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## Illinois State Library Services and Grants

The Illinois State Library, established in 1839, serves as the official library for State government and officials. The State Library, as part of its mission, also serves the citizens of Illinois through services and grant programs which enhance Illinois' education and library systems.

The State Library coordinates The Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET). ILLINET links public, academic, and special libraries across the State to support equal access to information maintained by the State Library and other libraries.

The State Library's collection of over 5 million items includes monographs in the social sciences, federal documents, Illinois State documents, a Patents and Trademark Depository, maps, electronic services, genealogical resources, and periodicals.

The Library maintains "Documents to the People," a collection of publications from all State agencies. Examples of publications include State agency annual reports, budgets, statistical publications, legislative publications, Human Service plans, Secretary of State publications, and agency newsletters. "Documents to the People" can be accessed through local library interlibrary loan or Illinois Document Depository Libraries located throughout the State.

The Illinois State Library provides reference services (e.g., guidance, information, and materials) to government officials and Illinois State government employees. The State Library serves Illinois citizens through its participation in ILLINET, interlibrary loan services, and direct services.

Services such as the "Talking Books Program," the "Illinois Radio Information Service," and "Descriptive Videos," provide reading material or information access to those with physical disabilities. "Library Partners," another special service of the State Library, educates businesses and chambers of commerce on library services.

In addition to its collections and services, the Illinois State Library runs grant competitions for public schools and libraries when Federal and State money is available. Descriptions of grant programs offered by the Illinois State Library can be found on page 2 of *Grant News*.

Grant announcements can be found at the State Library's World Wide Web Site (<http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/>). Interested persons may also contact the Illinois State Library, 217-782-7848, to be placed on a mailing list for announcements.

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**The School Library Grant Program**

This program provides library books and materials for students of public schools in Illinois. The State legislature has authorized \$.75 per pupil for qualifying schools. Illinois public school districts that are members of or qualify for membership in one of the regional library systems may apply for funds on behalf of its qualified school libraries. The State Library sends applications to each school district. Applications must be submitted to regional library systems by December 1 annually.

**Public Library Per Capita Grants**

These grants are designed to help public libraries improve and increase services. Up to \$1.25 per person served is granted to local public libraries. To qualify, a public library must be a member of a regional library system. Minimum tax rates for public and county libraries must also be levied for libraries to qualify and the library must meet or be taking steps to meet Illinois public library standards. Applications must be received by the Illinois State Library on or before July 15 annually.

**Public Library Construction Grants**

These grants fund new construction, additions, and remodeling. The grants may also be used to increase accessibility by persons with disabilities. Qualifying public libraries include those which meet state per capita grant requirements and which participate in intersystem reciprocal borrowing. Accessibility projects are funded up to a maximum of \$75,000 and require a 50 percent match. Other projects are funded up to a maximum of \$250,000. A call for proposals is made by the State Library when funds are available.

**Public Library Equalization Grants**

These funds help libraries with a low library tax base by providing up to \$4.25 per person served for library services. To qualify, libraries must be regional library system members, meet Illinois public library standards, and have a tax levy of at least .13 percent which produces less than \$4.25 per capita. Applications must be received at the State Library by July 15 annually.

**Research and Reference Grants**

Research and Reference grants are awarded to support services (e.g., materials delivery) to ILLINET member libraries.

**Library Service and Construction Act Fund (LSCA)**

LSCA funds, from the U.S. Department of Education, are administered by the Illinois State Library under the following titles. **Title I** funds go to public libraries in systems of libraries or library-related groups to: provide services to unserved areas; improve inadequate service; improve service to the disadvantaged, disabled, institutionalized, or elderly; strengthen major urban resource libraries; combat illiteracy; create childcare outreach, intergenerational, limited English-speaking, or drug abuse prevention programs. Public libraries or systems of libraries may apply for **Title II** funds for new building construction, expansion, remodeling, or alteration. Funds may also go toward making libraries accessible to persons with disabilities. **Title III** funds are provided to libraries with two or more different types of libraries to plan, establish, or expand networks, or to plan for statewide resource sharing, technology enhancement, and preservation.

