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Community and Health Grant-Writing Workshop

Are you responsible for generating funding for a program, project, community, or organization? Do you have an idea for a project but lack financial or technical resources to develop and implement it? Do you need advice about writing grant proposals? Do you know where to look for funding? You can learn about the grant-writing process and funding resources at a grant-writing workshop this Fall.

The Applied Social Research Unit and the Illinois Rural Health Association will host a grant-writing workshop on Wednesday, October 28, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jumer's Chateau in Bloomington, Illinois. Workshop registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The workshop will focus on grant-writing for community and health projects. Persons who have never written a grant proposal or those wishing to strengthen or refresh their skills should attend. Workshop participants will:

- learn the fundamentals of writing grant proposals;
- gain information about accessing funds from public and private organizations;
- identify strengths and weaknesses of proposals;
- practice writing pre-proposal letters; and
- discuss their own projects with experienced grant-writers and reviewers and other workshop participants.

Workshop speakers include: Richard Wansley, Illinois Area Health Education Centers; Melissa Pantier, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs; Michael Glasser, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford; Sharon Mills, Applied Social Research Unit, Illinois State University; and Lucinda Beier, College of Arts and Sciences Research Office and the Applied Social Research Unit, Illinois State University.

The cost of the workshop is \$35 for members of the Illinois Rural Health Association or Rural Partners, Inc., and \$50 for nonmembers of either organization. A workshop registration form is included in this *Grant News* on page 12. Please contact the Applied Social Research Unit with your questions about the workshop at TEL 309-438-7771 or EMAIL smmills@ilstu.edu.

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Health and Human Services

Reports:

Drug Abuse and Treatment; Collaboration Tips; Children's Issues and Insurance

The following free publications were cited in the August 6, 1998 *Federal Assistance Monitor*.

1) For a free copy of the book, *Responding to Alcohol and Other Drug Problems in Child Welfare*, please contact the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at TEL 800-638-8736 and request document number NCJ171669. This book includes case studies that link child welfare services and drug treatment.

2) For free copies of *Parental Substance Abuse: Implications for Children, the Child Welfare System, and Foster Care Outcomes* (General Accounting Office testimony before the Congressional subcommittee on Human Resources), contact GAO, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884, TEL 202-512-6000. Request document GAO/T-HEHS-98-40.

3) For copies of *Community Partnerships for Healthy Children: Initiative Update 1998*, contact the Sierra Health Foundation, TEL 916-922-4755. This report outlines tips for collaboration based on a project designed to improve children's health from ages 0-8.

4) The Center for the Future of Children of the David and Lucille Packard Foundation produces the *Future of Children Journal and Executive Summary* tri-annually. In the most recent issue, articles include: *Four Communities: How We Can Better Protect Children from Abuse and Neglect*; *The Past, Present, and Future Roles of Child Protective Services*; *Family-Center Services: Approaches and Effectiveness*; and *When Children Cannot Remain Home: Foster Family Care and Kinship Care*. For either the free journal or executive summaries, contact: Circulation Department, Center for the Future of Children, David and Lucille Packard Foundation, 300 Second St., Suite 102, Los Altos, CA 94022; FAX 650-948-6498; EMAIL circulation@futureofchildren.org.

5) The Health Care Financing Administration has produced *Child Care and Medicaid Guide: Partners for Healthy Children*. The publication is designed to help child care and child health organizations increase children's enrollment in Medicaid and state Children Health Insurance Programs. To obtain this guide, contact WWW site <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/obshmpg.htm>.

Grant News is published four to six times annually by the Applied Social Research Unit (formerly 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, federal or state agency, or:

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Health and Human Services

The Illinois Capital Development Resource Guide

The *Illinois Capital Development Resource Guide*, a free publication prepared by The Illinois Primary Health Care Association, provides ideas to Illinois Community Health Centers for raising capital. The *Guide* includes information about barriers to accessing capital, a technical resource database, equity resources such as grants, and debt resources such as bond and loan programs.

To obtain your copy of the *Guide*, please contact: Steve Tribuzzi, Director of Capital Development, Illinois Primary Health Care Association, TEL 217-541-7309.

Brush Foundation

Objective: Support family planning education and service programs, educational and other projects in the area of adolescent sexuality, and projects or programs which preserve the freedom of women to chose abortion.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or to projects designed to influence legislation.

