



Grant News

Federal, State, and Private Grant Notices for Rural Communities

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Grants for Individuals

A *Grant News* reader called last month inquiring about grants for individuals. While it is not the purpose of *Grant News* to focus on grants for individuals, many readers in communities we serve have good ideas to improve their communities but are not "connected" with organizations or have ideas that do not match their organizational goals.

Foundation Grants to Individuals is the resource to use in search of funding for individuals. Published by the Foundation Center and now in its 11th Edition, *Foundation Grants to Individuals* provides resource information for about 3,800 entities. Support for research and professional development, education, arts, culture, and "general welfare" are listed. Additionally, scholarships, student loans, awards, and prizes are listed. Companies offering employee support are also provided.



Funds are not limited to domestic applicants. Employees, citizen and noncitizen individuals, and students can all benefit from researching *Foundation Grants to Individuals*.

Research can be accomplished using six indices: subject, type of support, geography, sponsor or institution, and grantmaker. A bibliography leading individual grantseekers to other resources is included for further research.

To find the *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, first check your local library. If the library does not have an edition, request that they order it. If funds are not available for the library to order it, the publication is available for \$650.00 and can be ordered on-line at: <http://fdncenter.org/marketplace/catalog/gti.html>

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Protective Services

Bureau of Justice Administration Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants

Objective: Help defer the costs of acquiring bulletproof vests.

Eligibility: Law enforcement agencies with a demonstrated need of vests to outfit every officer in jurisdictions.

Award: 50% of purchase costs, including shipping and handling.

Deadlines: April 14, 2001 and August 26, 2001.

Application: On-line application through the Internet is required. Registration is available at <http://vests.ojp.gov>. Eligibility and application guides are available at the Internet address listed below.

Information:

*U.S. Department of Justice
National Institute of Justice*

INTERNET:

<http://www.nlectc.org/pdffiles/selectapp.pdf>

OR

<http://www.nlectc.org/txtfiles/selectapp.html>

USDA and State Forest Services Volunteer Fire Assistance

Objective: Help communities meet and expand their fire suppression responsibilities.

Eligibility: Rural volunteer fire departments.

Award: Funds for equipment, property acquisition, and supplies. Operating capital is not funded.

Application: Contact the State Division of Forest Resources below and request referral to a regional representative for proposal assistance. Information about the grant can be found at the Internet site listed below.

Information:

*Mr. Stewart Pequignot
Division of Forest Resources
524 S Second Street
PO Box 19225*

Springfield, IL 52794-9225

TEL: (217) 782-2361

FAX: (217) 785-5517

EMAIL: spequignot@dnrmail.state.il.us

INTERNET: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/planning/help/>

Grant News is published five times annually by the Applied Social Research Unit, Illinois State University. Its purpose is to provide residents, community development professionals, health and human service providers, and others in rural Illinois communities with information regarding grant and other funding opportunities from federal, state, and private sources.

*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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Multiple Objectives

eBay Foundation

Objective: Support grass-roots community and social capital development projects. Areas of focus are provided in the section "Deadlines" below.

Eligibility: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations.

Award: \$5,000 to \$25,000 with no more than 25 percent of funds requested to be used for overhead expenses.

Deadlines: Applications are accepted annually on different dates depending on the population served by the proposed program. Applications for kids programs—education, mentoring, esteem—are due June 15. Adult program applications—for education, job retraining, and volunteerism—are due September 15. Programs related to community economic revitalization or improvement are due December 15. Projects with a global impact or having to do with the environment in a global perspective are due March 15.

Application: Projects with potential long-term impact that leverage resources, foster collaboration, empower individuals, and benefit a local or global community are of interest to the eBay Foundation. The Foundation's values are explained on its Internet site. Application review takes 75 days. Applicants are informed of the status of their applications. A request for application is available on the Foundation's Internet site. The initial request should be no more than 250 words long and sent through email. Selected initial requests are reviewed and invited to complete a full grant application.

Information:

eBay Foundation

INTERNET: <http://pages.ebay.com/community/aboutebay/foundation/index.html>

The Boehm Foundation

Objective: Promote peace, development of democracy, and human rights.