Letters of intent for Title I and Title III grants are due by January 15 annually. Full applications, if invited by an Illinois State Library Advisory Subcommittee, are due by April 1 annually. Title II applications are distributed when funds are available. Contact the State Library for letter of intent and full proposal guidelines.

**Literacy Grants**

These grants are awarded to libraries, nonprofits, and businesses to combat illiteracy. For information about Literacy grants, contact the Secretary of State Literacy Office at 217-785-6921 or write to 431 S. Fourth St., Springfield, IL 62701.

**Blind and Physically Handicapped Grants**

Blind and Physically Handicapped grants are awarded for subregional library programs supporting persons with disabilities.

**For information about any of the above programs, contact:** The Illinois State Library, 300 South Second St., Springfield, IL 62701; 800-665-5576.

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## Health and Human Services

### The FHP Foundation: Support for the Aging Population

**Objective:** Fund projects which support the aging population or caregivers of the elderly. The FHP Foundation also supports projects which prepare society to deal with the U.S.'s rapidly aging population. Projects may educate, provide service, alter behavior, raise awareness, bring stakeholders together, or promote public policy.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) nonprofits

**Deadlines:** Ongoing. Funding decisions are made quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

**Application procedures:** Submit a letter of inquiry which includes the purpose of and need for the project, project budget and grant request amount, evaluation methodology and measurable goals, and a plan for project continuation beyond the provision of funds.

**Submit inquiries to or request information from:** Program Officer, The FHP Foundation, 401 East Ocean Blvd., Suite 206, Long Beach, CA 90802-4933; TEL 310-590-8655, FAX 310-495-0317.

### Rural Health Administrator Fellowships

**Objective:** Provide masters-level students pursuing careers in rural health administration with community-based experience.

**Funding:** Travel expenses and \$2,400 will be provided to Fellows.

**Deadline:** February 15, 1996

**For information, contact:** Rosemary McKenzie, National Rural Health Association, 1 W. Armour Blvd., Suite 301, Kansas City, MO 64111; 816-756-3140.

**Source:** *Federal Assistance Monitor*, October 3, 1996

### Keeping Youth Drug-Free

*Keeping Youth Drug-Free*, a publication of The Department of Health and Human Services, has been produced as part of a campaign to convince kids not to use drugs. The publication provides information on reasons why youth say they use drugs and alcohol. To receive a free copy of *Keeping Youth Drug-Free*, call 800-739-6686. To receive a community kit, call 800-767-0017.

**Source:** *Federal Assistance Monitor*, August 1, 1996

### Kmart Family Foundation

**Objective:** Support the fight against and prevention of drug abuse among children. Support programs which combat the effects drug abuse can have on children and their families.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) nonprofits

**Deadlines:** December 31, 1996. The Kmart Family Foundation will review proposals quarterly. Annual deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

**Application procedures:** Complete the Foundation's application. Submit the application with a typewritten proposal (two pages or less) and a cover sheet. The cover sheet must be signed by the organization's Chief Executive Officer, Senior Officer, or a Board member. Follow-up phone calls are discouraged.

**Mail proposals to or request information from:**

The Kmart Family Foundation, c/o Kmart Corporate Affairs, 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084-3163.

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*Grant and other information was obtained from multiple sources including the Federal Register, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, various federal and state agencies, and private foundations. Additional information about these grants and other opportunities may be obtained by contacting the appropriate foundation, or federal or state agency, or by contacting:*

**Community Research Services  
Illinois State University  
Campus Box 4950  
Normal, IL 61790-4950  
(309) 438-7771**

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## Illinois Department of Public Health Cancer and Alzheimer's Disease Research Funds

### Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund

**Objective:** Support research, inquiry, or experimentation related to investigating Alzheimer's diseases, related disorders, and related areas including respite care, in-home care, long-term care, health care financing, and psychosocial issues.

