



Grant News

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Spring Cleaning

Flowers will be springing from the earth soon to remind us of a new season. Spring not only reminds us of a new season, but also a tradition of spring cleaning. So....

I challenge you to spring into your file drawers and go through past grants for which you applied but did not receive. Do this on a "good" day. Having been declined for funding after working hard putting together a proposal does not bring on spring-like feelings! The fresh news is that these proposals may be the keys to future funding success. Funders decline proposals for a number of reasons. Sometimes funders inform you of these reasons and sometimes they do not. For proposals that you "should have" received funding but did not, ask "Is now a better time to apply?"

If now may be a better time to apply, check the current status of the funding source. Decide if you should reapply now or in the future. "Fix" the proposal and ask for funding again.

If now is not a better time to apply, ask if you should have even applied for the funding originally. Matching funder's goals with programmatic goals is the first and maybe the most important part of grant-seeking.

If you think you should just make hay from those old proposals, think again. Parts of a declined proposal may contain valuable information in application for funding from a new grant resource.

Previous issues of *Grant News* may offer new sources of funding for previously declined proposals. If you do not have a file of past *Grant News* issues, you can access copies via the Internet at www.socialresearch.ilstu.edu. If you do not have Internet access, call me at (309) 438-2797 and I will send you issues that might help you reach your goals.

I, too, have spring cleaning goals. *Grant News* is sent to you free through the generous support of the Center for Rural Health, the Illinois Rural Health Association, and Rural Partners. Please help me make the best use of support dollars by helping me keep costs down. Call me if you can access *Grant News* via the Internet, if you no longer have a need to receive *Grant News*, or if you have a funding idea to share.

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Economic Development

Economic Development Assistance (EDA) Programs

Source: Economic Development Administration, United States Department of Commerce.

Objective: Encourage private investment and increase the number of private sector jobs.

Deadlines: Applications are accepted continuously. Funding for 1999 projects has been allocated. Planning for year 2000 funding allocation is encouraged.

Application: Contact the area Regional Planning Commission (listed in next column) to develop and submit applications. The federal Economic Development Representative is also available to answer questions.

Programs:

1) Public Works and Development Facilities Assistance

Objective: Promote long-term economic development and assist in the construction of public works and development facilities needed to initiate and support the creation or retention of permanent jobs in the private sector in areas experiencing substantial economic distress.

Eligibility: Units of government, nonprofit organizations or associations representing a redevelopment area.

2) Technical Assistance: Local Technical Assistance and University Centers

Objective: Promote economic development and alleviate underemployment and unemployment in distressed areas by providing funds to: (1) enlist the resources of designated university centers in promoting economic development; (2) support innovative economic development projects; (3) disseminate information and studies of economic development issues of national significance; and (4) finance feasibility studies and other projects leading to local economic development.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations including educational institutions and units of government.

3) Economic Adjustment Assistance

Objective: Assist local areas to develop and/or implement strategies designed to address structural economic adjustment problems resulting from sudden and severe economic dislocation. Problems that result from plant closings, military base closures and defense contract cutbacks, natural disasters, or from long-term economic deterioration are addressed under this program.

Eligibility: Units of government, nonprofit organizations representing redevelopment areas under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, defense- and disaster- impacted areas, consortia of political subdivisions.

4) Trade Adjustment Assistance

Objective: Provide assistance to firms and industries adversely affected by increased imports through Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers.

Eligibility: Large firms and associations of industries that have been injured by imports.

Information:

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Economic Development Representative, Illinois

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Illinois Regional Planning Commissions:

Albion: Greater Wabash Regional Planning

Belvidere: Boone-Belvidere Regional Planning Commission

Carbondale: Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission

Carlinville: West Central Illinois Valley Regional Planning Commission

Charleston: Coles County Planning and Development Commission

Chicago: Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

Clinton: DeWitt County Regional Planning Commission

Collinsville: Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission

Decatur: Macon County Department of Planning and Zoning

Dixon: Blackhawk Hills Region

East Peoria: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Geneva: Kane County Regional Planning

Harrisburg: Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning Development Corporation

Joliet: Will County Land Use Department

Kankakee: Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission

Lincoln: Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation

Lincoln: Logan County Regional Planning Commission

Macomb: Western Illinois Regional Council

Princeton: North Central Illinois Council of Governments

Quincy: Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials

Rock Island: Bi-State Regional Commission

Salem: South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Corporation

Springfield: Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Ullin: Southern Five Regional Planning Commission

Urbana: Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Transportation Study

Waukegan: Lake County Regional Planning Commission

Wheaton: DuPage County Regional Planning Commission

Woodstock: McHenry County Regional Planning

Economic Development (continued)

American Home Town Leader Award

Objective: Sponsored by Wal-Mart, The National Center for Small Communities recognizes outstanding elected officials in small communities.

