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Technology in Education and Community

Computer technology and telecommunications provide us with opportunities to access and share information, make discoveries and increase efficiency in countless systems, manage processes, and interact with one another. Many organizations, institutions, and individuals are searching for ways to build telecommunications structures and obtain technology—and learn about their uses.

This issue of *Grant News* highlights two current federal grant programs related to increasing technology and telecommunications capacity in communities. It also provides information about resources related to computer recycling, technology funding, and telecommunications capacity building.

Share the Technology: Computer Recycling

The "Share the Technology" project, of the New Jersey-based nonprofit, Computer Recycling, facilitates the move of computers from the shelf to the user. The project's World Wide Web (WWW) site lists available donations and donation requests, lists other donation programs and computer recycling resources, and outlines tips for locating computer donations.

The following are a few suggestions for locating computer donations provided by the project's WWW site.

- Call PC or Macintosh User Groups in your area to see if they conduct computer recycling activities.
- Search telephone books in your region for organizations that recycle used computers.
- Contact nonprofits, libraries, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools, and computer organizations in your region for computer recycling leads.
- Before requesting donations, determine the kind of equipment you could really use.
- Write to businesses in your region and ask them to

consider donating to your organization when they upgrade their equipment.

- Start a recycling project with other organizations in your region (local youth groups, churches, nonprofits, community groups).
- Check out the "Share the Technology" WWW site for more tips and links to resources.

Access the "Share the Technology" WWW site at:

<http://www.voicenet.com/~cranmer/recycling.html>

At the site you can find information mentioned here and can complete a donation request form and/or a donation form. **For more information, contact:** Computer Recycling, PO Box 548, Rancocas, NJ 08073; TEL 609-234-6156, FAX 609-234-5809, EMAIL cranmer@voicenet.com.

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Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program

Objective: The Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP) promotes development, use, and availability of advanced telecommunications and information technologies. TIIAP supports projects that improve the quality of and access to cultural, education, and training resources; reduce the cost, improve the quality, and/or increase accessibility of health care and public health services; promote responsive, effective, and efficient public safety and government services; and facilitate communication, resource-sharing, and economic development within communities.

Funding/match requirement: Approximately \$17 million is available for grants averaging \$350,000 each. Requests up to \$750,000 may be made. Applicants are required to make a 50 percent cash or in-kind contribution match unless they can provide compelling reasons for a reduced applicant match.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include state, local, and tribal governments, postsecondary institutions; and non-profit organizations. Individuals and for-profit organizations may participate as project partners.

Deadline: March 12, 1998

For information/applications, contact: Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 4096, Washington, DC 20230; TEL 202-482-2048, FAX 202-501-5136,

EMAIL tiiap@ntia.doc.gov,

WWW // <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/> The WWW site includes the Notice of Funding Availability and applications.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

Objective: Promote telecommunications interconnectivity to educational and medical facilities in rural areas through the provision of grants and loans for information infrastructure projects. Examples of fund uses include equipment purchases, instructional programming development or acquisition, needs assessments, and technical assistance acquisition.

Funding: \$12.5 million is available for FY 1998.

Eligibility: Public and private agencies and organizations that provide education and health care services in rural areas.

Deadlines: Loan applications may be submitted at any time but must be submitted by August 15, 1998 for processing during FY 1998. Grant applications should be submitted by April 12, 1998 for FY 1998 funding.

For information, contact: Rural Utilities Service, TEL 202-720-9554, WWW <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Sources: *Local State Funding Report*, December 1, 1997 and the Rural Utilities Service WWW site

(See page 9 for Technology Resources available through the Aspen Institute)

Grant News is published four to six times annually by Community Research Services, Illinois State University. Its purpose is to provide residents, community development professionals, health and human services providers, and others in rural Illinois counties and communities with information regarding grant and other opportunities at the federal, state, and private levels. For assistance in preparing grant applications, contact your Regional Planning Commission office.

