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## Conservation and the Environment

Due to the number of opportunities included with this *Grant News*, there is no feature article. Instead, a section on grant writing tips is being introduced with this issue (see below).

### North American Wetlands Conservation Program

**Objective:** Acquire, enhance, restore, and manage North American wetland ecosystems and their fish and wildlife.

**Match requirement:** One to one match. Fifty percent of match must be with nonfederal dollars.

**Eligibility:** Federal, state, and local governmental agencies, private nonprofits, Indian tribes or organizations, and individuals who have established partnerships supporting program objectives.

**Deadline:** August 2, 1996

**For applications, contact:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Publications Unit, Mail Stop 130 Webb, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; TEL 703-358-1711.

**For further information, contact:** Dr. Byron Kenneth Williams, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, TEL 703-358-1784.

**Source:** Multiple sources used.

### National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF)

**Objective:** To support projects under three priorities: creating an environmentally conscious and literate workforce and education system; promoting environmental partnerships; and increasing environmental education training funding.

**Funding:** Awards range from \$5,000 to \$40,000 each.

**Match requirements:** One to one nonfederal match.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** July 15, 1996

**For information, contact:** NEETF, 915 15th Street NW, Suite 206, Washington, DC 20005; TEL 202-628-8200, WORLD WIDE WEB <http://nceet.snre.umich.edu/NEETF.html>.

**Source:** *Local/State Funding Report*, January 8, 1996  
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### Grant Writing Tips: Planning is Everything!

- ☞ Develop a thorough plan for your community organization.
- ☞ Identify and prioritize projects which will help accomplish the plan's objectives.
- ☞ Select the project for which to seek funding.
- ☞ Specify project goals, methods, and evaluation criteria (e.g., how will you know if the project is successful?)
- ☞ Research resources and time-frame needed for the project.
- ☞ Identify appropriate public and/or private grant programs which might support your project.
- ☞ Contact program officers for grant information.

## Health and Human Services

### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Programs

#### Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS): Integrated Service Delivery Models

**Note:** Initiatives under this announcement are subject to the appropriation of funds.

**Objective:** HRSA will fund projects under two categories: 1) Models of Integrated Service Delivery for Persons with HIV Disease and 2) The Multiple Diagnoses Initiative. Under the first category, project proposals must demonstrate and evaluate the "formal linkage and integration of mental health, substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation, and/or other critical HIV services with HIV ambulatory medical care . . . in new or existing projects." (See source below.) The Multiple Diagnoses Initiative is a collaborative effort between the Departments of Health and Human Services and Housing and Urban Development. Projects in this category should develop and evaluate programs to integrate medical substance abuse, mental health services, and other support services with housing assistance for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS and a serious mental illness and/or alcohol or substance abuse problems.

**Funding:** Cannot be estimated at this time.

**Eligibility:** State and local governments, Indian tribes, educational institutions, and other appropriate nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by May 28, 1996.

**Evaluation criteria:** Proposals will be awarded points in several areas: justification of need; description of proposed HIV service integration model; description of program and evaluation plans; description of dissemination plan and organizational capacity to manage and evaluate the proposed project.

**For applications and information, contact:**

Mr. Neal Meyerson, Grants Management Branch, Bureau of Health Resources Development, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-15, Rockville, MD 20857; TEL 301-443-2280, FAX 301-694-6096.

**Send completed applications to:** Grants Management Branch, Bureau of Health Resources Development, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 7-15, Rockville, MD 20857.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, February 28, 1996

#### The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990: Availability of Funds for Early Intervention Services

**Note:** This program is subject to funds appropriation.

**Objective:** To provide outpatient early intervention services and primary care services with respect to HIV disease.

**Funding/Number of awards:** Approximately 50 grants ranging from \$100,000 to approximately \$500,000.

**Eligibility:** Public entities and private nonprofit entities including: migrant health centers; community health centers; health care for the homeless grantees; family planning grants other than States; comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic and treatment centers; federally-qualified health centers; or public and private nonprofit entities that currently provide comprehensive primary care services to populations at risk of HIV disease.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by June 1, 1996.

**Evaluation criteria:** Proposals will be evaluated in terms of the services currently provided and to be provided; community need; appropriateness of budget; inclusion of persons living with HIV disease in the program planning, implementation, or evaluation; collaboration with other entities' HIV prevention activities; completeness of evaluation plan; and organizational capacity to manage and evaluate the program (for new applicants) or demonstrated success in accomplishing goals and objectives in previous project period (project renewals).