Eligibility: Elected officials currently serving a community with 25,000 or fewer persons.

Deadline: Nominations are due June 15, 1999.

Application: Nomination forms are provided by request if a self-addressed, size 10 envelope is mailed to the person listed at the address under Information.

Information:

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National Center for Small Communities
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Washington, DC 20001
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INTERNET: www.natat.org

Welfare Reform

Needmor Fund: Welfare Reform Initiative

Objective: Build long-term grassroots organizations that address economic inequality and injustice to support the working poor and unemployed by engaging in state policy debates and decisions that are impacted by The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Access to participation in democracy, accountability of public and corporate officials, and policy-shaping through community organizing is the philosophical basis of the Needmor Fund.

Award: 12-15 grants of up to \$30,000 are awarded annually. One round of grants was awarded in early 1999. Multi-year requests are considered for strategies that expand beyond one year.

Eligibility: Organizations building relationships across economic and issue lines, and working to increase their established base of low-income people. The Fund looks for multi-issue, membership-based community organizations in low- and moderate- income areas. Ineligible organizations include: community development corporations; scholarship funds; direct services or training programs; cultural enrichment programs; audio, video, publication production; conference activities; capital improvement; litigation; projects based outside the US; and government sponsored or controlled projects.

Deadline: Received (not postmarked) by June 30, 1999.

Application: Request an application from the address below or retrieve an application from the Internet at:

http://fdncenter.org/fundproc/nng.html

Calls checking on the status of applications are not accepted.

Information:

Needmore Fund
Welfare Reform Initiative
2305 Canyon Blvd., Suite 101
Boulder, CO 80302

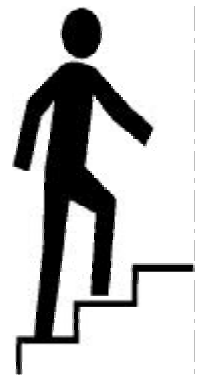
FREE Resource Guide

Welfare to Work: Strategies for Rural Communities

Objective: Inform rural communities of model practices for integrating welfare-to-work programs. The New York State Bridge Child Care Training and Placement program, The Luke Society, The Kentucky Education Reform Act, and the Access to Jobs transportation program are just a few of the programs outlined in the guide.

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Agricultural Development

Agricultural Marketing Service

Objective: The United States Department of Agriculture provides matching funds to conduct studies or develop approaches for new ways to market agricultural products. Projects that are aimed at developing direct marketing strategies and initiatives that primarily benefit small farms, and projects in which State agencies partner with community-based organizations interested in pursuing local or regional food system strategies are encouraged.

Eligibility: Organizations working through the State Department of Agriculture Marketing Division.

Deadline: June 14, 1999.

Application: Interested parties should work with the Illinois State Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division to discuss their proposal. Contact information for the State listed below.

Information:

Ms. Kim Janssen

*Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Marketing and Promotion
PO Box 19281*

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INTERNET: www.agr.state.il.us

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

Objective: The US Department of Agriculture competitively awards small businesses that conduct research of scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture. Research projects that could lead to significant public benefit are considered.

Eligibility: Established science-based business firms.

Award: Phase I Grants are limited to \$65,000 for a duration of six months.

Deadlines: Fiscal year 2000 program solicitation is expected to open June 1, 1999, with a closing date of September 2, 1999.

Application: To be placed on the mail list to receive the program solicitation when it is available, contact the appropriate address or telephone number below; or request the material via email by sending a message with your contact information and a request for FY 2000 SBIR Program Solicitation to psb@reeusda.gov. General questions should be directed to one of the persons listed under Information on the next page. Information and topic areas from FY 1999 solicitations are on the Internet. Few changes are expected for FY 2000 proposals.