Deadline: The Board of Managers meets in early May and November to make award decisions. Applications must be received at least four weeks before a board meeting to be considered (i.e., early April and October).

Application procedures: Submit a concise proposal which includes a needs statement, program or project methodology, outcomes, and information about the proposing organization including a list of board members, 501(c)(3) letter, and the most recent audited financial statement.

For information, contact: The Brush Foundation, 3135 Euclid Ave., Suite 102, Cleveland, OH 44115; TEL 216-881-5121, FAX 216-881-1834.

Women's Wellness Initiative

Denise Davison, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Illinois State University, has founded the Women's Wellness Initiative, a model program designed to assist ethnic minority and low-income women increase their personal health through grassroots and formal regional/state organizations. Women's Wellness Initiative staff provide technical assistance through in-service training, workshops, and conferences.

Davison and the Women's Wellness Initiative will make small grants available to organizations working with women's health issues. Deadline dates and proposal criteria have not been determined but should be available later this fall.

The targeted cities for the Women's Wellness Initiative include Bloomington-Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Decatur, Peoria, and Springfield, Illinois and communities surrounding these cities. The Initiative staff will work with organizations in these communities to identify and address local and regional women's health issues.

Persons or organizations interested in learning more about the Women's Wellness Initiative and the small grants program should contact: Denise Davison, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Illinois State University, Campus Box 4650, Normal, IL 61790-4650; TEL 309-438-2538, FAX 309-438-5880, EMAIL dmdavis@ilstu.edu.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grants *Preview*

Obtain a free copy of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grants *Preview* for information about HRSA's grant programs by calling HRSA's toll-free number, 888-333-HRSA, or emailing HRSA at hrsa.gac@ix.netcom.com. You can also access *Preview* at HRSA's WWW site: <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 Summer 1998 *Preview* includes guidelines and deadlines for HRSA's health professions, maternal and child health, and primary care grant programs. Request to be placed on the mailing list for future *Preview* publications.

Health and Human Services Continued

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

Note: Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS (BC/EFA) staff are reviewing and revising their giving guidelines. Contact the organization to be placed on a mailing list.

Objective: Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS (BC/EFA) supports AIDS service organizations and programs that offer direct care and/or services to people with HIV/AIDS. Past funded projects have provided food, shelter, transportation, emergency financial aid, emotional/practical support, needle exchange, and non-reimbursable medical expenses.

Funding: The grant maximum is \$10,000 per year.

Eligibility: BC/EFA prefers to fund urban minority communities and small to mid-sized service providers in rural and suburban communities.

For information, contact: Broadway Cares/Equity Fight Aids, 165 West 46th St., #1300, New York, NY 10036; TEL 212-840-0770, FAX 212-840-0551, EMAIL BCEFA@aol.com, WWW <http://www.bcefa.org/>.

Wheat Ridge Ministries Supports the Lutheran Church

Objective: Provide support for new initiatives that address health related issues through Christian service. Wheat Ridge provides grants in these areas: care and development of church leaders; children, youth, and family ministries; Christian response to crime and punishment; community service ministries; older adult ministries; and general health and wellness ministries.

Funding: Grants typically range from \$500 to \$50,000.

Eligibility: Credible 501(c)(3) organizations. New organizations that have not yet received 501(c)(3) status must obtain sponsorship of an existing 501(c)(3) organization. Grants are made to organizations related in some way to the Lutheran church or to projects including significant participation of Lutheran congregations, agencies, or individuals.

Deadlines: Annual proposal deadlines are February 1 and August 1.

Application procedures: If your project or program idea meets the Wheat Ridge grant guidelines, submit a brief outline of the proposal or contact the Program Office to discuss the proposal. Wheat Ridge will ask for full proposals at its discretion and provide a proposal format to organizations at that time.

To request guidelines or discuss a proposal, contact: Wheat Ridge Ministries, One Pierce Place, Suite 250E,

Itasca, IL 60143-2634; TEL 630-766-9066, FAX 630-766-9622, EMAIL wrmin@aol.com.

McGovern Family Foundation: Alcoholism Research Grants

Objective: Provide seed grants in the alcoholism field for new research, analysis of existing data, or extension of an existing research project.

Eligibility: Researchers sponsored by nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: There are no deadlines.