Eligibility: Interested organizations.

Award: Internships and scholarships for young people; Support for investigative journalism and media projects.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Contact the Foundation for application guidelines and a list of past grantees.

Information:

Ms. Judy Austermiller

Executive Director

Boehm Foundation

500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2107

New York, NY 10110-0296

TEL: (212) 354-9292

Bank of America

Objective: Help local organizations address community problems.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations with operating budgets under \$500,000. Fund-raising, political, religious, research, and athletic programs are ineligible as are programs funded by the United Way or Arts Councils.

Award: Seed grants for up to \$5,000.

Deadline: None.

Application: Work with a local Bank of America center representative for consideration. Refer to a local telephone directory for Bank of America centers near your community. Letters of application should include the organization's mission statement, board members, financial information for the past two years, and the project's budget, population and geographic area served, amount requested, and sources of other support.

Information:

INTERNET: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>

Citigroup Foundation

Objective: Support community development and education (primary emphases), the arts, health and human services, and environmental education programs.

Eligibility: Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations in places where Citigroup has offices.

Award: Operating and general support funding.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Contact the Foundation for specific guidelines and application procedures.

Information:

Citigroup Foundation

153 E 53rd Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10043

TEL: (212) 559-9163

FAX: (212) 793-5944

Health Care

Universal Service Administrative Company Rural Health Care Program

Objective: Provide discounted telecommunications service to rural health care providers.

Eligibility: Rural post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals or medical schools, community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants, local health departments or agencies, community mental health centers, not-for-profit hospitals, rural health clinics, consortia of one or more of these entities. Rural eligibility can be determined by following the instructions at the Internet site <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/2000/eligibility/ruralareas.asp>. There is an exception to the rural eligibility criterion for Internet access charges. See <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/2000/eligibility/hcps.asp#special> for this exception.

Award: Discounts vary depending on the distance from and charges of the closest eligible provider. See <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/2000/faqs.asp#7> for discount calculations.

Deadlines: The recommended deadline for the filing of the first application form, Form 465, is May 31, 2001.

Application: A series of forms are required to be submitted. For an overview of the process see <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/2000/programoverview/processoverview.asp> on the Internet. Answers to questions and requests for forms are available at the toll-free number provided below between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern Time from Monday through Friday. Forms are available in several formats from <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/forms/default.asp>.

Information:

*Universal Service Administrative Company
Rural Health Care Division
PO Box 7016*

Lawrence, KS 66044-7016

TEL: (800) 229-5476

EMAIL: rhc-admin@universalservice.org

INTERNET: <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/2000/faqs.asp>

Aging

The Retirement Research Foundation

Objective: Improve the quality of life for older Americans. Support is given to programs that improve services and care, address diseases, educate policymakers, recruit and train service professionals, expand opportunities for employment and volunteerism, or identify and address concerns.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations that can demonstrate the ability to change policy, practice, or service delivery. Priority is given to nonprofit organizations in the Chicago metropolitan area but organizations outside the metropolitan area are eligible to apply if programs have the potential for regional or national impact.

Award: The average grant award is \$66,000

Deadlines: May 1; August 1; and February 1 annually.

Application: Proposal guidelines are available on the Internet (see address below) or can be requested from

the Foundation. Three copies of proposals are sent. Proposals should include a summary statement, the project's significance, objectives statements, methodological description with evaluation criteria, plan for dissemination of project outcomes and findings, budget, timetable, plan for continued support (if applicable), personnel curricula vitae, and the applicant organization's qualifications and proof of 501(c)(3) IRS status. Application materials can be requested from and are to be sent to the address listed below.

Information:

*The Retirement Research Foundation
8765 W Higgins Road
Suite 430*

Chicago, IL 60631-4170

TEL: (773) 714-8080

EMAIL: infor@rrf.org

INTERNET: <http://www.rrf.org/aboutrrf/fundinginterests/generalprogram.html>

Economic and Government Development

National Science Foundation (NSF) Digital Government

Objective: Contribute to government information services planning through research processes.

Eligibility: Collaborations between academic and government institutions.

Award: Up to 1 million dollars per year for three years.

Deadline: July 11, 2001.

