



# Grant News

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## A New Year of Opportunities

A new year brings new opportunities for your community and organization. As the new editor of *Grant News*, I look forward to providing you information about funding opportunities to help your community and organization be the best they can be. I come to *Grant News* with a diverse background: education, healthcare, planning, small business, sociology, and research. My goal is to help you find support opportunities by searching and sorting through the funding maze.

A new feature of *Grant News* in 1999 is the addition of alternatives to grant funding sources. Many dollars are available in the form of loans, bonds, and other revolving funds. We at *Grant News* hope you find this information useful this coming year.

To start the year, here are some perspectives of grant reviewers that may offer insight to your current grant writing techniques. These comments are taken from the Fall 1998 issue of *Water Sense*:

"If I can't understand the title, then I don't fund it."

"If you haven't told us what you want by the third paragraph, chances are you're not going to get it."

"Be thorough in your preparation and research before attempting to initiate contact with a funder."

"Statistics are important, but can be confusing. Use them when they set the stage and give a context for the project."

"Start with clarity and no fluff. I remember one proposal that was just bullet format. It was clear, succinct and to the point. From a literary point of view, it was dull, but programmatically, it was clear and precise."

"Ideas need to stand out. If the format of the proposal helps accomplish that, then it is O.K. But fancy fonts and layout don't carry much weight in and of themselves."

"We like to see more, rather than less, information in the budget. We want to see how our money will be used, how it will fit into the whole picture."

"What makes me crazy is an organization ignoring our guidelines."

Let's not make our funders crazy reading our applications. I wish you good grant-getting in 1999!

*Kelly*

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### ***Correction . . .***

The Internet address for *Grant Alerts* published on page 11 in the September 1998 issue of *Grant News* is incorrect. *Grant Alerts'* Internet address is:

[www.legis.state.il.us.commission/igcc\\_home.html](http://www.legis.state.il.us.commission/igcc_home.html)

## Families and Children

### A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, Inc.

**Objective:** Improve collaboration, relationships, and networks that focus on families and children. Past funding focused on educating politicians, corporations, and the public about what constitutes quality early child care and education.

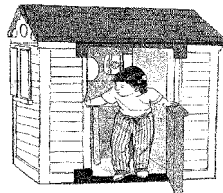
**Eligibility:** Tax-exempt organizations that serve a national audience are eligible to apply. Funding is not provided for ongoing direct services, general operating expenses, capital expenditures, endowment campaigns, or individual support.

**Deadlines:** Proposals should be received by June 15th for fall review and by January 15 for spring review.

**Application:** Applicants are urged to write a short letter describing their project before writing a full proposal.

**Information:**

*A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, Inc.*  
 707 Westchester Avenue  
 White Plains, NY 10604  
 TEL: (914) 681-4448  
 FAX: (914) 681-5182  
 INTERNET: [www.mailman.org](http://www.mailman.org)



### Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)

**Objective:** Support programs that directly benefit children. Three areas of support are considered: 1) civic and social services; 2) education and the arts; and 3) health care and medical research, including Ronald McDonald Houses.

**Eligibility:** Not-for-profit and tax-exempt organizations with a broad base of funding that demonstrate an ability to manage specific programs with measurable results. Funds are ineligible for advertising campaigns, political programs, administrative costs, intermediary agencies, endowments, and ongoing salaries or travel expenses.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Proposals must be submitted on a RMHC grant application form. Acknowledgment of proposal receipt will be sent within 30 days. The Board of Trustees meets quarterly to award grants. Award notices are sent within two weeks of Board decisions.

**Information:**

*Ronald McDonald House Charities*  
 Kroc Drive  
 Oak Brook, IL 60521  
 TEL: (630) 575-7048  
 FAX: (630) 575-7488  
 INTERNET: [www.rmhc.com/grant/index.html](http://www.rmhc.com/grant/index.html)

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Grant and other information was obtained from multiple sources including the *Federal Register*, various federal and state agencies, and private foundations. Obtain additional information about the opportunities which appear in *Grant News* by contacting the appropriate foundation, federal or state agency, or:

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## Volunteer Support

### Points of Light Foundation Awards

#### 1) Excellence in Corporate Community Service

**Objective:** Honor a company's overall employee and retiree volunteer effort, including not only the actual community service program, but also the policies and the corporate vision that support volunteer activities.