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, or federal or state agency, or by contacting:

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Health and Human Services

Reports: Health and Human Services

1) *Making Welfare Work: Tools for Confronting Alcohol and Other Drug Problems Among Welfare Recipients* is available from the Legal Action Center, 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 505, Washington, DC 20002; TEL 202-544-5478.

2) To receive a copy of *Removing Barriers to Work: Action Proposals for the 105th Congress and Beyond*, fax a request to the National Council on Disability at 202-272-2022; TEL 202-272-2004.

3) Copies of *Rural Mental Health Providers*, based on a study funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, may be obtained by calling the National Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network at TEL 800-789-2647. The report looks at the lack of rural access to mental health and substance abuse services.

4) Request *America's Children at Risk* (CENBR/97-2), a review of the risk factors children face as they transition to adulthood, by calling TEL 301-457-3030.

These reports were listed in the November 6, 1997 *Federal Assistance Monitor*.

FHP Foundation Changes Name to Archstone Foundation

Objective: Fund projects which support the aging population or senior caregivers; help society deal with an aging population; address end-of-life issues; or direct services to seniors. The Foundation makes grants nationally although the Foundation's primary giving area is Southern California.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofits

Deadlines: Applications are accepted year-round.

Application procedures: Submit a letter of inquiry with necessary components as described in the Foundation's grant guidelines.

Submit inquiries to or request information from: The Archstone Foundation, 401 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1000, Long Beach, CA 90802; TEL 310-590-8655, EMAIL archstone@compuserve.com

Source: *Local/State Funding Report*, September 22, 1997

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program

Note: The Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services will announce deadlines sometime in 1998 for three Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs: The Basic Center Program, The Street Outreach Program, and the Transitional Living Program. The following information is provided for your timely grant preparation.

For program information, contact: Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, PO Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013; TEL 800-351-2293, WWW <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/>

Source: *Federal Assistance Monitor*, November 6, 1997

1) Basic Center Program

Objective: Provide funds to establish or strengthen local centers that meet needs (outreach, shelter, food, clothing, counseling, etc.) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.

Deadline: To be determined for 1998.

2) Street Outreach Program

Objective: Provide funds to prevent sexual abuse and exploitation of runaway, homeless, and street youth. Allowable activities include provision of street-based outreach, education, counseling, treatment and other services.

Deadline: To be determined for 1998.

3) Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth

Objective: Establish and operate projects which support older homeless youth in transitioning to self-sufficient living and which support prevention of social service dependence. Grants will be made for continuing existing projects or will go to organizations that submitted unfunded but strong proposals in 1997.

Deadline: To be determined for 1998.

Healthy Communities WWW Site

The Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities has completed its WWW site to provide access to stories, contacts, and resources related to building healthy communities. The WWW site is www.healthycommunities.org For more information about the WWW site or the Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities, please call TEL 312-422-2635.

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Health and Human Services Continued

Illinois Department of Public Health: Alzheimer's Disease Research and Breast and Cervical Cancer Research

Note: The following information applies to the below Illinois Department of Public Health programs.

Deadline: February 23, 1998

Eligibility: Institutions or individuals representing an institution.

For more information and applications, contact:

Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Health Promotion, 535 West Jefferson St., Springfield, IL 62761; TEL 217-524-6088, FAX 217-782-1235, TTY 800-547-0466. Specify either Alzheimer's Disease or Breast and Cervical—General or Fellowship.

1) Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund: General Research Grants and Early Researcher Grants

Objective: Support research into the causes, prevention, care, treatment, evaluation, cure, social and economic impacts, or other fields of study related to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Other areas of interest include respite care, in-home care, long-term care, health care finance, and psychosocial issues.

2) Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Fund: General Research Grants and Fellowship Grants

Objective: Conduct research into causes, prevention, and treatment for breast and/or cervical cancer, including behavioral research and clinical trials. Fellowship Grants are also available to support supervised research training to individuals with post-doctoral training for their professional development in breast and cervical cancer research.