**Funding:** Early Researcher Grants up to \$17,500 and General Research Grants up to \$15,000 will be awarded.

### Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Fund

**Objective:** Support research, inquiry, or experimentation related to investigating breast and/or cervical cancer.

**Funding:** Approximately six awards of up to \$75,000 each will be awarded. Research Grants and Fellowship Grants which support supervised training of researchers will be awarded.

**Note:** The following guidelines and contact information apply to the above two competitions.

**Eligibility:** Institutions or individuals under the authority of an institution.

**Deadline:** March 3, 1997

#### **For information and applications, contact:**

The Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Health Promotion, 535 West Jefferson, Springfield, IL 62761; TEL 217-782-3300, FAX 217-782-1235, TTY 800-547-0466. Please specify the application desired.

## Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research

**Objective:** Provide support for salaries, research costs, administrative costs, or other costs for basic and translational cancer research and clinical research.

**Funding:** Ten awards of \$100,000 each will be made.

**Eligibility:** Cancer researchers with creative research approaches.

**Deadline:** December 15, 1996

**For applications, contact:** Dr. Gary Cohen, Director, Cancer Center at GBMC, 6569 N. Charles St., Suite 205, Baltimore, MD 21204; or contact, The Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research, 3800 Mellon Bank Center, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7598; 215-994-1186.



## HIV Prevention Project Grants for Lower Prevalence Geographic Areas

**Objective:** Fund development and evaluation of HIV prevention programs and promote collaboration of prevention efforts among community-based organizations (CBOs) and HIV service agencies, public agencies, prevention planning groups, educational agencies, and others.

**Funding:** \$100,000 average award. \$1.2 million will support minority CBOs and at least \$400,000 will support CBOs without regard to race or ethnicity.

**Eligibility:** Tax-exempt, nonprofit CBOs. CBOs may apply as a minority organization or as an organization who serves high-risk populations without regard to race or ethnicity. See program guidelines for qualifications in these categories. Governmental/municipal agencies and colleges/universities are ineligible.

**Deadline:** January 6, 1997

**For applications, call:** 404-332-4561 and refer to announcement 704.

**For information, contact:** Tim Quinn or Sam Taveras, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Mail Stop E-58, Atlanta, GA 30333; 404-639-8317.

**Source:** *Local/State Funding Report*, October 14, 1996

## Family Village: Web Site for Persons and Families Affected by Disabilities

The Family Village compiles information and resources for persons with disabilities, their families, and service providers. The Family Village also features support groups and networks for families to talk to other families or professionals about disabilities.

The Family Village is sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation and The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation. Access the Family Village via the WEB <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>.

For more information, contact: TEL 608-263-5973, TDD 609-263-0802, FAX 608-263-0529.

## Health Care Training for Rural Areas

**Objective:** Support health care training for rural areas in fields such as nursing, mental health, and allied professions.

**Eligibility:** Local health agencies, nonprofits, colleges

**Deadline:** December 18, 1996

**For information, contact:** Judy Arndt, 301-443-6867

**Source:** *Federal Assistance Monitor*, November 7, 1996

## Conservation and the Environment

### National Tree Trust

**Objective:** Provide seedlings and fund planting and maintenance of trees in urban and rural areas through several programs. (1) America's Treeways encourages partnerships between transportation agencies and local volunteer organizations to plant trees along roadsides. (2) Community Tree Planting provides seedlings, containers, and cash subsidies to volunteer organizations. Two other National Tree Trust programs are the Growing Together Education Program and Partnership Enhancement Grants. These programs were outlined in the June 1996 issue of *Grant News*.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits including volunteer organizations; elementary schools.

**Deadline:** Tree seedling order forms for 1998 for the America's Treeways and Community Tree Planting programs should be postmarked by May 31, 1997. Order forms will ensure your receipt of the official 1998 application in July 1997. The final application is due by October 1, 1997.

**For information and order forms, contact:** National Tree Trust, 1120 G St. NW, Suite 770, Washington, DC 20005; 800-846-8733.

**Sources:** *Grant News*, June 1996 and *Local/State Funding Report*, August 5, 1996

### Ottinger Foundation

**Objective:** Support organizations promoting democratic participation, economic justice, environmental preservation, and energy conservation.