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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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Agricultural Development (continued)

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Education and Youth

The Annenberg Foundation

Objective: Support program development and pilot projects that offer restructuring and reform activities benefiting kindergarten through 12th grade students.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations in the US. Programs dealing exclusively with research, in the production of media, or with disabled persons, political candidates, capital campaigns, scholarships, debt reduction, endowment, or conferences are ineligible for funding.

Award: Funding generally does not extend past one year. The review process may take up to six months after an initial inquiry. Initial inquiries are generally reviewed within two weeks of receipt. Selected grantees are notified within two weeks of approval by an advisory committee.

Deadline: None for letters of inquiry. A deadline for a complete proposal is set when an initial proposal is approved.

Application: Send a one to two page initial letter of inquiry via EMAIL or regular mail. Inquiry letters should contain a statement of need and enough factual information for staff to determine if the project fits the Foundation's areas of interest. Guidelines for complete proposals are outlined on the Foundation's website.

Information:

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150 Radnor-Chester Road
St. Davids, PA 19087
TEL: (610) 341-9066
EMAIL: info@whannenberg.org
INTERNET: www.whannenberg.org*

Starbucks Foundation

1) Literacy Grants

Objective: Support innovative literacy programs that teach children and their families how to read through the integration of Starbucks' employees, customers, and stores.

Eligibility: Community, library, and school-based nonprofit organizations that serve the needs of low-literacy, low-income, and at-risk populations.

Award: Mini-grants of up to \$1,000 or Opportunity Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. Organizations receiving awards are eligible to receive funding only once per year.

Deadlines: July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1 annually.

Application: Applications are available through store management at the local and district level and through Starbucks marketing departments. Information can also be sought by calling the Literacy Hotline below.

Information:

*Starbucks Corporation Literacy Hotline
TEL: (206) 447-7950, ext. 7022*

2) Community Giving

Objective: Contribute, through donations and sponsorship of activities, to communities where partners and customers are located.

Application: Contact the number below for contact information for regional event or organizational sponsorship.

Information:

*Starbucks Corporation
TEL: (206) 447-7950, ext. 2900*

Education and Youth (continued)

United Airlines' College Plus Volunteer Miles Program

Objective: Give frequent flyer miles in exchange for volunteer service to Best Buddies International, Habitat for Humanity, the "I Have a Dream" Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, the National Mentoring Partnership, and Special Olympics

Eligibility: College students enrolled full-time at a four-year institution enrolled in the United College Plus program.

Award: Up to 10,000 Mileage Plus miles can be earned. Five thousand miles are given for every 50 hours of volunteer work. Students can volunteer for one or two of the six designated nonprofit organizations between August 1 and July 31. Students may enroll on-line at the Internet address provided below.

Deadline: Community efforts made during 12 month school periods, August 1 through July 31, are counted.

Information:

INTERNET: www.collegeplus.com

DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund

Objective: Foster improvement in the quality of educational and career development opportunities for youth, and increase access to these opportunities in low-income communities.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations in the US.

Award: Not less than \$100,000.

Deadline: None.

Application: By invitation only. The fund is listed in *Grant News* to increase awareness of program funding. Informing the Fund about your organization's activities may improve the opportunity of becoming an invited grantee.

Information:

DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund

Two Park Avenue

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EMAIL: dwrdd@wallacefunds.org

INTERNET: www.dewittwallace.org



Health Care

Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS)

Source: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Objective: Contribute to the diversity of student and practitioner populations by providing funding for scholarships to full-time students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

Eligibility: Schools of allopathic, osteopathic, podiatric, and veterinary medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, public health, nursing, chiropractic; and graduate programs in behavioral and mental health, physician assistant, and allied health are eligible to apply.

Awards: Estimated to be 1,000 scholarships distributing 37 million dollars for one-year grants. Monies will be awarded in September, 1999.

Deadline: May 14, 1999.

Application: Priority will be given to schools based on the proportion of graduating students going into primary care, the proportion of under-represented minority students, and the proportion of graduates going into medically underserved communities. Assurances must be provided that scholarships will be given to students in need.

