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On-line Resources

The Internet has revolutionized grantseeking practices. Attendees of 2001 Illinois Rural Health Association Grant Writing Workshops asked for Internet sites to research grant resources and for examples of good proposals.

TGCI, the name of an organization, provides examples of funded federal grant proposals on CD-ROM. The cost for a CD-ROM starts at \$29.00. Topic areas offered include arts and humanities, community development, disabilities and rehabilitation, health, housing, law enforcement, minorities, and substance abuse. The Internet address from which to order the CD-ROM is: www.TGCIgrantproposals.com/. Abstracts from funded programs are available at no cost and can be viewed online. Program ideas and practices can be gleaned from abstracts. Resources to fund ideas are most efficiently found on the Internet.

Here are some of the Internet sites provided to attendees of the 2001 Illinois Rural Health Association Grant Writing Workshops:

GuideStar for descriptions of nonprofit organizations
<http://www.guidestar.org/>

The Foundation Center for worksheets, 990s, and proposal writing course
<http://www.fdncenter.org>

FundsNet for a daily update of federal and foundation resources
<http://www.fundsnetervices.com/>

Illinois Municipal League for community development Website

<http://iml.org/websites.htm>

State of Illinois for state agency sites

<http://www.state.il.us>

Catalog of Domestic Assistance for all federal grants

<http://www.cfda.gov>

Health and Human Services Grant Applications

<http://forms.psc.gov/forms/PHS/phs.html>

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Health and Nutrition

Allen Foundation Inc.

Objective: Make grants for human nutrition and for nutritional research and its publication.

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

Deadlines: None.

Application: Write to the Foundation for application forms and guidelines. See the Internet site for more detailed priorities and examples of funded projects.

Information:

Dale Baum, Secretary

The Allen Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 1606

Midland, MI 48641-1606

TEL: (517) 832-5678

INTERNET: <http://www.tamuledu/baum/allen.html>

Starlight Children's Foundation

Objective: Reduce suffering of ill children through entertainment.

Eligibility: Seriously ill children getting in- or out-patient care.

Award: Granted wishes; computer activities.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Contact the Midwest office listed below for information.

Information:

Starlight Midwest

30 E Adams, Suite 1020

Chicago, IL 60603

TEL: (312) 251-7827

INTERNET: www.starlight-chicago.org

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Health and Nutrition (continued)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Local Initiative Funding Partners Program

Objective: Establish partnerships between Robert Wood Johnson and private funders to leverage funds for implementation of health projects identified as community priorities within a specific locale or region.

Eligibility: Public entities or nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations may apply. Local grantmakers may include corporate or private foundations, local charitable organizations, religious groups, fund-raising groups, and individual benefactors.

Award: Matching funds for newly designated funds from local grantmakers. Capital costs, existing operations, and research studies are not supported.

Deadline: August 1, 2001 receipt of pre-proposal documents described below. Invitations to submit full proposals will be mailed on September 25, 2001.

Application: New, innovative, and sustainable projects are being sought. Expansion of programs into larger areas is acceptable. In circumstances when local grantmakers are not available, public funds may be considered as matching dollars. There are two stages of application. Stage I is the pre-proposal process: A local grantmaker prepares a one-page letter of nomination; and a local applicant prepares a concept paper not exceeding six pages. A description of content for the concept paper is available from the "Call for Proposals" page at the Internet site listed below. Included in the proposal guidelines is a "Concept Paper Information Sheet" to be included in the pre-proposal package. Selected pre-proposals will be invited to submit full proposals. Guidance for full proposal submission will be provided in workshops to be held in October 2001. Applications should be sent to the program office at the address below. The program office welcomes inquiries to assist and direct potential applicants.

Information:

*Pauline M. Seitz, Director, or
Orrin T. Hardgrove, Deputy Director
Local Initiative Funding Partners Program
c/o Health Research & Educational Trust of NJ
760 Alexander Road
Princeton, NJ 08543-0001
TEL: (609) 275-4128
EMAIL: thardgrove@njha.com
INTERNET: <http://www.rwjf.org> OR www.lifp.org*

Mazon Foundation

Objective: Ease the suffering of hungry people.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations with missions that not only provide charitable food but that provide solutions to hunger, improvement of government food assistance programs, counseling, or self-reliance assistance and training.

