shelters are given preference.

**Award:** Up to \$10,000 funding for capital improvements, animal housing and care, spay and neuter programs, pet owner education, and animal training to make animals more adoptable.

**Deadline:** Quarterly deadlines vary. Monitor the Internet site for changing deadlines.

**Application:** Complete the application available on-line or on request either by mail or electronically. Upon acceptance of the application, a Grant Proposal Form is sent for completion and return.

**Information:**

*Pet Life Foundation*

*PO Box 434*

*Lake Bluff, IL 60044-0434*

**INTERNET:**

*<http://www.petlifefoundation.org/grants.html>*