**Eligibility:** Business of all kinds and sizes that are addressing a serious community need through a company-wide and company-supported employee volunteer program.

**Deadline:** Nominations are due by July 5, 1999.

**Nomination:** Businesses are encouraged to nominate themselves. Organizations that benefit from employee volunteer programs may nominate the companies that support them.

**Information:**

*The Points of Light Foundation  
1400 I Street NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20005  
TEL: (209) 729-8184  
EMAIL: MClark@PointsofLight.org*

#### 2) Daily Points of Light Award

**Objective:** Honor persons who have served the needs of communities through volunteer work in critical areas, especially through work with children and youth.

**Eligibility:** Any business, family, group, individual, labor union, or organization involved in either domestic or international volunteer service.

**Deadline:** None.

**Nomination:** Applications are submitted on an Official Nomination Form. Nomination forms can be requested from the contact information below, or are available on the Internet at:

*www.MindShares.org/dpol/NominationForm.htm*

**Information:**

*The Points of Light Foundation  
1400 I Street NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20005  
TEL: (202) 729-8000  
FAX: (202) 729-8100  
EMAIL: volnet@pointsoflight.org*



**Point of interest:** The Points of Light Program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, The Points of Light Foundation, and The Corporation for National Service.

### AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC): Corporation for National and Community Service

**Objective:** Find community partners for service projects in the areas of environment, education, public safety, disaster relief, and other unmet human needs.

**Award:** Collaborating organizations are not charged for the services of AmeriCorps\*NCCC team services or transportation, but are expected to provide the necessary materials, equipment, and technical supervision for projects, as well as assist with food and lodging.

**Eligibility:** Private nonprofit organizations; governmental entities at the federal, state, and local levels; educational institutions; community-based organizations; and Native American Tribal Councils.

**Deadline:** Proposals are accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

**Application:** Interested parties should use the information below to apply.

**Information:**

*AmeriCorps\*NCCC Central Region Campus  
Attn: Ms. Karen LaBat  
Director of Projects and Training  
1059 Yosemite Street, Building 758, Room 213  
Aurora, CO 80010-6062  
TEL: (309) 340-7305  
INTERNET: [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)*

### Global Volunteers Millennium Service Project

**Objective:** Provide the opportunity for volunteers to work with and learn from local people on a variety of projects.

**Eligibility:** Communities willing to invite and direct eight to 15 volunteers to work on a specific project for seven days.

**Deadline:** None.

**Application:** Request a USA Host Community Application from the contact below. After the application is received and reviewed, a staff member will call to discuss possible collaboration.

**Information:**

*Maren Fustgaard  
Director of Development  
Millennium Service Project, Global Volunteers  
375 E Little Canada Road  
St. Paul, MN 55117-1628  
TEL: (800) 398-8787  
FAX: (651) 482-0915  
EMAIL: [mfustgaard@globalvolunteers.org](mailto:mfustgaard@globalvolunteers.org)*

## Education

### Star Schools Program

**Objective:** Provide grants to encourage improvement in instruction of mathematics, science, foreign language, literacy skills, vocational education, and other subjects; help under-served populations through the development, construction, and acquisition of telecommunications facilities, equipment, and instructional programming.

**Eligibility:** Statewide or multi-state telecommunication partnerships. Grants are made for general Star Schools grants, statewide grants, and high school completion and adult literacy grants. Grants are also made for a special local network project, and leadership, dissemination, and evaluation activities.

**Deadline:** February 22, 1999.

**Application:** Applications will be ready by the middle of January 1999. Send contact information via facsimile to be put on the mailing list. You will receive an application when it becomes available.