Changing Negative Behaviors Long-Term to Improve Health

Note: These are not service grants. Support will come through National Institutes of Health individual research project (R01) grants.

Objective: Support research and demonstration projects which look at ways to stop tobacco use, promote exercise and proper diet, and reduce alcohol use long-term.

Funding: Five to eight grants of up to \$700,000 each are expected.

Deadline: Letters of intent are due April 1, 1998. Full proposals are due May 21, 1998.

For information, contact: Susan Solomon, Ph.D., Office of Behavioral and Social Services Research, NIH, 7550 Wisconsin Ave., Room 8C16, MSC 9172, Bethesda, MD 20892; FAX 301-480-8905, EMAIL ssolomon@nih.gov.

Source: *Federal Assistance Monitor*, November 6, 1997

Chicago Resource Center

Objective: Preference is given for organizations that are limited in their sources of funding, programs outside of major metropolitan areas, and programs serving people of color. The organization's objectives include funding programs, services, and organizations in the following areas:

- battered women (emphasis on programs in rural areas, statewide coalitions, and general support of small shelter programs);
- gays and lesbians (direct services, especially for programs for the young and for seniors, projects addressing anti-gay/lesbian violence, education on gay/lesbian issues, and civil and legal rights); and
- AIDS (start-up grants for small, community-based AIDS prevention organizations).

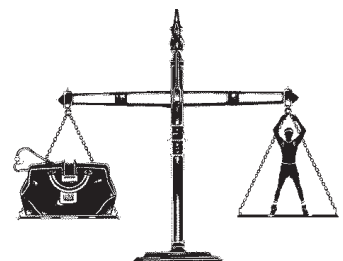
Funding: Most awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

Eligibility: Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofits

Deadlines: Deadlines are repeated annually. The 1998 deadlines are January 16, March 29, June 28, and September 30.

Application procedures: Submit an application which includes a Summary Sheet (provided by the Center), proof of nonprofit status, and a proposal. The proposal should include a description of the organization, information about an organizational board (if one exists), information about staff, volunteers, and the community, a project description, and a budget.

For information, contact: Chicago Resource Center, 8 South Michigan Ave., Suite 1604, Chicago, IL 60603; TEL 312-759-8700, FAX 312-759-2406, EMAIL ChgoRes@aol.com



Health and Human Services Continued

Rural Health Outreach and Network Development Grants

Note: The following eligibility and deadlines apply to both grant programs outlined below—Rural Outreach Grant Program and the Rural Network Development Grant Program.

Eligibility: Any rural public or nonprofit entity that is or represents a network or potential network. The network must include at least three health care providers or other entities that provide or support the delivery of health care services. Preference will be given to networks which include a majority of the health care providers in an area/region; federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and local health departments serving in an area/region; outpatient mental health providers serving in the area/region; or social service agencies working to improve access to and coordination of health care services.

Deadline: March 16, 1998

1) Rural Outreach Grant Program

Objective: Expand access to, coordinate, reduce costs

of, and improve quality of health care services, including preventive and emergency services, through development of integrated health care delivery systems or networks in rural areas and regions. The program's emphasis is on the delivery of services.

Funding: A total of \$2.5 million is expected to fund up to 12 awards.

For information, call HRSA at TEL 888-333-HRSA or contact Arlene Granderson via EMAIL at agranderson@hrsa.dhhs.gov

2) Rural Network Development Grant Program

Objective: Support planning and development of vertically integrated health care networks in rural areas. These networks must comprise three different types of providers. The program's emphasis is on developing organizational capacity.

Funding: Up to \$3 million is estimated for ten to fifteen awards.

For information, call HRSA at TEL 888-333-HRSA or contact Jake Culp via EMAIL at jculp@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grants Preview

Obtain a copy of the Fall 1997 Grants *Preview* for information about HRSA's 1998 grant programs by calling HRSA's toll-free number, 888-333-HRSA, or emailing HRSA at hrsa.gac@ix.netcom.com. You may also access *Preview* from HRSA's WWW site at <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/preview.htm>. To obtain application kits for any of the programs outlined in *Preview*, call HRSA's toll-free number or register for materials via HRSA's WWW site. The following is a list of HRSA 1998 grant offerings for which deadlines have not expired.