For applications, contact:

McGovern Family Foundation, TEL 202-463-8750, EMAIL mmitchell@mcgovernfamily.org.

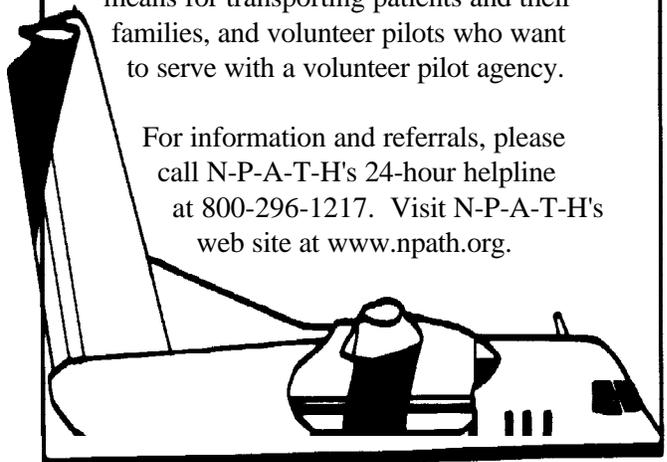
Source: *Local/State Funding Report*, August 3, 1998

National Patient Air Transport Helpline

The National Patient Air Transport Helpline or N-P-A-T-H, a free service of Mercy Medical Airlift and Children's Transport for Life, provides information about charitable long-distance air medical transport options. Referrals are made by considering the patient's medical condition, type of transport required, and the departure and destination locations.

N-P-A-T-H serves those needing to travel long distances for specialized evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and/or recovery associated with an illness or accident, healthcare and social service professionals looking for cost-effective means for transporting patients and their families, and volunteer pilots who want to serve with a volunteer pilot agency.

For information and referrals, please call N-P-A-T-H's 24-hour helpline at 800-296-1217. Visit N-P-A-T-H's web site at www.npath.org.



Historic Preservation

Conservation Assessment Program Grants (CAP)

Objective: Fund conservation assessment of a museum's collections, environmental conditions, and sites.

Eligibility: Small- to medium-sized collections and sites that can be surveyed in two days or less. Historic houses and sites, museums, and institutions with living collections may apply.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked on or before December 4, 1998. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Application procedures: Heritage Preservation will mail applications to museums on their mailing list October 9, 1998. If you do not receive an application but would like to apply, contact Eve Blackburn, CAP Coordinator.

For applications and information, contact: CAP, Heritage Preservation, 1730 K St. NW, Suite 566, Washington, DC 20006-3836; TEL 202-634-1422, FAX 202-634-1435, EMAIL eblackburn@heritagepreservation.org.

Collections Care/Preservation Award

The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) and Heritage Preservation have joined to recognize annually an organization who has made an "Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections." Anyone may nominate an organization. The nominee must be a nonprofit organization responsible for cultural property (collections, historic sites, and structures). The nominator should evidence the nominee's commitment to collections care and preservation and how the nominee has increased community understanding about the goals and importance of conservation and preservation activities.

Submit nomination letters, postmarked by November 15, 1998, to the AIC office at 1717 K St. NW, Suite 301, Washington, DC 20006; TEL 202-452-9545, FAX 202-452-9328, EMAIL InforAIC@aol.com, WWW <http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/aic/>.

Gay and Lesbian Resources

Uncommon Legacy Foundation

Objective: Fund studies, local and community projects, and regional, national, and international organizations specific to lesbians.

Funding/match preference: Grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The Foundation gives preference to applicants who will share project costs or raise funds to match the Foundation's grant.

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

Deadlines: The deadline dates are May 1 and November 1 of each year.

Application procedures: Complete the Foundation's application which asks for a proposal summary, description of project, evaluation strategy, description of interorganizational coordination, target geographic area and population, project dates and cost, and other details.

Request information from and submit applications to: An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc., Attn: Grants Committee, 150 West 26th St., Suite 602, New York, NY 10001; TEL 212-366-6507.

Note: The Foundation also awards \$1,000 scholarships to lesbian postsecondary students working with lesbian issues. Contact the Foundation for information.