**Funding:** Grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. The Foundation does not support organizations such as museums, hospitals, or schools. Most projects funded are grassroots in nature and have national significance.

**Deadlines:** Ongoing. Proposals received two months prior to a board meeting will receive strongest consideration. The next board meeting is in Spring of 1997.

**Application procedures:** Applications should not exceed ten pages and should include a statement of need, project goals, and an evaluation plan.

See the Foundation guidelines for further details.

**Applications may be obtained from and submitted to:** The Ottinger Foundation, 256 N. Pleasant St., Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002-1729; EMAIL [ottinger@igc.apc.org](mailto:ottinger@igc.apc.org); WEB <http://www.igc.apc.org/ottinger/guidelines.html>.

### A Pledge and a Promise Environmental Awards for Student Projects

**Objective:** Fund projects helping improve the environment. Examples of projects include recycling, cleaning up polluted areas, fundraising for land acquisition, and training on environmental issues.

**Awards:** One grand award of \$20,000 will be made. A first place award of \$12,500, a second-place award of \$5,000, and a third-place award of \$2,500 will be made in each of four categories: K-5, 6-8, 9-12, and college.

**Eligibility:** Classes or other recognized groups representing schools in the U.S.

**Deadline:** Projects must be developed by January 31, 1997.

**Application procedures:** Self- and other nominations/applications (not to exceed eight pages) are accepted.

**Submit nomination forms to and request information from:** A Pledge and A Promise Environmental Awards, Education Department, Sea World, 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, FL 32821; 407-363-2389.

### Environmental Education Grants

**Objective:** Fund curriculum development, environmental needs assessments, and teacher and student training.

**Funding:** Grants range from up to \$5,000 to \$250,000. A 25 percent cash or in-kind match is required.

**Eligibility:** Local and state educational agencies, colleges/universities, state environmental agencies, and nonprofits.

**Deadline:** Estimated January 1997 deadline.

**For guidelines and applications, contact:** Environmental Education Office, 202-260-8619.

**Source:** *Local/State Funding Report*, August 12, 1996

### Steward of the Land Award

Nominations for the \$10,000 Steward of the Land Award are being accepted until **January 1, 1997**. The Award recognizes farmers' efforts in land stewardship, agricultural conservation, and use of environmentally and economically sustainable farm practices.

**Contact:** American Farmland Trust, 1920 N St. NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036; TEL 202-659-5170, ext. 7130; FAX 202-659-8339.

**Source:** *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, October 17, 1996

## Criminal Justice

### State Justice Institute (SJI) Programs

**WEB site:** In addition to the contacts listed for the following programs, information and applications may be obtained from SJI's web site:

<http://www.clark.net/pub/sji/>.

#### Technical Assistance Program

**Objective:** Provide State and local courts with funds to obtain assistance to diagnose and solve problems or for court officials to travel to other jurisdictions to examine practices or programs which could be replicated.

**Funding:** Awards of up to \$30,000 each will be made. There is a 50 percent match requirement.

**Eligibility:** State or local courts may apply.

**Deadlines:** For FY 1997, the deadlines are January 10, March 14, and June 13. The first deadline for FY 1998 is September 30, 1997.

**Application procedures:** Submit a letter which describes the project and includes a detailed budget.

**Program guidelines can be found** in the August 29, 1996 *Federal Register*. Information can also be obtained by calling Liz Vines at SJI, 703-684-6100.

#### Training Scholarships for Court Personnel

**Objective:** Provide funds to help court personnel attend out-of-state training programs.

**Eligibility:** Judges and court managers.

**Deadlines:** January 7, 1997 for training programs beginning between April 1 and June 30, 1997; April 1, 1997 for programs beginning between July 1 and September 30, 1997; and July 1, 1997 for programs beginning between October 1 and December 31, 1997.

**Application procedures:** Submit Forms S1 and S2 and a resume to State Justice Institute, 1650 King St., Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314. Court managers must also send recommendation letters from their supervisors.