Award: Up to \$20,000 depending on the focus of the grant.

Deadlines: Letters of inquiry are due November 15 for the Spring grant cycle and May 15 for the Fall grant cycle.

Application: There are different guidelines for advocacy, education, and research, emergency and direct assistance, food bank, and multi-service programs. See the Internet site below for specific criteria. One- to two-page letters describing the organization and program for which funding is being sought are required. Those programs that best fit with Mazon criteria are invited to submit a full proposal. Further information can be obtained from the Website and from the foundation at the contact information below.

Information:

*Mia Johnson or Ellen Friedmand
Mazon Foundation
National Office
12401 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 303
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1015
INTERNET:
<http://www.mazon.org>*

Colgate-Palmolive

Bright Smiles, Bright Futures

Objective: Educate children about oral health.

Eligibility: Kids, parents, and teachers.

Award: Free interactive computer program usage.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Go to the Internet site below to register for usage.

Information:

INTERNET: www.colgatebsbf.com

The Arts

Christensen Fund

Objective: Loan art collections; support projects in the visual arts.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations such as museums and institutions of post-secondary learning.

Award: Funds for museum exhibitions, conservation, storage, and acquisitions; and for studio arts, art history, and curriculum development.

Deadline: None.

Application: Submission of a one-page abstract is required. The abstract should summarize the project, its goals and aims, evaluation criteria, amount requested, budget, and duration of the project. Alternatively, pre-application can be made via the Internet from the "Apply" page at the site below.

Information:

The Christensen Fund

145 Addison Avenue

Palo Alto, CA 94301

EMAIL: info@christensenfund.org

INTERNET:

http://www.christensenfund.org/grants.html

Illinois Arts Council

1) Artstour

Objective: Initiate, expand, and diversify arts programming.

Eligibility: Nonprofit Illinois organizations such as libraries, park districts, school organizations, senior citizen centers, hospitals, festivals, and arts and community organizations.

Award: Up to 50% of an artist's or exhibit package's contracted fee. Fees are listed in the roster available in the Guidelines.

Deadline: Eight weeks prior to the presentation date.

Application: Applications and guidelines are available on-line as is a list (roster) of artists and exhibits available for contract through the program.

Information:

INTERNET: http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac/Guidelines/artstour/artstour.htm

2) Short Term Artists Residency (S.T.A.R)

Objective: Improve interaction between professional artists from Illinois and the public.

Eligibility: Nonprofit Illinois organizations such as churches, housing agencies, community organizations, arts and cultural centers, libraries, park districts, and hospitals.

Award: \$1,000 maximum to cover 50% of the resident artist's fee (a minimum of \$50.00 per hour) for 5 to 30 hour workshops, classes, demonstrations, or lectures.

Deadline: Eight weeks prior to the residency date.

Application: Applications, guidelines, and examples of programs are available on-line. Sponsoring organizations, working with the resident, may apply. Evaluation criteria include quality and professionalism of the selected artist; quality and appropriateness of activity planned; and plan for community awareness of the residency.

Information:

INTERNET: http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac/Guidelines/opendeadlines/STAR01.pdf

(This Internet address requires Adobe reader software to view. Go to www.Adobe.com to download the software for free.)

3) Project Quick Start for Schools

Objective: Encourage schools to build relationships with Illinois' artistic community.

Eligibility: Schools and school districts. Priority is given to first-time applicants to the Illinois Arts Council.

Award: \$1,000 maximum to cover 50% of total project costs that may include the artist's fees and travel expenses, materials and supplies, and facilities rental. Fees should be no less than \$50.00 per hour. Administrative costs incurred should be included in the required matching costs.

Deadline: Eight weeks prior to the residency date.