The Working Group on Funding Lesbian and Gay Issues

The Working Group on Funding Lesbian and Gay Issues (Working Group) was formed in 1982 to increase the philanthropic community's awareness of lesbian and gay issues and educate communities and organizations working with gay men and lesbians about philanthropy and funding resources.

The Working Group's Internet site, <http://www.workinggroup.org>, includes links to other sites concerned with gay and lesbian issues, publications, research, funding resources, and grant-writing tips. The Working Group has provided an on-line publication, *Funders of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Programs: A Directory for Grantseekers*.

For more information about the Working Group, contact: The Working Group on Funding Lesbian and Gay Issues, 116 E. 16th St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003; TEL 212-475-2930, FAX 212-982-3321, EMAIL info@workinggroup.org, WWW <http://www.workinggroup.org>.

Education, Skills Training, and Employment

Prairie State 2000 Authority

For information about the Prairie State programs listed below, contact the program's manager at: Prairie State 2000 Authority, James R. Thompson Center, Suite 4-800, 100 West Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60601; TEL 312-814-2700, TDD 312-814-3842, FAX 312-814-2703.

1) Prairie State Employer Training Assistance Program

Objective: Provide grants or loans to companies to offset trainer costs associated with new technology or quality/productivity improvement retraining. Funded retraining has included Total Quality Management, Just-In-Time/Continuous Improvement, Statistical Process Control, CNC Machine Training, and Computer Software Training.

Funding: Grants may cover up to 50 percent of costs; loans may offset up to 100 percent of costs.

Eligibility: Small- to medium-sized companies located in Illinois with no more than \$60 million in sales and a 20% pre-tax income are eligible if they meet any of the following conditions: currently operating at a loss and have a strategic plan that includes training as an important element; reinvesting profits to change products and processes to meet consumer demand; developing new products to expand markets; or operating in an environment that demands ISO or QS certification to remain competitive. The program does not cover costs of training that has already occurred, new hire training, wages of employees in training, or capital expenditures.

For more information, contact: Russ Clark, Employer Training Assistance Program Manager.

2) Prairie State Individual Training Assistance Program

Objective: Provide financial assistance to individuals who must retrain in new technologies or quality/productivity improvement systems in order to remain competitive. Retraining must benefit small- to medium-sized "primary" businesses in Illinois.

Funding: Employed persons may receive 50 percent of approved training program costs up to \$1,000. Funding for unemployed individuals will be considered.

Eligibility: An individual must be an Illinois resident and meet one of the following criteria: presently covered by the Illinois Unemployment Program; show evidence that he/she will be laid off in the next year if training is not had; or show evidence he/she will be laid off. See the guidelines for eligible businesses.

For more information, contact: Cheryl Austin, Individual Training Assistance Program Manager.

Best Buy Children's Foundation

Objective: Support multicultural programs in Best Buy market areas that serve children ages 5 to 18 and that increase learning opportunities or promote personal achievement, mentor relationships, and/or life skills.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations or organizations seeking this status. See the Foundation's guidelines for restrictions.

Deadlines: Proposals are accepted at any time. The Foundation's Board reviews proposals quarterly.

Application procedures: Complete the Foundation's application. Submit this application with the organization's current operating budget, project budget, list of past successful programs, IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit determination letter, list of organization's officers, most recent annual and financial reports, and a current completed 990 tax form.

Submit applications to and request information from: Best Buy Children's Foundation, Community Relations Department, PO Box 9312, Minneapolis, MN 55440-9312; TEL 612-996-4795, FAX 612-947-2693.

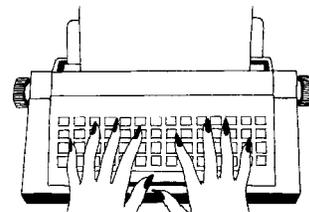
Typing Skills Software for Nonprofits

The Points of Light Foundation in collaboration with Mindscape is offering software through a program called "Mavis Cares." The software, "Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing," allows for self-instruction of typing and computer skills.

Nonprofit organizations, except for schools and libraries, can obtain copies of the software through area volunteer centers that are part of the Points of Light Foundation. There are seventeen Points of Light Foundation member volunteer centers in Illinois.

Copies of the software cannot be resold. Requests must be made on an organization's letterhead by December 31, 1998.

For further information, call TEL 888-808-4311. To locate the volunteer center in your area, call TEL 800-VOLUNTEER.