**For information and application forms, contact:** SJI, Program Manager, Olivia Grant, 703-684-6100.

### Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Call for Concept Papers

The Office of Victims for Crime invites concept papers for projects for FY 1997 funding. Concept papers are due by February 1, 1997. OVC will invite organizations to submit full proposals. Public and private nonprofit organizations are eligible. **For information about funding initiatives, contact:** OVC, 202-307-5983.

### Equipment and Training to Fight Domestic Violence from Polaroid

**Objective:** Provide, at reduced costs, injury documentation kits to "first responders" of incidents of abuse. The kit, currently priced at \$59.95, includes a fully automatic Spectra Camera. Training for those purchasing kits includes information about use of the kit and hands-on practice.

**Eligibility:** Responders to domestic violence (e.g., law enforcement agencies, health care providers, social service agencies, prosecutors, businesses, and others), may apply for the kits. One hundred or more kits can be purchased for the \$59.95 price. Community agencies or regional consortiums are encouraged to purchase the kits together.

**Deadline:** December 31, 1996

**For information, contact:** Mark Lucido, Polaroid Corporation, TEL 618-466-1907, FAX 618-466-4799.

### Juvenile Justice Reports and Guides

*Recognizing When a Child's Injury is Caused by Abuse; Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Child Sexual Abuse; Photo-Documentation in the Investigation of Child Abuse; and Diagnostic Imaging of Child Abuse,* Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

*Reducing Youth Gun Violence: An Overview of Programs and Initiatives,* Office of Juvenile Justice.

*Juvenile Probation: The Workhorse of the Juvenile Justice System,* Report Number NCJ-158534, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This report overviews caseloads, probation officer demographics, and problems faced by officers.

**For these reports and guides, contact:**

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20849; 800-638-8736.

**Source:** *Federal Assistance Monitor*, August 1 and September 19, 1996

## Community and Economic Development

### Innovations in

#### American Government Awards

**Objective:** Recognize excellence in government problem-solving at the federal, state, and local levels. The competition also serves to disseminate information about innovative practices. Target themes include:

- 1) "tapping the creativity of frontline employees . . . ;"
- 2) "reshaping organizational culture in profound ways . . . ;"
- 3) "significant policy innovations;" and
- 4) "multi-agency or intergovernmental collaboration."

**Awards:** Ten finalists will receive \$100,000 each; 15 finalists will receive grants of \$20,000 each.

**Eligibility:** Federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial governments with innovative approaches to problem-solving. Programs for which funding is sought must have been in operation for at least one year prior to the application deadline and be at least 50 percent funded by governmental institutions. See the guidelines for other requirements.

**Deadline:** January 8, 1997

**Application procedures:** Complete the application in three or less pages to describe your program succinctly and vividly. In March, 1997, 100 finalists will be asked to submit supplemental applications. Then, 25 finalists will be chosen to receive site visits in the Spring. Final award winners will be announced in the Fall of 1997.

**For applications or information, contact:** INNOVATIONS, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 79 JFK St., Cambridge, MA 02138; TEL 617-495-0558, WEB <http://ksgwww.harvard.edu/innovat/>.

This competition is sponsored by The Ford Foundation and The John F. Kennedy School of Government.

#### Public Service Excellence Awards

**Objective:** Recognize innovative governmental programs that improve services or quality of life for the public and are cost-effective.

**Eligibility:** Projects/programs carried out by two or more government employees at the federal, state, city, county, intergovernmental, or international levels. Community outreach projects undertaken by groups of public employees or retiree groups representing public employees are also eligible.

**Deadline for nominations:** January 15, 1997

**For information, contact:** Public Employees Roundtable (PER), PO Box 14270, Washington, DC 20044-4270; TEL 202-927-5000, FAX ON DEMAND 202-927-5008.

#### Colgate Youth for America Campaign

**Objective:** Recognize innovation and excellence in youth-initiated community projects and provide grants to local organizations who sponsor such projects.