**Applications may be requested from and returned to:**

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), Grants Management Officer, c/o Houston Associates, Inc., 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1200, Silver Spring, MD 20901; TEL 1-800-523-2192, FAX 301-523-2193.

**For program information and technical assistance, contact:**

Joan Holloway, Director, Division of Programs for Special Populations of the BPHC, Bethesda, MD address above; TEL 301-594-4444.

**For information about business management issues, contact:**

The BPHC Office of Grants Management, 4350 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; TEL 301-594-4235.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, March 20, 1996

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**The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990: Planning Grants**

**Note:** Planning grant applications will be accepted if an amendment to the Ryan White CARE Act to authorize such grants is enacted before June 1, 1996.

**Objective:** To develop care systems providing outpatient early intervention and primary care services with respect to HIV disease.

**Funding/Number of awards:** Approximately 10 grants funding from approximately \$25,000 to \$50,000 each.

**Eligibility:** Same as eligibility for Early Intervention Services grants (p. 2). In addition, proposals must come from rural or underserved areas where HIV issues have not been adequately addressed.

**Evaluation criteria:** See evaluation criteria for Early Intervention Services grants.

**For information, contact:** Joan Holloway, Director, Division of Programs for Special Populations, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Office of Grants Management, 4350 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; TEL 301-594-4444.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, March 20, 1996

**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA):  
Special Project Grants**

**Note:** The following programs are subject to appropriation of funds.

**Eligibility:** Unless otherwise stated, any public or private entity, including Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

**Evaluation criteria:** Proposals will be reviewed with respect to project need, methodology, qualifications of personnel, evaluation plan, project responsiveness to policy concerns, and project integration with other State programs. See applications for additional criteria.

**For the programs below, applications may be obtained from and submitted to:** Chief, Grants Management Branch, Office of Operations and Management, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 18-12, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; TEL 301-443-1440. When requesting applications, specify the program as listed here.

**Contacts:** For technical and program information, see the contacts listed with each program. For business management information, contact: Acting Grants Management Officer (GMO), MCHB, at the address given above.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, March 25, 1996

**Comprehensive Hemophilia Diagnostic and Treatment Centers**

**Objective:** To provide comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic and treatment services to persons with hemophilia and other congenital bleeding disorders.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by June 17, 1996.

**Contact:** Patrick McGuckin, 301-443-9051

**Maternal and Child Health Improvement Projects**

**Note:** These projects are divided into subcategories as follows:

**Transition Services in Adolescent Health**

**Objective:** To develop comprehensive, culturally competent, community-based, family-centered, coordinated care systems for adolescents with special health care needs and their families.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by May 15, 1996.

**Contact:** Beth D. Roy, 301-443-2370

**Universal Newborn Hearing Screening**

**Objective:** To promote statewide establishment of newborn hearing screening programs.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by May 17, 1996.

**Contact:** Bonnie Strickland, Ph.D., 301-443-1080

**Data Utilization and Enhancement**

**Objective:** To enhance the use of information and technology to develop policies, programs, and evaluation of services to improve the health of mothers and children.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by June 17, 1996

**Contact:** Russ Scarato, 301-443-8041

**Healthy Tomorrows Partnerships for Children**

**Objective:** To support projects that improve access to health services and that utilize preventive strategies.

**Eligibility:** Special preference will be given in States without a funded program.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by May 13, 1996.

**Contact:** Latricia Robertson, M.S.N., M.P.H., 301-443-8041

**Cooperative Agreements**

**Note:** Cooperative Agreements will be awarded in four categories as follows:

**Maternal and Child Health Providers Partnership**

**Objective:** To improve access and delivery of maternal and child health services through governmental and professional partnerships.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by June 1, 1996.

**Contact:** Latricia Robertson, M.S.N., M.P.H., 301-443-8041

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**Partnership for Information and Communication**

**Objective:** To enable dissemination of new maternal and child health-related information to policy and decision makers in a useful format.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by June 15, 1996.

**Contact:** David Heppel, M.D., 301-443-2250

**Fetal/Infant Mortality Review Program**

**Support Center**

**Objective:** To provide technical support to States and communities as they develop and implement community-based fetal/infant mortality review processes. See application for description of process.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by June 14, 1996

**Contact:** David Heppel, M.D., 301-443-2250

**Partnership for Adolescent Health**

**Objective:** To collaborate with membership organizations with an interest in adolescent health to seek policy guidance from and provide programmatic information to their members.