Education, Skills Training, and Employment Continued

U.S. Department of Education Special Education Programs

Note: The following eligibility, contact, and source information applies to programs 1) and 2) outlined below.

Eligibility: State and local educational agencies; higher education institutions; public agencies; private nonprofits; outlying areas; freely associated States; and Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

For applications and information, contact: Grants and Contracts Services Team, 600 Independence Ave. SW, Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641; FAX 202-205-8717, TEL 202-260-9182, TDD 202-205-8953. A FAX request is preferred.

Source: *Federal Register*, August 13, 1998

1) Postsecondary Student-Initiated Research Projects (84.324B)

Objective: Produce and disseminate knowledge to a) improve services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and b) improve education and early intervention outcomes for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities.

Funding/number of awards: The maximum award amount is \$20,000. Twelve awards are estimated.

Deadline: February 5, 1999

2) Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Students with Disabilities (84.327A)

Objective: Promote development, demonstration, and utilization of technology; support educational media activities that are of value to children with disabilities. Technology-based projects should be designed to improve literacy, improve access to and participation in general curriculum (or appropriate activities for preschool children), or improve accountability and participation in educational reform.

Funding/number of awards: At least one development project with an award maximum of \$200,000 for twelve months will be made. At least one award of up to \$300,000 will be made for projects in the research and evaluation stage and for projects in the implementation and validation stage. Up to fifteen awards may be made.

Eligibility: For-profit organizations are also eligible.

Deadline: December 18, 1998

Crime Prevention

Communities on Phone Patrol (COPP)

Objective: Donate pre-programmed wireless telephones and air time to volunteer neighborhood watch patrol groups that are working with police and sheriffs to prevent crime and address local quality of life issues.

Eligibility: Active volunteer citizen patrol groups who cover a defined and identifiable geographic area and who have an established partnership with a law enforcement agency. The participating law enforcement agency must be engaged in community policing. Please see the guidelines for other requirements. Phone donations depend on the availability of a participating local wireless carrier. One phone per group is allowed unless justification for additional phones is made.

Deadlines: There are no deadlines.

For applications, contact: Community Policing Consortium, Communities on Phone Patrol, 1726 M St. NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20036; TEL 202-833-0196, FAX 202-833-9295, EMAIL cpc@communitypolicing.org, WWW <http://www.communitypolicing.org>.

Second Annual Attorney General Jim Ryan's Community Involvement Awards

Objective: Recognize organizations and individuals for their participation in a local or state direct action program related to preventing crimes against older adults. This award is a component Attorney General Jim Ryan's Anti-Fraud Campaign and Senior Agenda.

Awards/eligibility: Five awards will be given in the categories of Media (print, radio, T.V.), Business, 501(c) Nonprofit Organization, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, and Community (village, township, city, county, state, school). Five individual awards will be given including one lifetime achievement award. Direct action programs must have been in existence for at least one year. Awards will be presented on December 3, 1998 at the Governor's Conference on Health and Aging in Chicago.

Deadlines: November 1, 1998

For information and applications, contact: Jeanne Blackman, Policy Advisor on Senior Issues, Office of the Attorney General, 500 South Second St., Springfield, IL 62706; TEL 217-782-9057.

Environmental Protection and Conservation

Environmental Resource Guide

Community-Based Environmental Protection: A Resource Book for Protecting Ecosystems and Communities provides systematic advice for developing an environmental protection organization and analyzing local environmental protection strategies. To request your free copy of the *Resource Book* (document number 230B96003), contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Publications and Information, PO Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; TEL 800-490-9198, WWW www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/.

Environmental Education Grants

Objective: Support new or expanding projects which design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Environmental education aims to increase public awareness and knowledge and provide the public with critical-thinking, problem-solving, and effective decision-making skills related to environmental issues. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Headquarters and Regional Offices will be making grants. Priorities for Headquarters grants include environmental education related to human health threats from environmental pollution, capacity building for the development and delivery of coordinated programs, education reform, and community-based environmental education. Related to environmental education, Regional Office priorities include those noted for EPA Headquarters and improving teaching skills, educating about environmental careers, and educating low-income or culturally-diverse audiences.