**Information:**

*Joseph Wilkes*  
*Office of Educational Research and Improvement*  
*Learning Technologies Division*  
*555 New Jersey Avenue NW*  
*Washington, DC 20208-5645*  
*TEL: (202) 219-2186*  
*FAX: (202) 208-4042*  
*EMAIL: Joseph\_Wilkes@ed.gov*  
*INTERNET: www.ed.gov/prog\_info/StarSchools*

### Parent Assistance

**Objective:** Provide parents with training, information, and support to help them better understand their children's developmental and educational needs; and strengthen partnerships between parents and schools to enable children to achieve high standards. The project is part of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act.

**Eligibility:** Individual nonprofit organizations, or nonprofit organizations working in consortia with local education agencies with at least one-half of funds serving low-income children.

**Deadline:** March 1, 1999.

**Application:** Applications will be ready by the middle of January 1999. Send contact information via facsimile to be put on the mailing list. You will receive an application when it becomes available.

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**Information:**

*Patricia Gore*  
*US Department of Education*  
*OESE, Goals 2000*  
*400 Maryland Avenue SW*  
*Room 3E231, FOB6*  
*Washington, DC 20202-6100*  
*TEL: (202) 205-5870*  
*FAX: (202) 401-0039*

### 21st Century Community Learning Centers

**Objective:** Provide grants to rural and inner-city public elementary or secondary schools to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit the education, health, social service, cultural, and recreational needs of rural or inner-city communities.

**Award:** Awards range from \$35,000 to \$2,000,000. It is anticipated that between 275 and 300 new programs will be funded by May 31, 1999.

**Eligibility:** Rural and inner-city elementary or secondary schools, or consortia of such elementary or secondary schools.

**Deadline:** March 1, 1999.

**Application:** Available on the Internet at:  
[www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/21stCCLC/](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/21stCCLC/)

**Information:**

*Carol J. Mitchell or Amanda Clyburn*  
*Office of Educational Research and Improvement*  
*Office of Reform Assistance and Dissemination*  
*555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Room 504*  
*Washington, DC 20208-5644*  
*TEL: (202) 219-2180*  
*FAX: (202) 219-2198*  
*EMAIL: Mitchell@ed.gov; or,*  
*Amanda\_Clyburn@ed.gov*



### Federal Resources for Education Excellence

Persons seeking partners for curriculum development support from federal agencies can be found at the Internet site:  
[www.ed.gov/free](http://www.ed.gov/free).

## Human Rights

### The Lifebridge Foundation, Inc.

**Objective:** Provide operating support, seed money, and matching funds for social investment to promote human goodwill using holistic approach methods.

**Eligibility:** Individuals, companies, or organizations that are not involved in the manufacturing of weapons, polluting the environment, or damaging human and health relations.

**Funding:** The average grant is \$8,000. Up to three years of support is considered.

**Deadline:** None.

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**Application:** Introductory letters are accepted. The letter should describe how the organization and proposed project reflect the Foundation's philosophy. Do not send any other supporting materials unless you are an individual applicant. Individual applicants should send a brief resume.

**Information:**

*The Lifebridge Foundation, Inc.*

*PO Box 793*

*Times Square Station*

*New York, NY 10108*

*TEL: (212) 757-9711*

*INTERNET: www.lifebridge.org*

## Business Development

### Starting and Expanding Your Small Business Workshops

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs sponsors workshops focusing on starting and expanding a small business. The series includes sessions on Building a Winning Image, Analyzing the Marketplace, Business Planning, and Getting the Money.

**Dates:** February 4 through February 25, 1999; and March 4 through March 25, 1999.

**Times:** Thursday evenings.

**Places:** Spoon River Community College (February); Carl Sandburg Community College (March).

**Costs:** \$32.00 for individuals; \$52.00 for two persons registering simultaneously.

**Information:**

*Spoon River Community College*

*Small Business Development Center*

*TEL: (309) 649-6278*

*Carl Sandburg Community College*

*Small Business Development Center*

*TEL: (217) 357-3129*

### Illinois Manufacturing Extension Centers (IMECs)

Solutions for manufacturers are offered at three regional and thirteen field offices throughout the state. Engineering, technology, and management assistance is provided for a variety of manufacturing needs: process improvement, quality assurance, waste management, and other needs.