**Eligibility:** Limited to membership organizations in the following disciplines: Law, Social Work, Psychology, and Medicine.

**Deadline:** June 14, 1996

**Contact:** Juanita C. Evans, LCSW, 301-443-4026

**Special Projects of Regional and National**

**Significance: Maternal and Child Health Research and Training Grants**

**Note:** The following two programs were seen in the March 14, 1996 *Federal Register*. Addresses and other information, unless otherwise stated, can be found at the beginning of this HRSA announcement.

**Research Grants**

**Objective:** To encourage research which has potential for transfer of findings to health care delivery systems.

**Eligibility:** Public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning and public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations engaged in maternal and child health research or other relevant programs.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by August 1, 1996

**Contact:** Gontran Lamberty, Dr.P.H., 301-443-2190

**Continuing Education and Development**

**Training Grants**

**Objective:** To strengthen Maternal Child Health programs and improve systems of care through short term training or other activities for health and service providers.

**Eligibility:** Public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by July 1, 1996.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Brannon, M.S., R.D., 301-443-2190

**Family Violence Prevention and Services Grants**

**Note:** This program is subject to funds appropriation.

**Priority Areas:** Applications will be accepted under priority areas outlined below: Public Information/Community Awareness for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Domestic Violence/Child Protective Services Collaboration.

**Deadline:** Received/postmarked by May 17, 1996.

**Evaluation criteria:** See the March 18, 1996 *Federal Register* announcement or appropriate application.

**For further information, contact:** Trudy Hairston, 202-401-5319, Al Britt, 202-401-5453, or William Riley, 202-401-5529; Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of State Assistance, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, Washington, DC 20447.

**Submit applications to:** Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, (OCS-96-06), 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, Mail Stop 6C-462, Washington, DC 20447.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, March 18, 1996

**Public Information/Community Awareness for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (FV-01-96)**

**Objective:** Develop and distribute public information and community awareness campaign information.

**Funds/Number of awards:** Three awards are expected with the maximum federal share of up to \$35,000 for each award.

**Match requirements:** 25 percent match of total project cost through cash or in-kind contributions.

**Eligibility:** State and local public agencies, Territories, and Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations who are, or have been, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant recipients; State and local private nonprofit agencies experienced in the field; and public and private nonprofit educational institutions, community organizations and coalitions, and other appropriate entities.

**Domestic Violence/Child Protective Services Collaboration (FV-03-96)**

**Objective:** Integration of domestic violence services with child protection systems and strategies.

**Funds/Number of awards:** Three awards are expected with the maximum federal share of up to \$50,000 for each award.

**Match requirements:** Grantees must provide at least 25 percent of the total project cost through cash or in-kind contributions.

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**Eligibility:** State and local public agencies, Territories, and Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations who are, or have been, Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grantees; State and local child protection agencies; private nonprofit child welfare agencies; and domestic violence organizations and State coalitions.

## Early Childhood Development Program

**Objective:** Provide early childhood development services for low-income families who live in public housing, and for homeless or at-risk families.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits in urban and rural Federally-designated Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

**Deadline:** June 26, 1996

**For information and applications, contact:**

Elizabeth A. Butler, Office of Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7134, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; FAX 202-708-7543, TTY 800-977-8339

**Submit applications to:** ATTN: Childhood Development Program, Processing and Control Unit, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 7251, Washington, DC 20410.

Source: *Federal Register*, March 28, 1996

## Rural Health Research Centers

**Note:** This program is subject to funds appropriation.

**Objective:** Support centers that will conduct and disseminate policy-based research on rural health issues.

**Funding/Number of awards:** Up to five Centers will be funded with up to \$480,000 per Center (total costs).

**Eligibility:** All public or private entities including nonprofits and for profits.

**Deadline:** Postmarked/received by May 31, 1996

**Applications may be obtained from and submitted to:**

The Grants Management Officer, c/o Global Exchange, Inc., 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 400, Bethesda, MD 20814; TEL 800-784-0345, FAX 301-652-5264.

**For further information, contact:** Patricia Taylor, Ph.D., Office of Rural Health Policy, Room 9-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; TEL 301-443-0835.

**For business management information or assistance, contact:** The Office of Grants Management, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4350 East West Highway, 11th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814; TEL 301-594-4260.

