



# Grant News

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## Paula's Pet Peeves

Paula Winkler of the Primary Care Consultation Network gave the audiences of the 2001 Illinois Rural Health Association Grant Writing Workshops good advice. As a reviewer of grants, Paula suggested some ways to make grant applications better based on her "pet peeves." Paula's suggestions go beyond the typical advice found in grant writing resources. Incorporating her ideas into your next proposal may get you the funding you need.

Create a table of contents and an index for your proposal. A table of contents permits readers easy page referencing. An index allows cross-referencing to subject topics. The process of creating these references also ensures that subjects are linked appropriately throughout the proposal.

Provide evidence of need. Do not just state that a need exists.

Include information about all participants. Even though roles vary, including information about all participants allows reviewers to understand the appropriateness of roles and the ability of participants to fill roles.

Make sure your budget sums correctly.

Avoid jargon, especially technological jargon. While review panels are comprised of experts, not everyone is familiar with terms used in specialized fields.

Format to "the tee." Guidelines instruct format requirements. Formatting guidelines should be followed exactly so that reviewers can compare a proposal to other proposals.

Address how the project will carry on after funding ceases.

Do not use "cookie-cutter" letters of support. Templates do not convey true commitment from supporting participants. Letters of support should be written individually.

Create the perception that the proposed program is important and will be carried out with or without funder's resources. Be subtle but effective in the creation of this perception.

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## Law

### National Center for Rural Law Enforcement

#### 1) Internet Project

**Objective:** Provide no-cost Internet access and an electronic information resource center to rural law enforcement agencies.

**Eligibility:** Police departments serving cities with 25,000 or fewer people; Sheriff's offices serving counties with 50,000 or fewer people. Computer equipment and software and a dedicated phone line are required.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Call, write, email, or fax the contact below.

**Information:**

*Mr. Jimmy Nobles*  
 7723 Asher Avenue, Suite B  
 Little Rock, AR 72204-7503  
 TEL: (888) 411-1713  
 FAX: (501) 570-0100  
 EMAIL: [jwnobles@cji.net](mailto:jwnobles@cji.net)  
 INTERNET: <http://www.ncrle.net/Internet.htm>

#### 2) FREE DNA Evidence CDs

**Objective:** Enhance law enforcement's knowledge of DNA evidence and its impact on criminal investigations.

**Eligibility:** Law enforcement jurisdictions.

**Deadline:** None

**Application:** Request a CD by email from the contact provided below.

**Information:**

*Mr. Frank Stracener*  
 EMAIL: [fstracener@cji.net](mailto:fstracener@cji.net)

### State Justice Institute Project Grants

**Objective:** Improve the quality of justice in state courts: judicial education; technological application demonstrations; procedures evaluations; technical assistance.

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

**Deadline:** Not posted for 2001. The deadline has been at the end of November in years past.

**Application:** Guidelines are available from the Internet and can be requested from the Institute.

**Information:**

*State Justice Institute*  
 1650 King Street, Suite 600  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
 TEL: (703) 684-6100  
 FAX: (703) 684-7618  
 INTERNET: <http://www.statejustice.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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## Persons At Risk

### Center on Crime, Communities, & Culture Advocacy for Community Reintegration

**Objective:** Facilitate successful community reintegration of former prisoners and prevent recidivism and re-incarceration through education, media, policy research, litigation, grassroots coalition building, and leadership development.

**Eligibility:** Local advocacy organizations that deal with disparate treatment of populations disfavored by the criminal justice system. Favored are organizations that are part of community coalitions.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** A two-page letter of inquiry is submitted along with the applicant organization's most recent IRS determination letter. The letter of inquiry should include the organization's mission and project description and budget. Letters of inquiry are acknowledged promptly and full proposals are requested based on review of the letter. Submit letters to this address.

**Information:**

*Grants Department  
Center on Crime, Communities, & Culture  
Open Society Institute  
400 West 59th Street  
New York, NY 10019  
TEL: (212) 548-0342  
FAX: (212) 548-4666  
EMAIL: [wjohnston@sorosny.org](mailto:wjohnston@sorosny.org)  
INTERNET: <http://www.soros.org/crim/gr-guide.htm>*

### Handspring Foundation

**Objective:** Support pre-kindergarten education or programs that deal with issues related to children/youth at risk. Literacy, mentoring or peer counseling, school-based programs, foster care and juvenile facilities programs, prevention and early intervention health services, abuse or neglect victims services, and homeless assistance programs for families are all of interest.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that reach underserved populations.