Application: Work with an academic institution familiar with National Science Foundation guidelines and application submission procedures. The NSF will act as an ombudsman for information and for identification of potential collaborators.

Information:

Digital Government Program
Mr. Lawrence E. Brandt, Program Officer
Room 1160
Division of Experimental and Integrative Activities
National Science Foundation
Arlington, VA 22230
TEL: (703) 306-1980
EMAIL: lbrandt@nsf.govgrants@utac.org
INTERNET:
<http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf99103>

Small Business Administration

Objective: Promote enterprise by supporting small business endeavors.

Eligibility: Existing or proposed small businesses.

Award: Varies depending on fund.

Deadlines: Monitor the Internet site address list below for deadlines. Application and proposal deadlines are almost always close and so frequent checking is advised.

Application: Follow the application procedures and eligibility criteria for specific grant opportunities.

Information:

Small Business Administration
INTERNET:
<http://www.sba.gov/news/indexwhatsnew.html>

Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) Community Development Assistance Programs (CDAP)

Objective: Assist low- to moderate-income people through job creation and quality of life improvement.

Eligibility: Units of local government located outside of urban designated counties and outside the 31 Illinois cities that receive federal "entitlement" funds.

Award: Federal grant funds to Illinois communities.

Deadlines: Varied dependent on the program.

Application: Each program—Economic Development, Emergency Public Facilities, Housing, Planning Assistance, Public Facilities Construction and Design Engineering, and Removal of Architectural Barriers—has different application guidelines and deadlines. See the Internet site below or contact DCCA for more information about individual programs.

Information:

IL Department of Commerce & Community Affairs
620 E Adams
Springfield, IL 62701
TEL: (217) 785-6055
INTERNET: www.commerce.state.il.us/communities/cdap/cdap.htm

Faith-Based

Mustard Seed Foundation

Objective: Support Christian evangelism projects through church creation, church-based service projects, and missionary work.

Eligibility: Individuals with local church support.

Deadline: None.

Application: Application guidelines, forms, and a checklist are available on-line. Requests for materials

can be made on-line or through personal contact with the Foundation using the contact information below.

Information:

Mustard Seed Foundation
3330 N Washington Blvd., Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22201
TEL: (703) 524-5620
FAX: (703) 524-5643
INTERNET: <http://www.msfdn.org/grant.htm>

Natural Resources

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)

A Guide to USDA and Other Federal Resources for Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Enterprises

Objective: Help guide parties seeking help from federal programs.

Eligibility: Interested parties.

Award: Free guide.

Application: Call the ATTRA toll-free number below to order a copy. A description of the guide with links to other useful information is available on the Internet.

Information:

*Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas
PO Box 3657*

Fayetteville, AR 72702

TEL: (800) 346-9140

INTERNET: <http://attra.ncat.org/guide.intro.htm>

National Small Flows Clearinghouse Pipeline publication

Objective: Provide resources for wastewater treatment projects for small communities.

Eligibility: Interested parties.

Award: Free publication.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Call the Clearinghouse for a copy of the Volume 10, Number 4, Fall 1999 Pipeline newsletter.

Information:

National Small Flows Clearinghouse

TEL: (800) 624-8301 OR (304) 293-4191

National Tree Trust Growing Together

Objective: Enable teachers and students to grow trees from seeds in the classroom.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, schools, or government entities with at least 250 pre-kindergarten through sixth grade students enrolled.

Award: Grow containers, activity guide and coloring book, instructions, and money for soil and seed with a list of free or inexpensive tree seed sources.

Deadline: Applications will be available sometime in April and be due August 1, 2001.

Application: Monitor the Internet site or email the Trust after April for applications. Notification of awards will be made by September 1, 2001. Awardees are expected to complete an evaluation form by June 1, 2002.

Information:

National Tree Trust

EMAIL: info@nationaltreetrust.org

INTERNET: <http://www.nationaltreetrust.org/GTfacts.htm>

The Arts

The Aaron Copland Fund for Music Support for Performing Ensembles

Objective: Encourage and improve the public's appreciation and knowledge of contemporary American music.

Eligibility: Established nonprofit professional performing ensembles with a commitment to serious contemporary American music.