**Funding:** 240 local winners will receive up to \$1,000 each. A grand-prize winner will receive an additional \$1,000.

**Eligibility:** Members, age four to 19, of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Girls Incorporated, Camp Fire Inc., or 4-H.

**Deadline:** March 15, 1997

**For information, contact:** local offices of the youth organizations listed or write to Colgate's Youth for America, PO Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058; EMAIL [FCW001@AOL.COM](mailto:FCW001@AOL.COM), WEB <http://www.colgate.com>. See Colgate for Kids.

#### Youth Service America:

##### The Fund for Social Entrepreneurs

**Objective:** Provide funding, leadership training, and technical assistance to youth who are implementing innovative youth service organizations.

**Deadline:** December 31, 1996

**For information, contact:** Youth Service America, 1101 15th St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20078-2282; 202-296-2992. This program is sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

#### Rural Economic Reports and Resources

A report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City discusses the service, manufacturing, and trade industries in rural areas. It also includes information about Wal-Mart's impact on rural areas and rural economic "mini-booms" related to recreation, retirement, and business. Call 816-881-2989 for this free report.

*On-line Resources for Rural Community Economic Development*, TEL 800-633-7701, WEB <http://www.aspeninst.org/rural>.

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## Education Grants

### Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Teachers

**Objective:** Support one-year programs that enhance environmental education or physical science education.

**Funding:** 50 grants of up to \$10,000 each.

**Eligibility:** K-12 science teachers

**Deadline:** January 22, 1997

**Application procedures:** Write a proposal, according to TAPESTRY guidelines, which includes a project description, rationale, impact statement, evaluation form, timeline, budget, staff vitae, and support letters.

**Applications may be requested from and submitted to:** Toyota TAPESTRY, c/o NSTA, 1840 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201-3000; 800-807-9852.

This competition is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc. and administered by the National Science Teachers Association.

### Toyota Math Innovation Funds

**Objective:** Support development of instructional technologies, innovative approaches to assessment, and partnerships in math education.

**Funding:** 20 grants of up to \$10,000.

**Eligibility:** K-12 math teachers

**Deadline:** December 31, 1996

**For applications and information, contact:** National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 703-476-2970. This competition is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc. and administered by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

**Source:** *Federal Assistance Monitor*, August 22, 1996

## Technology in Education and Community

### The MCI Foundation

**Objective:** Support projects demonstrating how information technologies enhance educational processes; support technology skills training for youth; support community development programs which aid the individual's understanding of information technologies for skill development and retraining.

**Funding:** Average grants range from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) nonprofits

**Deadlines:** Applications are accepted year-round. Funding decisions are made in February, May, August, and November.

**Application procedures:** Send an initial inquiry letter which includes organizational information, proof of tax-exempt status, program abstract and proposed project budget, and the amount requested. The MCI Foundation will invite full proposals. See guidelines for inquiry letter and full proposal requirements.

**For information, contact:** The MCI Foundation, MCI World Headquarters, 1801 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006 (0091/001); TEL 202-887-2106, WEB <http://www.mci.com/about/friends>.



### Potential Technology Project Funders

*Foundation Resources, Community Networks, Televillages, and Telecenters, The Aspen Institute Rural Economic Policy Program.* This guide lists 70+ foundations that may fund nonprofit and community technology projects and lists 31 federal programs. Access the guide through the WEB at <http://www.aspeninst.org/rural> or call Tim Walter, 202-736-5834.

**Source:** *Rural Update*, June and August 1996

## Historic Preservation and Museum Programs

### **Institute of Museum Services (IMS): Museum Assessment Programs (MAP) General Support**

**IMS WEB site:** <http://www.ims.fed.us/>

**Eligibility:** Unless otherwise noted, nonprofit museums of all types. Museums must operate 120 days per year or more, employ one full-time staff person, and care for and use tangible objects.

**Deadlines:** Awards are made first-come, first-served. See below deadlines.

#### **MAP I: Institutional Assessment**

**Objective:** Assess museum operations including mission, collections, planning, governance, programs, administration, membership, and facilities. Provide suggestions for utilizing resources effectively and efficiently, improving performance, understanding professional museum standards, demonstrating credibility to funders and the public, and enhancing team spirit among those involved with the museum.