Source: *Federal Register*, March 5, 1996



## Medical Surveillance for Former Department of Energy Workers

**Objective:** To evaluate former Department of Energy workers whose employment at departmental facilities may have placed their long-term health at risk.

Phase I of the project will include a needs assessment.

Phase II of the project will include screening and follow-up treatment.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit and for profit organizations, universities, medical centers, research institutions, other public and private organizations, including state and local governments, labor unions or other employee representative groups, and small, minority and/or women-owned businesses. Consortium of organizations may also apply.

**Deadline:** May 15, 1996

**For information and applications, contact:** Dr. John Peeters, Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance (EH-61), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290; TEL 301-903-5902, FAX 301-903-5072.

Submit applications to Dr. Peeters at the above address.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, March 1, 1996

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## Illinois Department of Conservation (IDC) Programs: Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development and the Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Objective:** Provides funds for the acquisition and/or development of land for outdoor recreation areas.

**Eligibility:** Local governments.

**Deadline:** July 1, 1996 for both programs.

**For information, contact:** Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Grant Administration, Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1787; TEL 217-782-7481.

**Source:** IDC press release.

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## **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Strengthening the Safety Net: The Medicaid Managed Care Program**

**Objective:** To assist in the design and evaluation of Medicaid managed care policies; to assist in the design, demonstration, and evaluation of new managed care models for those with chronic health or social problems.

**For information about any of the following components of this program, contact:** Center for Health Care Strategies, 353 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540; TEL 609-279-0700, FAX 609-279-0956.

### **Feasibility Studies**

**Funding:** Up to \$4 million for grants up to \$100,000.

**Eligibility:** State and local governments; managed care organizations and other risk-bearing providers; and entities involved in implementing Medicaid managed care.

**Deadline:** Ongoing until further notice.

**Application procedures:** Send three copies of a letter of intent that is no more than four typewritten, double-spaced pages. It should be placed on the institution's letterhead and contain: a description of the project and its objectives; a description of the methodology; a timetable and budget; qualifications of staff; and the name of the primary contact person. See the project guidelines for more detail. Project staff may request a full proposal once the letter of intent has been reviewed.

**Contact:** Stephen A. Somers, PhD, Program Director

### **Demonstrations and Evaluations**

**Funding:** \$10 million for projects of up to \$500,000.

**Match requirement:** States and managed care providers must make a 50 percent cash or in-kind match of requested funds.

**Eligibility:** State agencies or managed care providers under State contract to provide services to Medicaid enrollees; or, other entities collaborating with the State and Medicaid managed care providers.

**Deadline:** July 1, 1996

**Application procedures and criteria:** Request an application. Submit the application and letters of support to the Center for Health Care Strategies. Proposals should include: a statement of need; the size of the population to be served; and evidence of collaboration. Projects must be generalizable and repeatable.

### **Technical Assistance**

**For information about previously held applicant workshops and current technical assistance opportunities, contact:** Ruth Martin, Deputy Director, or Susan DiLouie, Program Manager

## **Chicago Resource Center (CRC)**

**Objective:** To support gay and lesbian, domestic violence, and AIDS education and service projects. In the area of domestic violence, CRC funds programs and shelters for battered women with an emphasis on programs in rural areas or statewide coalitions or on support for small shelters. CRC supports gay and lesbian projects addressing hate crimes, rights, direct services, and public education. CRC provides start-up funding for small, community-based AIDS prevention organizations.

**Funding:** Approximately \$1,000 to \$4,000 each.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations with annual budgets under \$100,000. Emphasis is placed on organizations in rural areas or that support persons of color. Health departments of local governments are not eligible for funds in the AIDS area.

**Deadlines:** June 28 and September 30, 1996 for all areas.

**Application procedures:** Request and then submit CRC's proposal summary sheet with a full proposal. See CRC's grant guidelines for proposal requirements.

**For information, contact:** Chicago Resource Center, 104 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1220, Chicago, IL 60603; TEL 312-759-8700.

## **USX Foundation, Inc.**

**Objective:** Grants are awarded for capital development, special projects, or operating needs in three areas: health and human services, education, and public/cultural/scientific affairs.

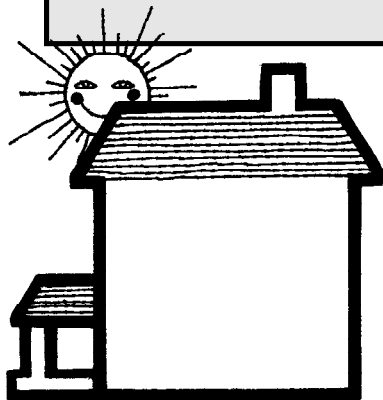
**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) organizations in the US with preference for organizations where the USX Corporation has a presence. USX has a presence in Illinois.