**Award:** Cash grant amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 that average between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

**Deadline:** The first of November, February, May, and August, annually.

**Application:** Application forms are available for downloading on-line. Send one, unbound copy of the application to the address below. Supplemental materials should not be sent. Questions are answered upon request through email.

**Information:**

*Handspring Foundation, Inc.  
189 Bernardo Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
Attention: Handspring Foundation Manager  
EMAIL: [foundation@handspring.com](mailto:foundation@handspring.com)  
INTERNET: [http://www.handspring.com/company/foundation/cashgrants\\_appprocessform.jhtml](http://www.handspring.com/company/foundation/cashgrants_appprocessform.jhtml)*

### The Young Offender Initiative Reentry Grant Program

**Objective:** Enhance community safety by reintegrating young offenders into the community by helping them become productive, responsible, and law-abiding citizens; obtain and retain long-term employment; maintain a stable residence; and successfully address substance abuse and mental health needs.

**Eligibility:** State or local agencies or units of government; public or private nonprofit entities.

**Deadlines:** October 1, 2001.

**Application:** An application package can be requested from the toll-free number or from the Internet site below. Programmatic information should be directed to the appropriate subject content specialist listed below.

**Information:**

*Application package:  
TEL: (800) 421-6770  
INTERNET: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>*

*Justice related: Naydine Fulton-Jones  
TEL: (800) 638-8736, ext. 4661  
EMAIL: [jonesn@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:jonesn@ojp.usdoj.gov)*

*Workforce related: Susan Rosenblum  
TEL: (202) 693-3597  
EMAIL: [srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov)*

*Mental health related: David Morrissette  
TEL: (301) 443-2826  
EMAIL: [dmorriss@SAMHSA.gov](mailto:dmorriss@SAMHSA.gov)*

*Substance abuse treatment related: Bruce Fry  
TEL: (309) 443-0128  
EMAIL: [bfry@SAMSHSA.gov](mailto:bfry@SAMSHSA.gov)*

## The Arts

### **Alden B. Dow Creativity Fellowship Program**

**Objective:** Sponsor individuals who wish to pursue an innovative project or creative idea.

**Eligibility:** Individuals in any field or profession.

**Award:** Summer fellowship with travel expenses, studios, living expenses, and \$750 stipend.

**Deadline:** Postmarked December 1 annually.

**Application:** Submit a cover page with name, address, telephone and fax numbers, email address and a brief summary (30 words or less) of the project idea; a two-page document with a brief description of the project idea with specific goals for the residency; a resume with three references for contact; support materials such as writing samples, slides, and tapes to aid in review of the project; and \$10.00 nonrefundable application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to Northwood University.

**Information:**

*Northwood University  
Alden B. Dow Creativity Center  
4000 Whiting Drive  
Midland, MI 48640-2398  
TEL: (517) 837-4478  
FAX: (517) 847-4468  
INTERNET:  
<http://www.northwood.edu/abd/fellows/index.html>*

### **Illinois Arts Council Artists Fellowship Program**

**Objective:** Initiate, expand, and diversify arts programming.

**Eligibility:** Illinois residents (one year prior to deadline) who are U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens who are not enrolled in any degree or certificate granting program.

**Award:** \$7,000 to enable artists to pursue goals.

**Deadline:** September 1, 2001 for crafts, ethnic and folk arts, playwriting/screenwriting, and visual artists; December 1, 2001 for choreography, interdisciplinary/performance art, media arts, music composition, photography, and poetry and prose.

**Application:** Applications and guidelines are available on-line. Learning or visually impaired or blind artists may obtain assistance by contacting the 504 Access Coordinator at the Council office.

**Information:**

*Illinois Arts Council  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 West Randolph  
Suite 10-500  
Chicago, IL 60601  
TEL: (312) 814-6750  
Toll free TEL in Illinois: (800) 237-6994  
TTY: (312) 814-4831  
FAX: (312) 814-1471  
INTERNET: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac/>*

### **Chamber Music America Rural Ensemble Residency Programs**

**Objective:** Help build partnerships between a community and musicians by giving ensembles a chance to perform.

**Eligibility:** Young ensembles—ensembles composed of artists who have recently completed their academic training.

**Award:** \$1,250 per member, per month stipend and housing for up to nine months in the host community. Additional funds are available to support professional development activities such as coaching, lessons, competitions during the residency.

**Deadline:** In past years, intent to apply letters were due in December and final applications in the following March. Monitor the Website for 2001 deadline postings.

**Application:** Contact the Education Director below for information. Applications and additional information can be printed from the Internet.