**Deadlines:** April 25 and October 31, 1997; April 24 and October 30, 1998; and April 30, 1999

#### **MAP II: Collections Management Assessment**

**Objective:** Assist museum personnel in establishing priorities and activities related to collections policies, documentation, acquisition, disposal, inventory, risk management, storage, preservation, environmental control, and loans. Make recommendations leading to comprehensive museum policies, collections-care procedures, improved registration methods, research capability, and assessment of needs.

**Deadlines:** March 14, 1997; March 13, 1998; and March 12, 1999

#### **MAP III: Public Dimension Assessment**

**Objective:** Assess public perception, experience, and involvement with the museum to drive enhancement of communication between the public and the museum. Review museum mission, audience, attendance, marketing, content, services, programs, and human and financial resources.

**Deadlines:** February 28, 1997; February 27, 1998; and February 26, 1999

**For information about MAP I, II, or III, contact:** American Association of Museums, 1225 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202-289-1818.

#### **General Operating Support**

**Objective:** Recognize museums demonstrating excellent performance through awards for ongoing museum operations.

**Funding:** 15 percent of the museum's budget up to \$112,500.

**Deadline:** February 14, 1997

#### **Conservation Project Support**

**Objective:** Help museums determine conservation needs and priorities and take steps to ensure collection viability. Grants are available for environmental improvements, research, surveys, training, and treatment.

**Deadline:** February 28, 1997

#### **Museum Leadership Initiatives**

**Deadline:** March 21, 1997

Contact IMS for program guidelines.

#### **Professional Services Program**

**Objective:** Help professional museum organizations improve their services to the public through activities such as training and needs assessments. Projects which lead to improved methods of museum operation are considered.

**Eligibility:** Museums with annual budgets less than \$250,000.

**Deadline:** April 11, 1997

**For information about the above programs, contact:** Institute of Museum Services, 202-606-8539.

### **The Bay Foundation**

**Objective:** Fund preservation of cultural and natural history collections and training for collections care in all types of museums.

**Funding:** Grants typically range from \$2,000 to \$6,000.

**Deadlines:** March 1 for a Spring decision; September 1 for a Fall decision; and December 1 for a Winter decision.

**Application procedures:** Complete the New York Regional Area Grantmakers' common application and report forms.

**For information and applications, contact:** The Bay Foundation, 17 West 94th St., New York, NY 10025; 212-663-1115.

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### ICONnect Mini-Grants

**Objective:** Encourage the use of Internet resources to develop meaningful curriculum units.

**Funding:** Grants of \$500 are awarded to teams of school library media specialists and teachers to support travel to state or national conferences with Internet information and applications.

**Eligibility:** School library media specialists who are members of the American Library Association (ALA)/ American Association of School Librarians (AASL). AASL is a division of ALA.

**Deadline:** December 5, 1996

**Mail one original and seven copies of the application to:** ICONnect Mini-Grants, AASL, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. Applications should be no more than three typed pages. See the award guidelines for required information.

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*Up Against the Wal-Marts: How Your Business Can Prosper in the Shadow of the Retail Giants*, provides

business advice from successful merchants. Topics include combatting cutthroat pricing, identifying market niches, and regaining customer focus. Contact the National Main Street Center (NMSC), National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, DC 20036; FAX 202-588-6050. NMSC has many business development publications.

*Sustainable Agriculture in Print: Current Periodicals*, National Ag Library, publication #1052-536-S, SRB 95-08. Call 301-504-6559.

*Federal Funding Sources for Rural Areas*, publication #1056-9685, USDA Rural Information Center.

*A Guide to Rural Living & Small Scale Agriculture*, Colorado Cooperative Extension, Routt County. Call 970-879-0825.

*Small and Part-Time Farms Newsletter*, USDA. Call Denis Ebodaghe, TEL 202-401-4385, FAX 202-401-5179.

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