Funding/match requirement: Applicants may request from \$25,000 to \$250,000 from EPA Headquarters. Applicants may request \$25,000 or less from their EPA Regional Office. Applicants seeking \$150,000 or less from Headquarters or \$5,000 or less from Regional Offices have the best chances for funding. A non-federal cash, in-kind, or non-cash match of at least 25 percent of project costs is required.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include any local or tribal government education agency, state government education or environmental agency, college or university, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entity.

Deadline: Postmarked by November 16, 1998.

Application procedures: Submit one original and two copies of the proposal. A proposal must include the Ap-

plication for Federal Assistance (SF-424) and Budget Information (SF-424A), a work plan with a detailed budget, and appendices. Request the program guidelines for details about the work plan, proposal length and formatting, and proposal evaluation criteria.

For program guidelines, visit the WWW at <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed> or contact EPA Headquarters or your Regional Office (see contact information below).

For proposals requesting more than \$25,000, request information from Diane Berger or Sheri Jojokian, Environmental Education Specialists, TEL 202-260-8619. Submit proposals to Environmental Education Grant Program, Office of Environmental Education (1704), 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460.

For EPA Region V (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI) proposals requesting \$25,000 or less, seek information from Julie Moriarty, EE Office, TEL 312-353-5789. Submit proposals to U.S. EPA, Region V, Env Ed Grants, Grants Management Section (MC-10J), 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Source: *Federal Register*, August 25, 1998

American Farmland Trust (AFT): Steward of the Land Award

Objective: Recognize a U.S. farmer or farm family who has worked to stop loss of productive farmland and demonstrated farming practices that lead to a healthy environment.

Award: \$10,000 cash stipend and memento inscribed with the winner's name.

Eligibility: Nominees must be living, actively farming in the U.S., and using good land stewardship management practices or farming methods. Nominees who have actively promoted or developed farmland conservation practices or governmental protection policies will receive preference. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Staff and board members of the AFT are ineligible as nominees and nominators.

Deadline: November 2, 1998

Application procedures: Mail or fax a completed nomination form with attachments (application questions and other supporting material) to the American Farmland Trust.

For award guidelines and a nomination form, contact: American Farmland Trust, 1200 18th St. NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036; TEL 202-331-7300, FAX 202-659-8339, WWW <http://www.farmland.org>.

Community and Economic Development

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) 1999 Deadlines

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has released 1999 program deadlines for new applications.

The Corporation for National and Community Service programs allow people of all ages to serve nonprofit organizations or work on a variety of projects in their communities or around the U.S. Individuals, nonprofits, communities and their members, and teachers may be eligible for support from the Corporation for education, public safety, human services, environmental, and other community development projects and programs. Individuals committing service under a Corporation program may be eligible for educational awards.

Several Corporation program titles and their deadlines follow. For more information about the Corporation for National and Community Service programs, contact: Nancy Talbot, TEL 202-606-5000 ext. 470, TDD 202-565-2799. You may visit the Corporation's web site at <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

1) CNCS AmeriCorps* State and National Programs

The following programs and deadlines fall under the AmeriCorps* State Program: Competitive Programs, January 26, 1999; Formula Programs, April 20, 1999; and State Commission Administrative Funds, October 29, 1998. The AmeriCorps*National Program deadline is January 26, 1999.

2) CNCS AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps accepts applications at any time.

3) CNCS AmeriCorps* Tribes and Territories program deadline is April 20, 1999.

4) CNCS AmeriCorps Education Awards Program deadlines are January 26 and April 20, 1999.

5) CNCS Learn and Serve America programs and their deadlines include: School and Community-based, March 16, 1999; and Higher Education, March 16, 1999.

6) CNCS National Senior Corps includes these programs: Foster Grandparents; Senior Companions; and Retired and Senior Volunteers. If funding is available, the Senior Corps program deadline will be in May 1999.

The Microenterprise Fund for Innovation, Effectiveness, Learning, and Dissemination (FIELD)

Note: Specific program guidelines and deadline dates are being determined. This notice is provided for your timely proposal development.

Objective: Identify, develop, document, and disseminate best practice and knowledge about microenterprise development in low-income areas; make microenterprise services more available to poor entrepreneurs. Grants will be made in six "challenge areas." Examples of these areas include cost-effective techniques for training services; strategies for the sustainability of credit-led programs targeting the poor; and methods for effectively delivering advanced business assistance to entrepreneurs.