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**Information:**

*Robert Weinstein*

*404 Jobst Hall*

*Bradley University*

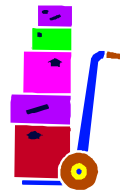
*Peoria, IL 61625*

*TEL: (309) 677-4632*

*FAX: (309) 677-3289*

*EMAIL: imec@bradley.edu*

*INTERNET: www.imec1.org*



### Advanced Technology Program (ATP)

**Objective:** Accelerate the development of high-risk technologies that promise significant commercial payoffs and widespread benefits for the economy.

**Eligibility:** Companies of all sizes involved in technological innovation. Companies can be operating individually, or in joint ventures with other companies or with universities.

**Match requirement:** Joint ventures must pay at least 50% of project costs. Single companies must pay all indirect costs associated with the project.

**Deadline:** April 14, 1999.

**Application:** Pre-proposals may be submitted. Preparation Kits are available.

**Information:**

*National Institute of Standards and Technology*

*Advanced Technology Program*

*100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4701*

*Administration Building 101, Room A407*

*Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4701*

*TEL: (800) 287-3863*

*FAX: (301) 926-9524*

*EMAIL: atp@nist.gov*

## Museums and The Arts

### **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**

**Objective:** Strengthen museums and libraries to benefit the public.

#### **1) IMLS Museum Assessment Program (MAP)**

**Award:** Noncompetitive technical assistance awards are made on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The MAP program is comprised of a self-study and a site visit by museum professionals that results in a report with recommendations of the museum's operations.

**Eligibility:** Museums may apply for MAP assessments in any sequence. There are three MAP programs:

#### **1a) IMLS MAP III - Public Dimension Assessment**

**Objective:** Support an evaluation of public programs and operations.

**Deadline:** February 26, 1999.

#### **1b) IMLS MAP II - Collections Management Assessment**

**Objective:** Support an evaluation of collections care and management.

**Deadline:** March 12, 1999.

#### **1c) IMLS MAP I - Institutional Assessment**

**Objective:** Support an evaluation of overall programs and operations.

**Deadline:** April 30, 1999.

#### **Information:**

*Beth Ann Schmitt, Program Officer*  
IMLS

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20506

TEL: (209) 606-4645

EMAIL: [bschmitt@imls.fed.us](mailto:bschmitt@imls.fed.us); [imlsinfor@imls.fed.us](mailto:imlsinfor@imls.fed.us)  
INTERNET: [www.imls.fed.us](http://www.imls.fed.us)

#### **2) IMLS Conservation Project Support**

**Objective:** Assist museums to develop a logical, institution-wide approach to caring for their living and nonliving collections by identifying conservation needs and priorities.

**Award:** Grants for amounts up to \$50,000. Exceptional Projects will be funded for up to \$75,000. Funds need to be matched 1:1. An additional \$10,000 is available for projects with an educational component. The education component does not require a 1:1 match. **(Continued)**

Grants are available for four broad types of activities: 1) environmental improvements; 2) research; 3) surveys; and, 4) treatment.

**Eligibility:** Museums seeking conservation care monies, not collection management or maintenance funds.

**Deadline:** March 5, 1999.

#### **Information:**

*Steven Shwartzman, Program Officer*  
IMLS

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20506

TEL: (202) 606-4641

EMAIL: [sschwartzman@imls.fed.us](mailto:sschwartzman@imls.fed.us)

INTERNET: [www.imls.fed.us](http://www.imls.fed.us)



### **Heartland Arts Fund Community Connections**

**Objective:** Help presenting organizations pay the fees of performing artists from the Heartland region.

**Funding:** Artists must be from outside the presenting organization's home state and metropolitan area. One public performance and one educational activity must be included in the presentation.