**Deadlines:** Health and Human Services - July 15; Education - April 15; and Public/Cultural/Scientific Affairs - January 15.

**Application procedures:** Send a one- or two-page letter which describes: the organization's mission and need; the project and its goals; an estimated budget and the organization's current budget; and its most recent financial report. Contact USX Foundation, Inc. for additional requirements and restrictions.

**Submit applications or make inquiries to:** James L. Hamilton, III, General Manager, USX Foundation, Inc., 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-4776; TEL 412-433-5237.

## Housing



### Continuum of Care Housing Assistance

**Note:** This program is subject to funds appropriation.

**Objective:** Aid communities in developing Continuum

of Care Systems (CCS) for the homeless. Systems include outreach and assessment activities, emergency shelters with support services, transitional housing, and long-term housing. Funds will be awarded under three programs: Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy Dwellings for Homeless Individuals. See eligibility for each program below.

**Deadline:** June 12, 1996

**For applications and information, call:** Community Connections information center, 800-998-9999 (voice) or 800-483-2209 (TDD), or contact via Internet, [gopher://amcom.aspensys.com:75/11/funding](mailto:gopher://amcom.aspensys.com:75/11/funding).

**Send completed applications to:** ATTN: Continuum of Care Funding, Special Needs Assistance Programs, Room 7270, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410. Two copies of the application must also go to the State HUD Field Office. In Illinois, send to: James Barnes, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507; TEL 312-353-1696, TDD 312-353-7143.

#### Supportive Housing

**Supported activities include:** Housing acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, operating costs, and support services.

**Eligibility:** States, local governments, public housing agencies (PHAs), Indian Tribes, private nonprofits, CMHCs that are private nonprofits.

#### Shelter Plus Care

**Supported activities include:** Rental assistance.

**Eligibility:** States, local governments, Indian Tribes, and PHAs.

#### Section 8 SRO

**Supported activities include:** Rental assistance.

**Eligibility:** PHAs and private nonprofits.

### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

**Note:** This program is subject to funds appropriation.

**Objective:** Support projects for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families under three programs: projects that can serve as replicable models, HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative, and long-term comprehensive strategies for providing housing and services. For information about the HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative see Health Resources and Services Administration Programs on page 2.

**Eligibility:** States, local governments, and nonprofits.

**Deadline:** May 21, 1996

**For applications or information, contact:** The Community Connections information center, VOICE 800-998-9999, TTY 800-483-2209, INTERNET [gopher://amcom.aspensys.com:75/11/funding](mailto:gopher://amcom.aspensys.com:75/11/funding).

**Send completed applications to:** Office of Community Planning and Development, Processing Control Branch, Room 7251, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410.

**Source:** Multiple sources used.

### Basic Shelter and Transitional Living Grants for Youth

**Objective:** Establish or strengthen basic shelter and transitional living programs for runaway/homeless youth.

**Eligibility:** Public or private nonprofits. Those with at least 1 year on their basic center grants are ineligible.

**Deadline:** June 1, 1996 for Basic Shelters; June 14, 1996 for Transitional Living Programs.

**For information, call:** 800-351-2293, or contact your regional Administration for Children and Families Office of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Source:** *Federal Assistance Monitor*, April 18, 1996

### Housing Assistance Council Workshop

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) and the Rural Community Assistance Program are sponsoring a workshop on developing decent, affordable housing in rural communities. The workshop is June 3-6 in St. Louis, MO. Topics include homeownership, rental acquisition, rehabilitation, financing and more.

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## Community Development and Infrastructure

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

**Note:** See specific programs below.

**Eligibility:** Units of local government (i.e., cities, villages, townships, and counties) that have populations of 50,000 or less and are not located within an urban county that receives "entitlement" funds. Units of government may submit applications on behalf of entities that otherwise are ineligible to apply. Also, joint applications may be submitted for two or more eligible governments. Discuss "on behalf of" and joint applications with DCCA before applying.

**Application procedures:** Complete and submit the original application and two copies to Division of Community Assistance, Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 620 E. Adams Street, 5th Floor, Springfield, IL 62701. See application and guidelines for specific program requirements.