Application: Applications, guidelines, and examples of programs are available on-line. Sponsoring schools or districts apply working with the artist resident who cannot be an employee of the applicant organization. Evaluation criteria include quality and professionalism of the selected artist(s); quality and appropriateness of activity planned; promotion of the project in the community; and programs with hands-on arts experiences to a specific group.

Information:

INTERNET: http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac/Guidelines/opendeadlines/qs2001.pdf

(This Internet address requires Adobe reader software to view. Go to www.Adobe.com to download the software for free.)

Lodging

Best Western International

Objective: Improve Best Western's image by supporting non-controversial professional organizations.

Eligibility: Interested organizations in need that are non-sectarian and non-partisan.

Award: Cash support and/or lodging accommodations.

Deadlines: None.

Application: Submit proposals to the national office listed below for consideration and possible referral to an independently owned and operated hotel. Proposals should include how Best Western will be acknowledged for their sponsorship.

Information:

Nancy Kennedy, Human Resource Specialist

Best Western International, Inc.

6201 N 24th Parkway

Phoenix, AZ 85016

TEL: (602) 957-5715

FAX: (602) 957-5740

EMAIL: Nancy.Kennedy@bestwestern.com

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

The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread

Objective: Convene conferences to discuss sustainable community issues including democracy, education, family, and the environment.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1), (2), or (3) organizations.

Award: Meeting space for up to 50 attendees at Wingspread in Racine, Wisconsin.

Deadlines: None.

Application: A two-page letter of inquiry describing the program should be sent first. The letter should include a statement of purpose, description of the activity that needs conference support, an outline of key participants to be involved, an estimated budget, and a schedule. Formal proposals are invited by a program officer. Letter of inquiry should be sent to the contact name and address below. More detailed guidelines are available via the Internet and on request via email or the USPS.

Information:

Barbara Schmidt, Program Secretary

The Johnson Foundation

PO Box 547

Racine, WI 53401-0547

EMAIL: bschmidt@johnsonfdn.org

INTERNET: <http://www.johnsonfdn.org/progint/index.html>

Education

Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds Ventures in Leadership

Objectives: Attract talented people to be principals and superintendents; strengthen preparation of school leaders; and improve the environment of school leadership.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, public schools, colleges, or universities.

Award: \$5,000 to \$50,000 for projects that last up to two years. One project per month is funded through December 2001.

Deadlines: Submissions are accepted until November 30, 2001.

Application: Applications and answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available on-line. Additional questions are answered by staff at the telephone number listed below.

Information:

Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds

TEL: (212) 251-9700

INTERNET:

<http://www.wallacefunds.org/programs/ventures.cfm>

Conservation

Laird Norton Endowment Foundation

Objective: Fund projects in the area of sustainable forestry practices such as eco-, low-impact, and new forestry, and forest stewardship.

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

Award: Average of \$12,000.

Deadlines: September 7, 2001 for Fall 2001 funding cycle; early February 2002 for Spring 2002 funding cycle.

Application: Deadlines are for the receipt of preliminary letters. Letters should contain the project's title, a one-paragraph summary of the project, outline of the proposal and its significance, overall budget requirements, and the amount of the budget requested from Laird Norton. Preliminary letters can be sent as an email message or sent by USPS to the following address.

Information:

Patrick de Freitas
Laird Norton Endowment Foundation
801 Second Avenue
#1300
Seattle, WA 98104
EMAIL: inquiry@lairdnorton.org
INTERNET: http://www.lairdnorton.org

USDA Extension Services Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Objectives: Improve economic viability of agricultural operations, sustain environmental quality and the natural resource base for agriculture, and enhance quality of life for farmers or ranchers, communities, and society.

Eligibility: Collaborative teams of scientists, farmers, institutions, organizations, educators, or other interested parties.

Award: Up to \$100,000.

Deadlines: To be announced in mid-July 2001 with expected deadline in September 2001.

Application: Work with your local USDA representative and/or Extension Office. The 2000 call for pre-proposals is located at the Internet site listed.