**Award:** The maximum award per application is \$5,000. Up to five applications will be considered for a maximum of \$13,000 to be awarded to one organization. Heartland will contribute up to 25% of fees for artists within the region; and up to 15% of fees from artists from outside the heartland region. Rural or economically distressed communities receive an additional 5% of artist fee support.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations or, units of federal, state, local, or tribal government can apply to host an event between September 1, 1999 and August 31, 2000.

**Deadlines:** Early submission of applications is recommended. Applications may be submitted starting January 15, 1999. Submissions postmarked after May 1, 1999 and facsimile applications will not be accepted.

#### **Information:**

*Darla Berry or Alison Smith*  
Heartland Arts Fund Staff

912 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 700  
Kansas City, MO 64105

TEL: (816) 421-1388

FAX: (816) 421-3918

EMAIL: [darla@maaa.org](mailto:darla@maaa.org); [alison@maaa.org](mailto:alison@maaa.org)

INTERNET: [www.maaa.org](http://www.maaa.org)

## Community Development

### Project ACTION (Accessible Community Transportation In Our Nation) Technical Assistance Development Grants

**Objective:** Support innovation and cooperation in solving transit accessibility issues. Research and demonstration "seed" projects that develop training, products, and models for transit operations personnel in pursuit of ADA compliance are considered.

**Funding:** Nonrenewable 12 to 18 month grants for up to \$150,000 will be considered. Award announcements will be made by April 2, 1999.

**Eligibility:** Transit organizations and organizations representing persons with disabilities working collaboratively or individually are invited to apply. Specific topics to be considered include "A Model For Solving Rural Transportation Issues," "Finding the Connection Between Jobs and Transportation" and, "Serving Older Adults and People with Disabilities." These are only a few of the topics to be considered. For a complete listing, contact Project ACTION using the information below. Individual applicants will not be considered.

**Deadline:** February 12, 1999.

**Information:**

*Project ACTION*  
700 Thirteenth Street NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005  
TEL: (800) 659-6428  
EMAIL: [project\\_action@nessdc.org](mailto:project_action@nessdc.org)  
INTERNET: [www.projectaction.org](http://www.projectaction.org)



### State Justice Institute (SJI) Technical Assistance Grants

**Objective:** Support state and local courts to obtain assistance to diagnose a problem, develop a response to that problem, and initiate implementation of any needed changes.

**Eligibility:** State and local courts willing to match funding with at least 50% cash or in-kind contributions.

**Deadline:** March 12, June 11, September 30, 1999.

**Application:** Send three copies of a detailed letter describing the proposed project along with letters from an individual trial or appellate court signed by the presiding judge or manager of that court. Letters from the state court system must be signed by the Chief Justice or State Court Administrator. Criteria to be addressed in letters can be obtained from the contact information in the next column.

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**Information:**

*State Justice Institute*  
1650 King Street, Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
TEL: (703) 684-6100  
EMAIL: [sji@clark.net](mailto:sji@clark.net)

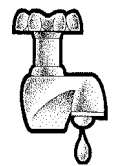
### National Drinking Water Clearinghouse (NDWC) FREE Publications

The National Drinking Water Clearinghouse offers FREE publications, except for shipping charges. Items are limited to one of each publication per order.

- 1) *The Drinking Water Handbook for Public Officials* provides information to help public officials understand water systems. Request item #DWBKMG09.
- 2) *Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Publications* contains a listing of free drinking water publication resources. Request item #DWBKGN23.
- 3) *Yes You Can: Two Small Towns Show How To Save Money and Water* outlines how several communities saved money and water through public education. Request item #DWRPE08.
- 4) *Methods for Assessing Small Water System Capability: A Review of Current Techniques and Approaches* is an EPA manual that explains methods for assessing small water system capacity. Request item #DWBLTR13.
- 5) *Benefits of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure* documents the need for continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure. Request item #DWBLRE06.