**For CDAP applications and guidelines, contact:**

Kay Wallwork, DCCA, 620 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701; TEL 217-785-7546, TDD 800-785-6055.

**For information about the CDAP program, contact:**

Jean Thomas, TEL 217-782-6136, TDD 800-785-6055.

**Source:** Multiple sources used.

#### Economic Development

**Objective:** Assist nonprofit and for profit organizations in economic development projects through grant funds loaned by a locality to the organization. Funds could be used for land acquisition; acquisition, construction, installation, or rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures, or other property; or working capital expenses. Funds could also be used to finance public facilities and improvements.

**Funding:** Grants of up to \$500,000 to start revolving loan fund.

**Deadline:** Ongoing.

#### Public Facilities Construction

**Objective:** Acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or install public facilities and improvements.

**Funding:** Grants up to approximately \$400,000.

**Deadline:** July 30, 1996

#### Design Engineering

**Objective:** Support final design engineering or large-scale projects for water or sewer systems.

**Funding:** Grants up to approximately \$100,000.

**Deadline:** July 30, 1996

#### Housing Rehabilitation

**Objective:** Finance rehabilitation of residential buildings or public facilities in conjunction with a housing rehabilitation project. Activities can include energy efficiency improvements and historic preservation. See the program announcement for other eligible activities.

**Funding:** Grants up to \$400,000.

**Deadline:** October 15, 1996

#### Emergency Public Facilities

**Objective:** Assist local governments in event of emergency to ensure public health and safety or improve public infrastructure.

**Funding:** Grants up to \$100,000.

**Deadline:** Ongoing.

### Rural Technology and Cooperative Development Grants

**Objective:** Improve the economic condition of rural areas through establishment and operation of rural technology or cooperative development centers.

The theme for the 1996 funding round is improved telecommunications

**Funding requirement:** Grant funds may cover 75 percent of project costs. Grantee's contribution may be in cash or in-kind contributions.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits and public bodies.

**Deadline:** Preapplications are due May 10, 1996.

**For the preapplication package, contact:**

Jerry Townsend, Program Director, Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) State Office, TEL 217-398-5412, ext. 243.

**For further information, contact:** RECD State Office or Aurora Arguenta, Acting Director, Speciality Lenders Division, Room 2245, South Agriculture Building, Ag Box 1521, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1521; TEL 202-720-1400.

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### **Americorps\* National Civilian Community Corps' (NCCC)**

**Objective:** Conduct service projects in the areas of education, environment, public safety, human needs, and disaster relief.

**Uses:** Project teams comprising young people travel the country to complete service projects (e.g., low-income housing rehabilitation, tutoring, etc.). Project sponsors work with other Federal agencies to provide housing and food for project team members.

**Eligibility:** private nonprofits, community organizations, and Federal, State, and local governmental entities.

**Deadline:** Ongoing.

**Interested organizations in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin should contact:** Ms. Dale Shyte, Regional Project Director, Americorps\* NCCC Central Regional Campus, 1059 Yosemite Street, Building 758, #261, Aurora, CO 80010-6002; TEL 303-340-7306.

**Source:** Multiple sources used.

### **The Kresge Foundation**

**Objective:** Awards challenge grants to support construction and renovation projects, major capital equipment purchases, and the acquisition of real estate.

**Eligibility:** Tax-exempt, charitable organizations in the fields of higher education, health care and human services, science and the environment, arts and humanities, and public affairs.

**Deadlines:** Proposals must be postmarked by January 15 for decisions in May; February 15 for decisions in June; May 15 for decisions in September; July 15 for decisions in November; August 15 for decisions in December; and November 15 for decisions in March. Proposals will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Application procedures:** Completed applications must include a cover letter which describes the grant request, a fact sheet (included with Foundation guidelines), and a narrative statement including organizational, project, and fundraising information. Please see the Foundation guidelines for details.

**Guidelines and fact sheet may be obtained from and submitted to:** The Kresge Foundation, John E. Marshall, III, President, 3215 W. Big Beaver Road, PO Box 3151, Troy, MI 48007-3151; TEL 810-643-9630, FAX 810-643-0588.

### **National Drinking Water Clearing House**

The National Drinking Water Clearing House (NDWCH) assists small communities with their water needs by collecting and providing information on drinking water issues. NDWCH has numerous free or low-cost publications on financing water projects, management issues, regulatory adherence, maintenance of systems, groundwater, water conservation, etc.