- Ryan White Title III HIV Planning Grants (5/1/98)
- Ryan White Title IV Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Existing and New Geographic Areas (4/1/98)
- Ryan White Title IV Adolescent Services (4/1/98)
- Ryan White HIV Service Delivery Models (4/1/98)

- Departments of Family Medicine (3/16/98)
- Allied Health Project Grants (2/17/98)
- Centers of Excellence (3/27/98)
- Minority Faculty Fellowship Program (3/27/98)

- Rural Health Programs (3/16/98)—see this page

- Maternal and Child Health Grant Programs
There are 17 Maternal and Child Health Grant

Programs listed in the *Preview* with deadlines throughout 1998 (most deadlines are in March and April). Please see the *Preview* for specific programs.

- Public Housing Primary Care Continuation Grants (deadlines vary throughout 1998)
- Grants to States for Loan Repayment Programs (4/1/98)
- Grants to States for Community Scholarship Programs (5/1/98)
- Community and Migrant Health Centers Continuation Grants (deadlines vary throughout 1998)

- Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program (4/15/98)
- Faculty Loan Repayment Program (6/30/98)
- Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program (8/31/98)

Environmental Protection and Community Health

National Brownfields Pilot Projects

Objective: Test clean-up and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers, and facilitate coordinated environmental clean-up and redevelopment efforts at all levels.

Funding: Up to \$200,000 per grant will be awarded.

Eligibility: States, cities, towns, and counties are eligible. Special consideration will be given to Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

Deadline: March 23, 1998

For information or an application booklet, contact: Superfund Hotline, TEL 800-424-9346, TDD 800-553-7672. You may also obtain a booklet via the WWW at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

Reports, Guides, and Clearinghouses: Economic Development, Water Quality, and Environmental Protection

1) For a summary of federal economic development programs, obtain a free copy of *Economic Development Activities: Overview of Eight Federal Programs* (GAO/RCED-97-193) from GAO, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884; TEL 202-512-6000.

Source: *Federal Assistance Monitor*, November 6, 1997

2) The information sheet, "Water and Sewer Facilities in Rural Areas" is available from the Housing Assistance Council (HAC). This and other information sheets are free by sending an email message to Ruth Wielgosz at ruth@ruralhome.org or visiting HAC's WWW site at <http://www.ruralhome.org>. Or, obtain the sheet by writing Luz Rosas, HAC, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 606, Washington, DC 20005; include a check or money order for \$1.00 for each information sheet requested.

Source: *HAC News*, May 31, 1997

3) To order a free copy of *Water Quality: A Catalog of Related Federal Programs* (GAO/RCED-96-173), call GAO at 202-512-6000 or obtain the *Catalog* via the WWW at <http://www.gao.gov/AIndexFY96/abstracts/rc96173.htm>. The *Catalog* identifies 72 federal programs and initiatives to help states, municipalities, and individuals protect and improve surface and groundwater threatened by pollution. The catalogue includes programs

providing financial or technical assistance, sources for planning services, studies, and education materials.

Source: *Water Sense*, Spring 1997

4) The National Drinking Water Clearinghouse (NDWC) newsletters, *On Tap* and *Water Sense*, are now online and may be obtained via the NDWC WWW site at <http://www.ndwc.wvu.edu>. National Drinking Water Clearinghouse publications are available free in paper form at TEL 800-624-8301. In addition to the newsletters, NDWC's WWW site provides information about NDWC's programs and services and links to other sites (such as the National Small Flows Clearinghouse and the National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities).