Funding: Two-year grants of \$100,000 each will be made to 30 organizations in six challenge areas.

Deadline: Not yet determined.

For more information, contact: Damon Bethea, Aspen Institute, Self-Employment Learning Program, TEL 202-833-7446, WWW www.aspeninst.org/dir/polpro/SELP/SELP1.html.

Sources: *Rural Update*, June 1998 and the FIELD Program Overview

Rural Housing Conference



The 1998 National Rural Housing Conference: A Place for Everyone is being held this December 9-12 at the Omni Shoreham in Washington, D.C. Conference programming will include these "tracks": Envisioning Rural Development Strategies; Applying Rural Housing Development Methods; Communicating Housing Needs; Financing the Deal; Managing and Administering a Nonprofit; and Creating a Place for Everyone (housing for special populations).

For registration materials received between October 17 and December 1, the cost of the conference is \$275 for nonprofits and \$315 for for-profit organizations. For conference information and registration materials, contact: Housing Assistance Council, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 606, Washington, DC 20005; TEL 202-842-8600 ext. 47, EMAIL nrhc98@ruralhome.org, WWW <http://www.ruralhome.org>.

Foundations/Corporations with Multiple Priorities

Edwin W. and Catherine M. Davis Foundation

Objective: Fund projects, programs, etc. which address social problems and/or increase opportunities for the disadvantaged especially in the fields of education, social welfare, mental health, arts, and environment.

Eligibility: Tax-exempt nonprofit organizations. The Foundation does not usually make grants to: individuals; capital campaigns for buildings or equipment; and endowment campaigns.

Deadlines: There are no deadlines.

Application procedures: Submit an application letter of up to three pages which includes the following information: background of the organization; need for specific program, project, or service; plan to address need; benefits provided by the program, project, or service; plans for evaluation of results; and program and/or organization budget. Include also the Internal Revenue Service's tax-exempt status letter.

For more information, contact: Edwin W. and Catherine M. Davis Foundation, 332 Minnesota St., Suite 2100, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1394; TEL 612-228-0935.

PPG Industries Foundation

Objective: Provide operating, capital and special grants in the areas of human services, health and safety, civic and community affairs, education, and culture.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. PPG gives priority to proposals from communities (and surrounding areas) in which PPG, Inc. operates. In Illinois, PPG Industries, Inc. is located in the Chicago region and in Mt. Zion.

Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round.

Application procedures: Submit a brief proposal to your local PPG Industries Foundation agent. Illinois local agents are David B. Church in Gurnee and James H. Giusti in Mt. Zion. In the proposal, include: the organization's mission statement; purpose and amount of request; project summary, timeline, evaluation strategy, intended outcomes, target population, and budget; project leader's qualifications; most recent audited financial report; and evidence of IRS 501(c)(3) status. Organizations of national scope should submit their proposals to the address below.

For information and Foundation guidelines, contact: Executive Director, PPG Industries Foundation, One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15272; TEL 412-434-2962.

Educational Foundation for America

Objective: Make grants for specific projects in areas including, but not limited to, the environment, energy, human overpopulation and reproductive freedom, Native Americans, the arts, education, medicine, and peace.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations.

Deadlines: There are no deadlines.

Application procedures: Submit a letter of inquiry (no more than two pages) printed back to back on unbleached, recycled paper. In the letter, identify the organization, its mission, and other organizational information (see the grant guidelines). The letter must also describe the project's purpose, outcomes, duration, budget, and funding strategy. Include also the amount requested, total organizational budget, and an IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter. The Foundation requests full proposals at its discretion.

For Foundation guidelines, write: The Educational Foundation of America, 35 Church Ln., Westport, CT, 06880.

Harry Chapin Foundation

Objective: The Foundation provides support for:

- Community education and programs that identify needs and gain resources to meet them and that foster social and economic justice.
- Arts in education programs and other approaches to teach young people about creating a healthy and peaceful world.
- Agricultural programs that support preservation of individually-owned farms.
- Organizations that promote equitable food production and distribution.
- Environmental programs that promote environmental sustainability.

Funding: The maximum grant is \$5,000.

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

Application procedures: Submit a brief written proposal that includes: organizational history; problem statement; program objectives, methods, evaluation procedures, and budget; description of future funding strategy; and proof of tax-exempt status.