**Information:**

*National Drinking Water Clearinghouse*  
West Virginia University  
PO Box 6064  
Morgantown, WV 26506-6064  
TEL: (800) 624-8301  
TEL: (304) 293-4191  
EMAIL: [ndwc\\_orders@ndwc.wvu.edu](mailto:ndwc_orders@ndwc.wvu.edu)



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## Community Development

### Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP)

**Objective:** Provide funds for projects that benefit low- to moderate-income people. Grants may be used for a variety of purposes such as business location or expansion projects that create jobs; projects that upgrade housing; and public facilities that alleviate threats to public health and safety.

**Eligibility:** Non-urban units of local government (counties, cities, villages, and townships) with fewer than 50,000 persons.

**Funding:** Seven categories of grants will be funded in 1999.

**Preparation:** See 1999 CDAP Grant Writing Workshop Information on page 9.

**Application:** Call (217) 785-7546 for guidebooks.

**Information:**

*Jean Thomas*

*Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs*

*620 E Adams Street*

*Springfield, IL 62701*

*TEL: (217) 782-6136; (217) 785-6142*

*TDD: (800) 785-6055*

*FAX: (217) 785-6454*

*EMAIL: jthomas@commerce.state.il.us*

*INTERNET: www.commerce.state.il.us*

#### 1) CDAP Planning Assistance Grants

**Objective:** Support planning projects for construction-based activities. Planning projects that address public health and safety projects, such as water and sewer problems, are given priority. Research, planning, and implementation activities are all supported.

**Funding:** Competitive grants up to \$25,000 are awarded. \$500,000 is available statewide.

**Deadline:** April 21, 1999.

#### 2) CDAP Removal of Architectural Barriers Grants

**Objective:** Help with removal of architectural barriers that restrict persons with disabilities from access to publicly owned buildings.

**Funding:** Competitive grants up to \$150,000 are awarded. \$750,000 is available statewide.

**Deadline:** May 19, 1999.

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#### 3) CDAP Housing Rehabilitation Grants

**Objective:** Upgrade and expand housing to provide safe and sanitary living conditions.

**Funding:** Competitive grants up to \$400,000 are awarded. \$7,000,000 is available statewide.

**Deadline:** July 23, 1999.

#### 4) CDAP Public Facilities Construction Grants

**Objective:** Help communities undertake projects designed to improve the public infrastructure and eliminate detrimental public health and safety conditions.

**Funding:** Competitive grants up to \$400,000 are awarded. \$18,200,000 is available statewide.

**Deadline:** October 5, 1999.

#### 5) CDAP Public Facilities Design Engineering Grants

**Objective:** Design engineering necessary to apply for a CDAP Public Facilities Construction grant (see information above).

**Funding:** Competitive grants up to \$100,000 are awarded. \$1,000,000 is available statewide.

**Deadline:** October 5, 1999.

#### 6) CDAP Economic Development Grants

**Objective:** Improve public infrastructure to support the expansion or location of a business in a community.

**Funding:** Grants up to \$500,000 are awarded. \$8,000,000 is available statewide. Funds may also be used for loan to business for purchasing machinery and equipment, working capital, and building construction and renovation.

**Deadline:** None.

#### 7) CDAP Emergency Public Facilities Grants

**Objective:** Improve public infrastructure and eliminate conditions detrimental to public health, safety, and welfare.

**Eligibility:** Communities with emergencies.

**Funding:** Competitive grants up to \$100,000 are awarded. \$750,000 is available statewide.

**Deadline:** None.



**CDAP Grant Writing Workshop information is on page 9.**



## Grant Writing

### Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant Writing Workshop

Community leaders, administrators, engineers, and consultants interested in applying for CDAP funding can attend the 1999 CDAP Grant Writing Workshop to be held on February 3, 1999 at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois.