Source: *Water Sense*, Spring 1997

Items 5 through 7 were produced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and were listed in the Summer 1997 issue of *Water Sense*. To obtain one free copy of any item, call the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse at TEL 800-624-8301 or order via email at http://www.ndwc_orders@estd.wvu.edu.

5) The 1994 booklet, *State and Local Government Guide to Environmental Program Funding Alternatives* may be obtained from the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse (contact number above). The booklet overviews traditional and alternative funding mechanisms for environmental programs with a focus on onpoint source pollution. The booklet includes contact information.

6) *Public-Private Partnerships for Environmental Facilities: A Self-Help Guide for Local Governments* provides information about establishing partnerships and contains a list of resources.

7) *Financing Models for Environmental Protection: Helping Small Communities Meet Their Environmental Goals* is a collection of models that have been implemented through the Environmental Protection Agency's Private Partnerships Demonstration Program.



Environmental Protection and Community Health Cont.



Lead-Based Paint Accreditation and Certification Program Grants

Objective: Provide funding to States to establish training, accreditation, and certification programs for professionals engaged in lead-based paint activities.

Funding: The total amount of funding is \$3,548,910. Approximately 18 grants of up to \$200,000 each will be awarded.

Eligibility: Governments of all eligible States. Any State that has previously received a Category II Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development is not eligible. Ineligible States include AR, CA, CT, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, OH, RI, VT, and VA.

Deadline: Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

For general information, contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Room E-543B, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460; TEL 202-554-1404, TDD 202-554-0551, EMAIL TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information, contact: the appropriate Regional Primary Lead Contact person. For Region V (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI), contact David Turpin, SP-14J, 77 W. Jackson St., Chicago, IL 60604; TEL 312-886-7836.

Source: *Federal Register*, November 5, 1997

National Tree Trust

Note: The following programs and deadlines are repeated annually.

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.

3) Growing Together Education Program fosters experience in growing trees in elementary school children. This program donates seeds, grow boxes, and tree markers for school children to grow trees in the classroom. Trees are replanted with the help of local volunteer groups.

4) Partnership Enhancement Grants to Nonprofits provides matching grants for tree planting and maintenance, education and training, overhead and administration, and national and regional programs.

Eligibility: Nonprofits including volunteer organizations; elementary schools.

Deadlines: Part I Tree Seedling Order Forms for the 1999 America's Treeways and Community Tree Planting programs should be postmarked by May 31, 1998. Tree Seedling Order Forms will ensure your receipt of the 1999 Part II application (available in January 1998). The Part II application is then due by October 1, 1998. The deadline for the Growing Together Education Program (application available in April/May 1998) and the Partnership Enhancement Grants to Nonprofits (application available June 1998) is October 1, 1998.

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

Source: *Federal Register*, October 9, 1997

Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Objective: Provide assistance to community groups and federally recognized tribal governments working on or planning to carry out projects to address environmental issues.

Project requirements: Projects must seek to meet at least two of the following goals: 1) identify necessary improvements in communication and coordination among all stakeholders; 2) build community capacity to identify environmental justice problems and involve the community in their resolution; and 3) enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and generate information on pollution in the community. Applications must also identify at least two environmental statutes the project will address. See the program's *Application Guidance* booklet for detail.

Funding: Up to \$20,000 per grant will be awarded.

Eligibility: Any 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization (e.g., community-based nonprofits, state or local governments, churches, academic institutions), or federally recognized tribal government. Preference will be given to community-based/grassroots organizations.

Deadline: Applications must be **postmarked** no later than March 6, 1998.

For more information and applications, applicants in Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) may contact: Margaret Millard, TEL 312-353-1440, or Karla Johnson, TEL 312-886-5993, USEPA Region 5 (MCT-175), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507.

Community and Economic Development

Do Something Grants and Awards

Submit Do Something Grant and Brick Award applications to and request information from: Do Something, Inc., 423 West 55th St., 8th Floor, New York, NY 10019; TEL 212-523-1175, WWW <http://www.dosomething.org>

1) Do Something Grants

Objective: Design and implement a specific project or contribute to an existing program.