**Information:**

*Nancy Christensen  
Education Director  
Chamber Music America  
305 Seventh Avenue  
New York, NY 10001-6008  
TEL: (212) 242-2022  
FAX: (212) 242-6955  
INTERNET: [http://www.chamber-music.org/grants\\_rural.html](http://www.chamber-music.org/grants_rural.html)*

## Museums

### Museum Loan Network

**Objective:** Make items that symbolize cultural heritage more accessible to the public by helping institutions that collect items share them.

**Award:** \$5,000 to \$45,000 for planning or implementation grants.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in the U.S. Borrowing institutions must have acceptable facilities.

**Deadline:** Intent to apply cards are due November 16, 2001 and April 12, 2002 with respective application dates of December 7, 2001 and May 3, 2002.

**Application:** Guidelines and application forms are available for review and download on the Internet. Questions will be answered by one of the contacts below.

**Information:**

*Lori Gross, Director*

*Michaele Assaf, Program Associate*

*Mark Wright, Program Associate*

*Museum Loan Network*

*MIT*

*265 Massachusetts Avenue, N52-439*

*Cambridge, MA 02139-4307*

*TEL: (617) 252-1888*

*FAX: (617) 252-1899*

*EMAIL: loanet@mit.edu*

*INTERNET: [http://www.loanet.mit.edu/Grants/g\\_guide.htm](http://www.loanet.mit.edu/Grants/g_guide.htm)*

## Education

### Coca-Cola Foundation

**Objective:** Support educational and related community needs with primary emphasis on kindergarten through twelfth grade classroom teaching and learning, retention and promotion through college, and global exchange and understanding programs.

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

**Deadline:** The first of September, December, March, and June annually.

**Application:** Submit one copy of five or fewer pages by mail. Information in the proposal should include: general program description, detailed program description, program budget with explanatory narrative, and additional information that should include proof of 501(c)(3) status and a signed statement that there has been no change in such status since the document was issued.

**Information:**

*Coca-Cola Foundation*

*Grants Administration*

*P.O. Drawer 1734*

*Atlanta, GA 30301*

*TEL: (404) 676-2121 or (404) 676-2568*

*FAX: (404) 676-8804*

*INTERNET: <http://www2.coca-cola.com/business/community/foundation.html>*

### Bayer NSF Award

**Objective:** Encourage enthusiasm of science and technology in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

**Eligibility:** Teams of students.

**Award:** All-expense-paid one-week trip to Epcot at Walt Disney World; \$25,000 to develop the project proposed; and \$5,000 savings bond for each student team member.

**Deadline:** Postmarked by January 31, 2002.

**Application:** Student and teacher coach guides are available for downloading from the Internet or can be requested by calling the toll-free number below.

**Information:**

*Bayer Corporation/National Science Foundation/  
Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation/Discover Magazine*

*105 Terry Drive, Suite 120*

*Newtown, PA 18940-3425*

*TEL: (800) 291-6020*

*FAX: (215) 579-8589*

*INTERNET: [www.bayernsfaward.com](http://www.bayernsfaward.com)*

## Multiple Objectives

### AOL Time Warner Foundation

**Objective:** Build partnerships with organizations that are committed to preparing children, extending Internet benefits, engaging communities in the arts, empowering citizens, and improving civic participation through national programs.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that are not political, labor, religious, fraternal, sports, or producers of entertainment. Capital fund drives are not funded.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Answers to questions are given at the toll-free number below. Application forms can be printed from or submitted through the Internet.

**Information:**

TEL: (800) 818-1066

INTERNET: <http://www.aoltimewarnerfoundation.org/grants/grants.html>

### United Airlines

**Objective:** Support philanthropic efforts in education, community partnerships, health, and employee volunteerism.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in communities where United Airlines customers and employees live.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Proposals can be submitted by email or mail. They should contain three sections: an executive summary, a history of the applicant organization, and supporting documentation. See the company's World Wide Web page for more details about what each of these sections should describe.

**Information:**

*Ms. Eillen M. Younglove  
Manager, Contributions  
United Airlines, WHQPR  
P.O. Box 66100*

*Chicago, IL 60666*

*TEL: (312) 251-7827*

*INTERNET: <http://www.ual.com/site/primary/0,10017,1359,00.html>*

### The J.C. Downing Foundation

**Objective:** Support innovative, original projects that have potential for widespread results. Education, human development, environmental research and preservation, fine arts, sports/athletics, and technology/communications are all areas of support.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Award:** Between \$5,000 and \$50,000 for project grants.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Letters of inquiry are the preferred initial contact with the Foundation. Letters should be brief but should contain enough information to allow the board of directors to determine if the project is within the Foundation's scope. Grantmaking guidelines are posted on the Internet. Telephone calls regarding applications or letters are not accepted.