You may register by telephone by calling (217) 785-7546, TDD (217) 785-6055 no later than **January 27, 1999**. Be prepared to select a morning and afternoon session topic from the agenda below. A map will be sent with your confirmation. The tentative agenda for the workshop is as follows:

**8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

Registration and continental breakfast

**9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

Welcome, agenda, and program overview

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Morning Break-out Presentations (concurrent)

**Session 1**

Beginner Session, including Planning Assistance

**Session 2**

Housing Rehabilitation

**Session 3**

Economic Development

**Session 4**

Removal of Architectural Barriers

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Lunch—on your own

**1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Afternoon Break-out Presentations (concurrent)

**Session 5**

Public Facilities Construction, Design Engineering, and Planning Assistance

**Session 6**

Housing Rehabilitation

**Session 7**

Economic Development

**Session 8**

Removal of Architectural Barriers

### Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) *Proposal Writing*

The Office of Policy Development, Planning, and Research of DCCA offers a FREE publication: *Proposal Writing: The Basic Steps in Planning and Writing a Successful Grant Application*. Along with a directory of resources, this informative booklet discusses the details of grant writing covering the topics of:

- √ Planning
- √ Preparing
- √ Writing
- √ Budgeting

#### Ordering information:

*Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs*

*Information Distribution Center*

*620 E Adams Street - LL*

*Springfield, IL 62701*

*TEL: (217) 785-7546*

*TDD: (800) 785-6055*

### Internet Sites Focused on Grant Writing

The Internet offers a wealth of information about grant writing. Here are the paths to a few sites that may offer a few tips for you.

1) The Grants Information Center at the University of Wisconsin contains links to sites that offer grant-writing information:

[www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/grants/proposal.htm](http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/grants/proposal.htm)

2) The Foundation Center offers A Proposal Writing Short Course at:

[www.fdncenter.org/onlib/shortcourse/prop1.html](http://www.fdncenter.org/onlib/shortcourse/prop1.html)

3) Grant Seeking 101 is a free site designed by Aspen Publishers, Inc. It is a good site for beginners:

[www.grantscape.com/omaha/grants/services/101.html](http://www.grantscape.com/omaha/grants/services/101.html)

## Health Care



### **Funds for Loan Repayment Program of Health Professions Educational Loans: Indian Health Service**

**Objective:** Recruit health professionals to work in Indian health programs.

**Award:** The average award is \$50,000. Amounts up to \$30,000 per year are paid to participants for the purposes of repaying undergraduate and graduate tuition and living expense educational loans. Notice of awards will be mailed on the last working day of each month.

**Eligibility:** Full-time health professionals.

**Deadlines:** Second Friday of each month starting January 15, 1999 until funds are exhausted.

**Application and information:**

*Application for the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program*

*Mr. Charles Yepa, Chief*

*IHS Loan Repayment Program*

*12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 100*

*Rockville, MD 20852*

*TEL: (301) 443-3396*

### **Public Health Conference Support Grant Program**

**Objective:** Provide partial support for specific non-federal conferences in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, information, and education programs. Two organizations with different missions are supporting the program: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

#### **1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**Award:** 25 to 30 awards will be granted about thirty days before the date of the conference. It is expected that the average award will be \$15,000.

**Eligibility:** Non-lobbying public and private nonprofit and for-profit organizations including universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, state and local governments or their bona fide agents.

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#### **2) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)**

**Award:** \$5,000 to \$10,000 made about thirty days before the date of the conference.

**Eligibility:** Public health agencies or their bona fide agents; state entities such as universities, colleges, or research institutions; and associations of health professionals.

**Funding:** Matching funds are required. Full funding (100%) will not be awarded. Funds may be used for direct costs for only those parts of the conference supporting the issues of CDC or ATSDR. Funds may not be used for equipment purchases, honoraria payments, renovation, dues, entertainment, travel and payment for a federal employee, non-local per diem expenses, or giveaways. Indirect costs are not funded.

**Deadlines:** Letter of intent postmarked no later than April 5, 1999; application due June 14, 1999. Facsimiles are not acceptable.