Award: \$1,000 to \$20,000 for general operating or special project support.

Deadlines: June 30 annually.

Application: Application guidelines and forms are available for printing from the Internet address provided below or can be requested from the Fund administrators,

The American Music Center. Application materials are sent in one packet and include the application form, a written proposal description, and recordings. Applications and inquiries can be addressed to the address provided here.

Information:

The Aaron Copland Fund for Music

Performing Ensembles Program

c/o The American Music Center

30 W 26th Street, Suite 1001

New York, NY 10010-2011

Attn: Grants Manager

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

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

The Arts (continued)

The Jim Henson Foundation

Objective: Develop and encourage puppeting theatre for adults.

Eligibility: American artists through tax-exempt organizations.

Award: \$1,000 to \$5,000 project grants.

Deadlines: There is one annual grant cycle. Letters of intent are to be postmarked by July 1; Invited applications are to be postmarked by September 1.

Application: Letters of intent should be no more than one page long. Invited applicants complete an application

form and submit it with project information, media, and proof of tax-exempt status.

Information:

The Jim Henson Foundation
 Attn: Leslee Asch, Executive Director
 117 E 69th Street
 New York, NY 10021
 TEL: (212) 794-2400
 FAX: (212) 439-7452
 EMAIL: Foundation@henson.com
 INTERNET: http://www.henson.com/company/outreach/co_outreach_foundation_app.html

Housing Development and Preservation

Barn Again! Awards Program

Objective: Recognize farm families who have preserved their historic agricultural buildings for use in their day-to-day operations.

Eligibility: Owners or operators of a working farm.

Award: National recognition and preservation assistance.

Deadline: July 15, 2001.

Application: Applications are available on-line and can be requested from the awards office listed here.

Information:

National Trust for Historic Preservation
 BARN AGAIN! Program
 910 16th Street, Suite 1100
 Denver, CO 80202
 TEL: (303) 623-1504
 INTERNET: <http://www.agriculture.com/ba/awards.html>

USDA

Rural Community Development Initiative

Objective: Develop housing projects to improve housing and community facilities in rural areas.

Eligibility: Qualified private and public intermediary organizations.

Award: Funds matched by non-federal dollars.

Deadlines: To be announced in March 2001.

Application: Contact the State manager listed below for reference to a local USDA representative.

Information:

Mr. Barry Ramsey
 USDA Rural Development, Illinois State Office
 Illini Plaza, Suite 103
 1817 S Neil Street
 Champaign, IL 61820
 TEL: (773) 714-8080
 INTERNET: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Landowner Grant Program

Objective: Plug abandoned oil wells.

Eligibility: Landowners with abandoned oil wells on their property.

Award: Reimbursement funds (ranging from \$2,500 to \$6,000) to plug an oil well.

Deadlines: Grant applications will be available for completion April 1, 2001. Work is expected to commence within 120 days and be completed within 180 days of grant approval.

Application: Applications are available for downloading on-line or can be requested from the State office.

Information:

Mr. Doug Shutt
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Oil and Gas
 Landowner Grant Program
 TEL: (217) 782-3718
 EMAIL: dschutt@dnr.mail.state.il.us
 INTERNET: <http://dnr.state.il.us/mines/dog/landowner.html>

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Grant-writing Workshops

Illinois Rural Health Association

Objective: Provide opportunities for Illinois residents and organizations to gain grantsmanship skills.

Eligibility: Interested parties.

Award: Day-long workshop to learn how to find funders and write successful grant proposals. A light breakfast and lunch are included in the fees for workshop attendance. Sessions include general grant-writing tips, perspectives of grant reviewers, proposal improvement, searching for grants on the Internet, and writing the evaluation section of a proposal.

Deadline: Two workshops will be held in Spring 2001. One workshop will be held at the Brandywine Banquet and Conference Center in Dixon on Tuesday, April 17th.

Another workshop will be held at Rend Lake Resort (near Mt. Vernon) on Tuesday, April 24th. Workshops will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

Application: To receive information about the workshops, call, fax, or send an email message to the contact person below. Workshop fees are \$35.00 for Illinois Rural Health Association members and \$50.00 for nonmembers.

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