Application kits are available at the contact telephone number below. Request CFDA Number 93.925. Information can be obtained by contacting the persons listed below.

Information:

Application Kit

TEL: (301) 443-4776

Contact Persons:

Angela Lacy; EMAIL: alacy@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Andrea Castle; EMAIL: acastle@hrsa.dhhs.gov

Robert Wood Johnson Local Initiative Funding Partners Program 2000

Objective: Match community-based funding for the establishment of partnerships between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and community-based projects that focus on underserved and at-risk populations. Projects addressing access to basic, affordable health care, organization of services for the chronically ill, and promotion of health and reduction of harm caused by substance abuse are the focus of local initiative funding.

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Health Care (continued)



Funding: \$7,000,000 is available to fund three to four year projects needing \$50,000 to \$500,000 that have equal matching dollars from local sponsors.

Eligibility: Local grant-makers working with service organizations, hospitals, or state agencies. Examples of local grant-makers include community, family, and corporate foundations, charitable or religious groups, fund-raising entities, or individual benefactors.

Deadlines: August 5, 1999 is the deadline for initial concept papers. Invitations for full proposals will be sent September 28, 1999. Proposal assistance workshops will be held October 22, 1999. Full proposals must be received by December 2, 1999. Program funding begins August 1, 2000.

Application: The local applicant proposes the project through an initial concept paper; and the local grant-maker endorses the status of the matching funds. Ten copies of concept papers should be sent. Concept papers should not exceed five typed, double-spaced pages. A Concept Paper Information Sheet must be submitted with proposals and is available at the Internet address:

<http://www.rwjf.org/grant/sam-info1.htm>

Information:

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Protective and Emergency Services

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Universal Hiring Program

Objective: Improve public safety in communities by providing funding to local jurisdictions for salaries and benefits of officers engaged in community policing; assist law enforcement agencies in partnering with their communities.

Eligibility: Any police department with at least one sworn police officer. Retention and financial compliance is required to maintain funding.

Match: 25% of an entry-level officer's salary and benefits.

Award: Up to \$75,000 per officer.

Deadlines: June 4, July 16, and April 2 annually.

Application: Contacting the state COPS grant advisor is the first step in applying for funds. General questions are answered at the Department of Justice Response Center. Information and forms can be obtained via fax transmission from the number below or via the Internet.

Information:

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Grant Advisor for 217, 309, and 618 area codes
US Department of Justice
Community Oriented Policing Services
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*DOJ Response Center: (800) 421-6770
FAX form retrieval: (202) 514-2058
INTERNET: www.usdoj.gov/cops*

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Illinois Fire Service Institute Training

Objective: Provide continuing education and public service activities for firefighters in the State of Illinois.

Eligibility: Firefighters in the State of Illinois.

Funding: Free basic fire, hazardous materials, and counter-terrorism training is available for firefighters.

Deadline: 75th Annual Fire College will be held June 3-6, 1999. The College registration deadline is May 7, 1999. Other classes are available continuously.

Application: Contact the Illinois Fire Service Institute for a Fire College Program or for registration materials.

Information:

*Illinois Fire Service Institute
11 Gerty Drive
Champaign, IL 61820
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Grassroots Development

The Stern Family Fund Strategic Opportunity Grants

Objective: Provide short-term financial help to organizations with limited access to traditional funding resources for the purpose of influencing the general public. Giving is primarily geared toward addressing corporate and governmental accountability. The Internet address below lists projects funded between 1996 and 1998.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to receive funding. Organizations with annual operating expenses of more than \$500,000 are considered for funding only under special circumstances.

Award: The typical grant is \$10,000. Grant requests ranging between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are considered for funding. Awards are announced in November.

Deadline: Applications should be postmarked by August 16, 1999 for the annual fall grant cycle. It is beneficial to send proposals prior to the deadline.

Application: Applicants are not required but may consider using the Common Grant application produced by the National Network of Grantmakers which can be downloaded from the Internet site:

www.nng.org/Pages/sourcef.html

Proposal materials include a cover page, project and organizational line-item fiscal year budgets, and Internal Revenue Service documents confirming the organization's tax-exempt status. Questions and letters of introduction may be sent by mail, email, or fax. Proposals must be submitted by mail. Applicants will be informed of their status.

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