**Information:**

*Stuart A. Windelman, Director*

*J.C. Downing Foundation*

*PMB 422*

*10755 Scripps Paway Parkway, Suite F  
San Diego, CA 92131-3924*

*INTERNET: [www.jcdowning.org/funding/application.htm](http://www.jcdowning.org/funding/application.htm)*

### Sara Lee Foundation

**Objective:** Support programs for the disadvantaged and for culture.

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

**Award:** Between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for one-year project and general operating support.

**Deadline:** The first working day of September and March, annually.

**Application:** There is no application form. Proposals are reviewed within five months of their receipt. Submit applications to the Chicago division office address below.

**Information:**

*Sara Lee Foundation*

*Three First National Plaza*

*Chicago, IL 60602*

*TEL: (312) 558-8448*

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

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## Multiple Objectives (continued)

### Levi Strauss & Co.

**Objective:** Support community partnerships for AIDS prevention and care, economic empowerment, social justice, and youth empowerment in geographical areas where Levi Strauss has a presence.

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

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Unsolicited proposals for programs in the U.S. are not accepted. One-page letters of inquiry are reviewed for future solicitation. Send letters to the address below. Allow 30 days for their review.

**Information:**

*Levi Strauss Foundation  
1155 Battery Street, LS7  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
INTERNET: <http://www.levistrauss.com/responsibility/foundation/guidelines.htm>*

### Wal-Mart Foundation

**Objective:** Match a portion of funds given by employee associates and customers for community programs.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations for purposes other than annual meetings, political causes, research, fundraising, endowments, capital campaigns, dinners and galas, film and video projects, program advertising, conferences, travel, and cultural performances.

**Award:** Matching funds.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Work with management and associates of your local Wal-Mart store or SAM's Club.

**Information:**

*INTERNET: [http://walmartfoundation.org/what\\_fund.html](http://walmartfoundation.org/what_fund.html)*

## Community Development

### Rural Utilities Service Technical Assistance and Training Grants

**Objective:** Identify and evaluate solutions to and improved operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal problems in rural areas.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations with expertise to provide assistance and/or training on a regional basis to associations serving rural areas.

**Award:** Grants range from \$40,000 to \$7,900,000 and average \$1,600,000.

**Deadline:** Preapplications must be filed between October 1 and December 31 annually. A "Notice of Preapplication Review Action" will be issued by February 15.

**Application:** Contact your district Rural Development office. District office contact information can be obtained by searching the national Website or by calling the Program Office headquarters.

**Information:**

*Assistant Administrator  
Water and Environmental Programs  
Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250  
TEL: (202) 690-2670  
INTERNET: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>*

### The Norman Foundation

**Objective:** Empower communities to determine their own economic, environmental, and social well-being.

**Eligibility:** U.S.-based tax-exempt organizations that are not universities. See the Internet site for more specific exclusions.

**Deadline:** September 1 for civil rights; January 15 for environmental justice; and March 1 for economic justice/development projects. Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year.

**Application:** Send (email not accepted) a two- to three-page letter of inquiry to the Program Director. Full proposals are welcome after a positive response is received. See the Internet for a detailed description of what to address in letters of inquiry.

**Information:**

*June Makela, Program Director  
Norman Foundation, Inc.  
147 East 48th Street  
New York, NY 10017  
TEL: (212) 230-9830  
FAX: (212) 230-9849  
EMAIL: [info@normanfdn.org](mailto:info@normanfdn.org)  
INTERNET: [www.normanfdn.org/staff.html](http://www.normanfdn.org/staff.html)*

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# Grant Writing Workshop

## **Township Officials of Illinois Grant Writing Workshops**

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

**Eligibility:** Interested parties.

**Program:** 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. Topics include improving grant writing, finding grant resources, and building collaboration in project development.

**Deadline:** Three workshops will be held in September 2001: Bloomington, September 13 (registration deadline August 31); Rockford, September 20 (registration deadline September 10); and Effingham, September 26 (registration deadline September 14).

**Registration:** To receive information about the workshops, call, fax, or send an email message to the Ms. Sue Savage at the contact information below. Workshop fees: \$40 for the first township official from a township; \$35 for each additional township official from the same township; and \$50 for persons not affiliated with township governments.

**Sponsors:** The workshops are co-sponsored by the Township Officials of Illinois and the Applied Social Research Unit.

**Information:**

*Ms. Sue Savage  
Applied Social Research Unit  
Campus Box 4950  
Illinois State University  
Normal, IL 61790-4950  
TEL: (309) 438-7771  
FAX: (309) 438-2898  
EMAIL: [scsavag@ilstu.edu](mailto:scsavag@ilstu.edu)*