Funding: Grants of up to \$500 may be requested.

Eligibility: Individuals under age 30 who are motivated to inspire others, committed to strengthening the community, and excited by opportunities to grow and learn. Group applications are encouraged but must be submitted by one lead person.

Deadlines: There are two grant cycles annually. Proposals must be postmarked by July 1 for summer projects or December 1 for spring projects.

Application procedures: Complete Do Something's Grant Application which includes personal, mentor, project, and budget information.

2) BRICK Award for Community Leadership

Note: Revised guidelines for the BRICK Award should be available by the end of January 1998.

Objective: Recognize young leaders for their work in strengthening communities.

Award: One grand prize of \$100,000 will be awarded. Each of nine other finalists will receive \$10,000.

Eligibility: Applicants must be under the age of 30. The award will be made for efforts in a geographic area no larger than city-wide.

Deadline: May 1, 1998

Application procedures: Submit one original and three copies of the application. The application should include personal and community information as well as include information about the applicant's work and the results the applicant is obtaining in the community. See the BRICK Award guidelines for required information.

3) Build Magazine

Do Something's *BUILD Magazine* is a free quarterly publication distributed through Blockbuster Music Stores and through Do Something, Inc. BUILD's goal is to inspire young people to become involved in their communities. It conveys the energy of young people working on issues of social justice, democracy, service, and action. For information, contact Do Something.

All-America Cities Competition

Objective: Recognize communities for addressing challenges through community, nonprofit, government, and business collaboration.

Award: Ten communities will each receive \$10,000 grants.

Eligibility: Cities, towns, villages, counties, neighborhoods, and metropolitan areas are eligible.

Deadline: March 26, 1998

Application procedures: Communities must complete a twelve-page application, identify three successful communitywide programs, and rate their strengths using a Civic Index scale. The cost to apply is \$275 to \$575 depending on the community's population.

For more information, contact: Carole Bloom, TEL 303-571-4343, EMAIL ncl@ncl.org

Source: *Local/State Funding Report*, September 22, 1997

Campaign for Human Development

Objective: Provide funds for organizing projects and community/economic development projects that benefit low-income persons.

1) Organizing Grants are awarded to help poor and marginalized people join together to work on local problems. **2) Economic Development** grants help low-income people start and expand businesses that employ low-income people, develop businesses that promote management and worker ownership, and create capacity for community-based economic development in low-income communities.

Eligibility: Organizations should have 501(c)(3) status or a fiscal agent with that status. Organizations may receive awards without 501(c)(3) status but are then encouraged to obtain this status.

Deadline: November 1, 1998 for community organizing and economic development grants.

For information and preapplications, contact: Campaign for Human Development, United States Catholic Conference, 3211 Fourth St. NE, Washington, DC 20017; TEL 202-541-3210, WWW www.nccbuscc.org/chd

For a list of projects that have received grants in your state or region, contact: Barbara Stephenson, TEL 202-541-3364.



Community and Economic Development Continued

Aspen Institute: Community and Economic Development/Technology Information Resource

The Aspen Institute's Rural and Economic Policy Program (REPP) seeks to advance rural community and economic development in the United States. Information resources available from REPP include the *Rural Update Newsletter*, Foundation Resources and Community Net-

works, Telecenter and Televillages (a paper on fundraising strategy and funding sources for computer networking), and online resources for Rural Community Economic Development. **For more information, contact:** The Aspen Institute, Rural Economic Policy Program, Suite 1070, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036; TEL 202-736-5800, FAX 202-467-0790, WWW <http://www.aspeninst.org/rural/>

Education

Education Department Programs

Note: The following list of Department of Education offices and grant programs appeared in the November 6, 1997 *Federal Assistance Monitor*. Because of the large number of programs, limited information is provided. For information specific to each program, please contact the individual(s) listed.

1) Office of Special Education

Contact: Grants and Contracts Team, Special Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Ave. SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202; TEL 202-260-9182, FAX 202-205-8717.