To receive *On Tap* and/or *Water Sense*, two free quarterly newsletters about drinking water issues and financing water projects, call 800-624-8301. Call also to order a catalogue describing NDWCH products and services or to access technical assistance personnel.

### **Economic Development Grants**

**Note:** Grants support projects under two priorities: (1) Urban and Rural Community Economic Development and (2) Rural Community Development Activities. Objectives and eligibility are provided for these priorities below.

**Deadline:** June 11, 1996

**For further information and applications:** Obtain the announcement in the April 12, 1996 *Federal Register* or write/call Joseph Carroll, Division of Community Discretionary Programs, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, Washington, DC 20447, TEL 202-401-9345.

**Submit applications to:** ATTN: Application for Discretionary Grants Program, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, Mail Stop 6C-462, Washington, DC 20447. See program announcement for application procedures and requirements.

#### **Urban and Rural Community Development**

**Objective:** Support projects which provide employment and business development opportunities for low-income persons or which improve quality of the economic and social environment of low-income persons.

**Eligibility:** Private, nonprofit community development corporations.

#### **Rural Community Development Activities**

**Objective:** Aid low-income rural communities in developing capability and expertise to establish and/or maintain water and waste water treatment facilities.

**Eligibility:** Appropriate multi-state or regional private nonprofit organizations.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, April 12, 1996

## Education and Development

### Program for Children with Severe Disabilities

**Objective:** To address the needs of children with severe disabilities, including children with deaf-blindness, in general education and the community.

**Funding/Number of awards:** Approximately nine awards will be made. Average award will be \$148,000.

**Eligibility:** Public or nonprofit private organizations.

**Deadline:** May 24, 1996; deadline for intergovernmental review is July 23, 1996.

**For applications and information, contact:** Robin Murphy, US Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4617, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641; TEL 202-205-9884, FAX 202-205-8971, TDD 202-205-8169, INTERNET Robin\_Murphy@ed.gov.

### Personnel Training for the Education of Persons with Disabilities

**Note:** This program is subject to funds appropriation.

**Objective:** Increase the quantity and quality of persons who serve children with disabilities.

**Funding:** Average range per award is \$100,000 to \$160,000 for approximately 23 projects.

**Eligibility:** Institutions of higher learning and other appropriate nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** June 10, 1996; deadline for intergovernmental review is August 10, 1996.

**For applications and information, contact:** Marlene Spencer, US Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Switzer Building, Room 3072, Washington, DC 20202-2651; TEL 202-205-9058, FAX 202-205-9070, TDD 202-205-8953, INTERNET Marlene\_Spencer@ed.gov.  
**Source:** *Federal Register*, March 26, 1996

### National School-to-Work Learning and Resource Center

Operating through the Departments of Education and Labor, the Center provides free technical assistance, training, information, and other resources to persons, schools, corporations, and other organizations interested in school-to-work opportunities. **For information, call:** 800-251-7236; **or write:** The National School-to-Work Learning & Information Center, 400 Virginia Avenue SW, Room 210, Washington, DC 20024; INTERNET stw-lc@ed.gov or <http://www.stw.ed.gov>.

### Transitional Services for Youth With Disabilities

**Objective:** Funds outreach projects to assist youth with disabilities in their transition from secondary to post-secondary schools. Also supports services leading to supported employment for youth in transition.

**Eligibility:** State educational agencies, local educational agencies, state job coordinating councils, other public nonprofit educational agencies.

**Deadline:** May 31, 1996

**Funding/Number of awards:** \$1 million will be shared among approximately nine awards.

**For information and applications, contact:** Patricia Wright, US Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4623, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641; FAX 202-205-8971.

**Source:** *Grant Alerts*, March, 1996

### Free Microsoft Web Site Software and MCI Telecommunications Internet Space for Schools

**Objective:** (1) Distribute free software, Internet Jump Start for Educators, to develop World Wide Web sites. This software includes a server, publishing tools, web browsing software, and multimedia resources.

(2) Donate space on the Global Schoolhouse (an on-line education resource) web site for those wanting an Internet presence.

**Eligibility:** Elementary and secondary schools in U.S.

**Deadline:** June 30, 1996 or until supplies last.

**For information or an original order form, call:** 800-426-9400; only original order forms will be accepted. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. One software package per customer allowed.