Information:

North Central Regions SARE
13 A Activities Building
University of Nebraska
PO Box 830840
Lincoln, NE 68583-0840
TEL: (402) 472-7081
EMAIL: ncrsare@unl.edu
INTERNET: http://www.sare.org/ncrsare/cfp.htm

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Conservation

Objective: Support wildlife habitat, research, or education conservation projects.

Eligibility: Individuals and private or public groups can apply for State agency, university, nonprofit, or local government recipients.

Award: Varies depending on program. Priority is given to projects with matching and/or in-kind support.

Deadlines: October 31 and March 1 annually.

Application: Programs include Habitat, Pheasant, Furbearer, and Migratory Waterfowl Stamp funds. Application forms are available on-line or on request from the Department. Sample applications are available on-line at the Internet address below.

Information:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Resource Conservation
524 S Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701-1787
TEL: (217) 782-2602
INTERNET: http://dnr.state.il.us/grants/index.htm

Multiple Objectives

Angelsoft Angels in Action Reward

Objective: Reward children for demonstrating kindness through deeds that contribute to a charity or community.

Eligibility: Children between the ages of 5 and 15 who do not have immediate family members working at Georgia-Pacific Corporation.

Award: Five finalists will receive a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a family trip to New York City, and a year's supply of bath tissue.

Application: Nomination is made by a parent, relative, teacher, neighbor, or other knowing party. Nomination forms and contest rules are available for downloading from the Internet address below. A list of winners can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope by November 1, 2001 to the address listed below.

Information:

Angels in Action Winner

PO Box 5988

Unionville, CT 06087-5988

INTERNET: <http://www.gp.com/consumerproducts/angelsinaction.html>

Ann M. Martin Foundation

Objective: Provide support for causes that benefit children, education, literacy, homeless people, and animals.

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

Award: Up to \$20,000.

Deadline: September 15 annually.

Application: Five- to ten- page proposal that outlines a project. A proposal should include goals and objectives, amount of request, project and organizational budgets, and 501(c)(3) status.

Information:

The Ann M. Martin Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 430

Beoiceville, NY 12419

INTERNET: <http://scholastic.com/annmartin/ann/foundation.htm>

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Objective: Support local branches of Lions Clubs through grant-making for humanitarian service projects.

Eligibility: Local Lions Clubs.

Award: Varies depending on program.

Deadlines: None.

Application: For information about starting a local Lions Club and becoming eligible for grants, contact the International Headquarters at the following address.

Information:

Lions Clubs International

300 W 22nd Street

Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

TEL: (630) 571-5466

INTERNET: <http://www10.lionsclubs.org>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Organizing Grants

Objective: Offer seed money to enable self-help organizations to attract support from other sources for the promotion of social change and justice through economic, housing, family, and community development projects.

Eligibility: Organizations serving low-income persons.

Awards are based on need, not religious affiliation.

Award: Not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000.

Deadlines: Pre-applications are due November annually. Full applications are requested in January. Decisions are made in June for funding in September.

Application: Contact and work with the director in your area or the national office for referral and an information packet.

Information:

Barbara Stephenson

Communications Director

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

United States Catholic Conference

3211 Fourth Street, NE

Washington, DC 20017-1194

TEL: (202) 541-3210

FAX: (202) 541-3329

INTERNET: www.nccbuscc.org/cchd

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Technology

Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning and Telemedicine

Objective: Provide financial assistance in the form of grants and/or loans to enhance learning and health care opportunities for rural residents.

Eligibility: Rural incorporated 450(b)(c) organizations, legal consortiums (1703.102), and/or electric or telecommunications entities. Compute rural eligibility using the table provided in the guidelines.

Award: Between \$500,000 and \$10,000,000 to fund up to 70 % of a project. Non-federally supported, in-kind contributions can count for the 30 percent match required.

Deadline: Until September 30, 2001 for loans. The 2001 deadline for grants has past.

Application: Project purposes can include acquiring equipment, programming instruction, and providing assistance for using equipment or developing programming. There are many purposes for which grant monies cannot be used. See the guidelines at the Internet address below for details. Work with your Rural Development office for help with application processes. Send applications to the address listed below.

Information:

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INTERNET: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>*