This contact information applies to the following two grant programs.

Program title: Preparation of Personnel to Service Children with High Incidence Disabilities

Funding: Approximately 40 grants of up to \$200,000 each will be made.

Deadline: April 12, 1998

Program title: National Clearinghouse on Professions in Special Education

Funding: One grant of \$500,000 will be awarded.

Deadline: April 12, 1998

2) National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Services

Contact: Donna Nangle, NIDRR, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Ave. SW, Room 3418, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2645; TEL 202-205-5880, EMAIL Donna_Nangle@ed.gov

Deadline/Funding: The following programs have a deadline date of March 17, 1998. One grant ranging from \$650,000 to \$800,000 will be awarded.

Program titles/C DFA number:

1) Stroke Rehabilitation, 2) Arthritis Rehabilitation, 3) Secondary Conditions of the Spinal Cord Injuries, 4) Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation, 5) Aging with Disability, 6) Neuromuscular Disorder Rehabilitation, 7) Community Integration for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury. The C DFA number for each of these programs is 84.133B-10.

Deadline/Funding: Each of the following have a deadline date of April 3, 1998. Only one grant ranging from \$250,000 to \$900,000 will be awarded. Donna Nangle is the contact (contacted information previously presented).

Program titles/C DFA numbers:

1) Pediatric Trauma, C DFA 84.133A-5; 2) Public Policy Research to Improve Employment Outcomes, C DFA 84.133B-7; 3) Community-Based Employment to Improve Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities, C DFA 84.133B-7; 4) State Service Systems to Improve Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities, C DFA 84.133B-7; 5) Workplace Supports to Improve Employment Outcomes, C DFA 84.133B-7; 6) School-To-Work and Transition Strategies to Improve Employment Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities, C DFA 84.133B-7; 7) Information Dissemination on Community Integration for Persons with Mental Retardation, C DFA 84.133D-2; 8) Independent Living Information Dissemination, C DFA 84.133D-2.

Rural Housing Grants

Housing Preservation Grants to Nonprofits and Rental Property Owners

Objective: Remove health and safety hazards in, repair, or rehabilitate the homes of very-low and low-income persons in rural areas. See program information for other fund uses.

Eligibility: Public or private nonprofit agencies or organizations, rental property owners, and cooperative housing complexes are eligible.

Deadline: Preapplications must be postmarked on or before March 24, 1998.

For information, contact: USDA Rural Housing Service, Illinois State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL 61820; TEL 217-398-5412 ext. 256.

Home Repair Grants and Loans to Very-Low Income Homeowners, 62 Years or Older

Objective: Provide very-low income seniors with grants or loans for home repairs to remove health or safety hazards or make general improvements.

Funding: Up to \$20,000 in loan assistance and/or up to \$7,500 in a grant. Loans are repaid at a one percent interest rate for up to 20 years.

Eligibility: Very-low income homeowners, 62 years or older.

Deadline: Ongoing.

For information, contact: USDA Rural Housing Service, Illinois State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL 61820; TEL 217-398-5412.

Illinois Bureau of Tourism Grants

For information and applications for any of the following programs, contact the Illinois Bureau of Tourism, 620 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701; TEL 217-524-2998.

Bureau of Tourism Grant Programs Matching Grant Program

Objective: Provide financial assistance to counties, municipalities, and local promotion groups for promotion and marketing of tourism attractions and events. Advertising for tourism events/destinations is an eligible fund use.

Funding/match: The Bureau will match project costs at 50 percent or less.

Deadlines: Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1, June 1, September 1, or November 1 annually (awards are made 60 days following each deadline date).

Tourism Attraction Grant and Loan Program

Objective: Provide grants to counties, municipalities, and nonprofit local promotion groups and provide loans to for-profit tourism related businesses, for development or improvement of tourism attractions in Illinois. Targeted

projects include development and improvement of fishing and hunting areas, historical sites, vacation regions, areas of historical or scenic interest, museums, recreation areas or other facilities, which attract or serve travelers.