Deadlines: Funding decisions are made in March, June, October, and December of each year.

For information, contact: Leslie Ramme, Executive Director, Harry Chapin Foundation, 83 Green St., Huntington, NY 11743; TEL 516-423-7558, FAX 516-385-0050, WWW <http://harrysfriends.com>.

Foundations/Corporations with Multiple Priorities Cont.

William Randolph Hearst Foundations

Note: Two foundations, the Hearst Foundation, Inc., and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, are operated together with the same giving guidelines.

Objective: Provide access and opportunity to underrepresented, low-income, and minority populations in the following areas:

- Education (support postsecondary education through endowed scholarships; support a small number of private K-12 schools; support limited number of private organizations working to improve public education).
- Health (improve and increase access to health care primarily by working through regional hospitals and medical centers; support perinatology and pediatrics, cancer, stroke, aging, women's health issues, and medical research).
- Human Services (provide support to well-established, larger agencies; support requests for technical assistance, management training, and leadership development to help nonprofits efficiently and effectively deliver services).
- Culture (increase arts access and educational opportunities; endow arts education and/or community outreach programs through major cultural institutions).

Eligibility: Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Deadlines: Proposals are accepted year-round. Proposals are discussed at quarterly Board meetings in March, June, September, and December.

Application procedures: The Foundation has no formal application forms. Submit a one page proposal summary that describes the organization's mission and the purpose and dollar amount of the request. Attach an expanded proposal narrative of five or less pages. Attach the following information: budget and justification; organizational operating budget; audited financial report; other support sources for the project and organization; names and affiliations of officers and board members; and IRS documentation showing the organization is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Organizations located east of the Mississippi River should send requests to: The William Randolph Hearst Foundations, 888 Seventh Ave., 45th Floor, New York, NY, 10106; TEL 212-586-5404.

Organizations located west of the Mississippi River should send requests to: The William Randolph Hearst Foundations, 90 New Montgomery St., Suite 1212, San Francisco, CA 94105; TEL 415-543-0400.

Charles Stuart Mott Foundation

Objective: Support low-income communities, families, and individuals through these Foundation programs:

- Building Capacity (community organizing and development, community leadership development, and violence prevention);
- Strengthening Families (teenage pregnancy prevention, family and parenting support, and early childhood development);
- Improving Education (school community initiatives);
- Expanding Economic Opportunity (targeted labor market/industry development, private capital development, enterprise development, and income security); and
- Cross-Cutting Initiatives (comprehensive community revitalization and exploratory and special projects in the field of poverty alleviation).

Eligibility: Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Deadlines: Proposals are accepted at any time but their submission is encouraged in the first quarter of the year.

Application procedures: An applicant should submit a brief letter of inquiry that describes the project's purpose, objectives, methodology, and costs. Foundation staff will review this information and determine if the applicant should submit a full proposal.

For the Foundation's giving guidelines, Philosophy, Programs, and Procedures: Poverty, write to the Foundation at the address below or contact: TEL 810-238-5651, FAX 810-766-1753, Publications Hotline 800-645-1766, EMAIL infocenter@mott.org, WWW www.mott.org.
Send proposals to: Office of Proposal Entry, Charles Stuart Mott Foundation, 1200 Mott Foundation Building, Flint, MI 48502-1851. Clearly mark proposals "GRANT PROPOSAL."



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Grant-Writing Workshop: Registration Deadline Is October 21

You are invited to attend a one-day grant-writing workshop cosponsored by the Illinois Rural Health Association and the Applied Social Research Unit of Illinois State University. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 28, 1998 at Jumer's Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois. The workshop fee will include lunch.

Please make checks payable to Illinois State University. Send checks and this registration form to Applied Social Research Unit, Illinois State University, Campus Box 4950, Normal, IL 61790-4950 by October 21. To request more information or an accommodation, contact Sharon Mills, Applied Social Research Unit, TEL 309-438-7771.

Workshop fee:

- \$35 for members of Rural Partners or the Illinois Rural Health Association
- \$50 for nonmembers of either organization

Please indicate your interest in two afternoon sessions.

- What's Wrong (and Right) with this Proposal?
- Writing a Pre-proposal Letter
- Funding Resources for Grant Writers
- Grant Writer's Support Group

Please provide the following contact information.

Name _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Project Interests _____