**Source:** Multiple sources used.

### Challenge Grants for Technology

**Note:** Program subject to funds appropriation.

**Objective:** To expand or provide new technology to strengthen school reform efforts, improve student achievement, and provide professional development for school personnel.

**Eligibility:** Consortia including at least one local educational agency and other educational agencies, higher educational institutions, business, software designers, museums, libraries, and other appropriate entities.

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**Deadline:** June 21, 1996

**For information or applications, contact:** Challenge Grants for Technology in Education, US Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-5544; TEL 202-708-6001, FAX 202-708-6003, TDD 800-877-8339. Applications may be submitted at the above address.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, April 11, 1996

### Plan a Dream Teaching Grant

**Objective:** Reward teachers with creative ideas for classroom- or school-wide projects.

**Funding/Number of awards:** Three grants of \$2,500 each.

**Eligibility:** Full-time certified kindergarten through grade-six teachers.

**Deadline:** May 30, 1996

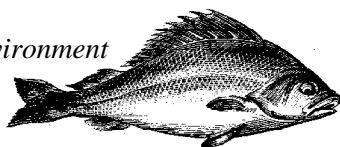
**Application procedures:** Send two typewritten copies of the grant application to Plan a Dream, Creative Classroom, Children's Television Workshop, One Lincoln Plaza, New York, NY 10023. Applications must include a cover letter which describes the group a grantee would be working with, information about the school, and three references. Applications must also include a description of the project, its goals, a budget for the \$2,500 award, and a timeline. The full application should be limited to 1,500 words. One application per teacher is allowed.

**Evaluation criteria:** Projects will be evaluated for originality, explanation of educational value, effective planning strategies, ability to motivate students, and innovative lesson presentation.

**Source:** Program announcement.

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### Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Projects



**Objective:** Support administrative projects to strengthen the ability of State and Territorial fish and wildlife agencies to meet the public's need for fish and wildlife resources.

**Eligibility:** States, local governments, charitable and educational institutions, and other authorized recipients.

**Deadline:** June 1, 1996

**For further information, contact:** Mr. Robert D. Lange, Jr., Chief, Division of Federal Aid, US Fish and Wildlife Service; TEL 703-358-2156.

**Submit proposals to:** US Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Division of Federal Aid, MS 140 ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, April 9, 1996

## Transportation

### Safe Communities Demonstration and Evaluation Program

**Objective:** Develop, implement, and evaluate the Safe Communities approach supporting traffic safety activities to control traffic injuries. Four characteristics of the Safe Communities approach are data linkage, partnering, citizen involvement in setting priorities, and injury control.

**Eligibility:** Public and private, nonprofit, and commercial organizations; governments and their agencies; or a consortium of organizations and/or agencies.

**Deadline:** June 4, 1996

**For information, contact:** Amy Poling, 202-366-9552 (address below).

**Submit applications to:** ATTN: Amy Poling, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Contracts and Procurement (NAD-30), 400 7th Street SW, Room 5301, Washington, DC 20590. Applications must reference NHTSA Cooperative Agreement Program No. DTNH22-96-H-05166.

**For programmatic information, contact:** Dr. Maria Vegega, Policy Advisor, Traffic Safety Programs, NHTSA, Room 5125 (NTS-01), 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590; TEL 202-366-1755, E-MAIL at mvegega@nhtsa.dot.gov.

**Source:** *Federal Register*, April 4, 1996

### Project Action: Accessible Community Transportation in Our Nation

**Objective:** To fund demonstration projects that improve transit accessibility for persons with disabilities, assist transit operators in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), or facilitate cooperation between the transit industry and the disability community. See program announcement for details about funding categories.

**Funding:** Up to \$500,000 (total for all categories).

**Eligibility:** For profit and nonprofit disability organizations, private entities, and transit systems.

**Deadline:** May 30, 1996

**Application procedures:** Send one original and five copies of proposals. Proposals are to be no more than fifty pages long. See announcement for other requirements.

**Submit proposals to:** Project ACTION, 1350 New York Avenue NW, Suite 613, Washington, DC 20005.

**Source:** Project ACTION's call for proposals.

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HAC also is sponsoring a National Rural Housing Conference December 12-14.

The Housing Assistance Council is a nonprofit corporation created to increase the availability of housing for rural low-income people. HAC provides technical assistance, training, research, and information services. HAC also runs a variety of loan programs for community development initiatives such as home construction or rehabilitation and water and wastewater installation or repair.

**For information, contact:**

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E-MAIL HN0143@handsnet.org.

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