Deadlines: Submit applications between July 1 and April 15 for grants (July 1 - March 31 for loans) of each fiscal year in which funds are available.

Private Sector Grant Program

Objective: Attract and host regional, national, or international events (conventions, trades shows, or major sporting activities) which produce economic impact for the State of Illinois.

Funding/match: The Bureau will fund up to 50 percent of eligible costs associated with attracting and hosting events with the remaining costs financed by private sector funds. Total project costs must be at least \$50,000.

Eligibility: Any for-profit entity, county, municipality, or nonprofit local promotion group that can demonstrate a private sector funds match.

Deadlines: When funds are available annually, the first grant cycle deadline is June 1 (award made August 1); The second grant cycle deadline is December 1 (award made February 1).

Youth, Literacy, and Miscellaneous Support

Colgate Youth for America Campaign

Objective: Recognize innovation and excellence in youth-initiated community projects through provision of 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 of America, Girls Incorporated, Camp Fire Inc., or 4-H.

Deadline: March 15, 1998

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, WWW <http://www.colgate.com>. At the WWW site, go to "In the Community: Colgate Youth for America."

Workplace Literacy Grants

Objective: Provide grants to Illinois businesses who work in partnership with educational providers to upgrade employees' basic skills needed on the job.

Funding/match: Grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded to businesses; businesses must make a 100 percent award match.

Eligibility: Businesses located in Illinois.

Deadlines: March 15, 1998

For information, contact: Secretary of State Workplace Literacy Consultant, Illinois State Library, Literacy Office, 431 S. Fourth St., Springfield, IL 62701; TEL 217-785-6926, EMAIL bpaoli@library.sos.state.il.us

Amoco Foundation

Objective: Support programs promoting quality education, healthy communities, solid community infrastructure, youth development, and a sound environment.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible.

Deadlines: September 1 annually.

Application procedures: Award decisions are made by local committees. Applications must be submitted to the local committee by the deadline date.

For information, in Greater Chicago Area but not the Western Suburbs contact: Irene Brown, Amoco Foundation, Inc., MC 2308, 200 E. Randolph Dr., Chicago, IL 60601-7125; TEL 312-856-6355.

In all other Illinois communities and the Western Suburbs of Chicago, contact: Dan Larson, Public and Government Affairs, Amoco Corporation, 2021 Spring Rd., Suite 400, Oak Brook, IL 60521; TEL 630-990-6077.

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Objective: Support projects and organizations relating to women (helping them to be independent, identify strengths, and develop skills); children (increasing self-esteem, developing leaders, building relationships, nurturing); education (Limited, Inc. associates volunteering in schools or for school-based programs), and the community (supporting community organizations in Limited, Inc. communities/regions).

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations are eligible.

Deadlines: Requests are reviewed monthly.

Application procedures: Requests must be made in writing and mailed or faxed to The Limited, Inc. (see contact information below).

For information, contact: The Limited, Inc., Corporate Contributions Program/Public Affairs Department, Three Limited Parkway, Columbus, OH 43230; FAX 614-415-7079.

The Lumpkin Foundation Supports Education, Youth, Environment

Objective: Support education, environmental protection and preservation, at-risk youth, and leadership opportunities.

Funding: Most grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible. Preference is given to organizations and programs in East Central Illinois.

Deadlines: Applications are reviewed quarterly each year; decisions are usually made in February, May, September, and November. Applications should be submitted by the first of the month prior to the month in which you want your application considered.

Application procedures: Please request and follow the Foundation's grant guidelines. Please obtain and complete the Foundation's cover sheet.

For information, contact: Lisa Barr, Foundation Administrator, The Lumpkin Foundation, 121 S. 17th St., Mattoon, IL 61938; TEL 217-258-6322, FAX 217-234-9934, EMAIL lisabarr@stlnet.com.

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