**Application information:** Submit an original and two copies of a one-page typewritten Letter of Intent that briefly describes the title, location, purpose, and date of the proposed conference and the intended audience (number and profession); and, the estimated total cost of the conference and the percentage of the total cost being requested from CDC or ATSDR. Current recipients must provide the title and award number of their funded programs. Letters of Intent will be reviewed by program staff for consistency with the missions of CDC and ATSDR. CDC's mission focuses on prevention. ATSDR's mission focuses on quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances such as pollution. Applicants will be invited to apply by a Grants Management Officer after the submission of the Letter of Intent.

**Submission information:**

*Nelda Y. Godfrey, Grants Management Specialist*

*Grants Management Branch*

*Procurement and Grants Office*

*Announcement Number 99006*

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

*Mailstop E-15, Room 30*

*255 E Paces Ferry Road NE*

*Atlanta, GA 30305-2209*

**Additional information:**

Call (888) 472-6874. Leave your name, address, and phone number. Refer to Announcement Number 99006.

## Health Care

### Occupational Safety and Health Demonstration Grants

**Objective:** Develop knowledge that can be used in preventing occupational diseases and injuries. Projects should address the technical or economic feasibility of implementing a procedure, method, technique, or system for preventing occupational safety or health problems. Pilot or full-scale projects conducted in workplace settings with base-line and evaluation measures will be considered.

**Eligibility:** Domestic and foreign nonprofit and for-profit organizations; universities and college research institutions; state and local governments; and businesses.

**Deadlines:** Continuous. Applications are reviewed three to six months after they are received. Receipt dates are the first day of February, June, and October in 1999 and in subsequent years until further notice.

**Application information:** Refer to Announcement Number 811 when requesting information and submitting an application. A standard federal research grant application, Form PHS-398 (OMB Number 0925-0001) is used to apply. Form PHS-398 is available from:

*Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office*

*Office of Extramural Research  
6701 Rockledge Drive, MS-C7910  
Bethesda, MD 20892-7910*

*TEL: (301) 435-0714*

*FAX: (301) 480-8443*

*EMAIL: girg@drupo.drg.nih.gov*

**Technical assistance information:** Applications are first reviewed for scientific merit and then for programmatic importance. Technical assistance may be obtained from:  
*Roy M. Fleming, Sc.D.*

*Associate Director for Grants*

*National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

*Building 1, Room 3053, MS-D30*

*1600 Clifton Road NE*

*Atlanta, GA 30333*

*TEL: (404) 639-3344*

*FAX: (404) 639-4616*

*EMAIL: rmf2@cdc.gov*

### Rural/Downstate Health Act Grant Funds: Center for Rural Health, Illinois Department of Public Health

**Objective:** Increase the availability of primary health care services to unserved or under-served citizens in Illinois. Award categories include:

- 1) Grants to Develop Community Based Primary Care;
- 2) Grants to Hospitals Located in Designated Shortage Areas;
- 3) Grants to Assist and Expand Community Health Centers' Programs.

**Eligibility:** Notice has been sent to community health centers, local health departments, and rural hospitals and health clinics. Any organization with interest is welcome to apply.

**Funding:** Requests are limited to \$75,000 per year. Projects which develop clinic sites or directly provide health care services are eligible for a maximum of six years funding. Other projects are eligible for up to four years of funding.

**Deadlines:** Requests for proposals will be available on or about January 1, 1999. Funds will be dispersed beginning July 1999.

**Information:**

*Julie Myers  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Center for Rural Health  
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Springfield, IL 62761-0001  
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**Information:**

*Carol Harper*  
Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University  
Stipes Hall 518, 1 University Circle  
Macomb, IL 61455-1390  
TEL: (800) 526-9943 or (309) 298-2237

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**Information:**

*Nathela Chatara*  
Illinois Rural Health Association  
1224 Centre West, Suite 200B  
Springfield, IL 62704  
TEL: (800) 500-1560