



# Grant News

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## The Costs and Benefits of Grantwriting

Starting or expanding a business costs money and time. You would not start or expand a business knowing that you would lose money in so doing. You would start or expand a business only if there were potential for making money. We seek funds to start or expand programs, but may not consider the potential costs and benefits of both seeking and implementing grant funding. These costs and benefits extend beyond the grant budget and need to be considered before starting the resource-consuming task of grantwriting.

You need not be an expert accountant or economist to estimate costs and benefits. You just need to be knowledgeable and realistic about the grant opportunity you are considering.

I recommend starting your "analysis" by making a simple two-column paper or electronic worksheet. Label one column "costs" and the other column "benefits." All entries you make in these columns should be translated into dollar amounts, even if some of the amounts listed are "guesstimates." The first entry in your costs column should be the amount of money that will be spent on writing the grant proposal: total hourly cost (considering benefits and the number of participants in the process) multiplied by the approximate number of hours it will take to write the proposal. The first entry in your "benefits" column should be the average or maximum funding award offered by the grantmaker, or the amount of your request. If you do not know an average or maximum funding amount, it is worth the effort to write or call the funder for this information.

Subtract the "obvious" cost of writing the proposal from the "obvious" potential benefit to understand if you are starting "in the black" or "in the red"--if you are starting the grantwriting process with the potential for making or losing money.

If your initial calculation comes out "in the red" then you may consider stopping the grant-seeking process immediately, or you may want to continue the grant-seeking process by considering the "not-so-obvious" benefits. Some proposals are just not worth pursuing. Other proposals may have benefits beyond those that are easily put into money amounts. Cost-benefit analysis is as much an "art" as it is a "science."

If your decision is to continue pursuing the grant after your initial calculation, continue by making dollar amount

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## Multiple Objectives

### Smith-Barney Community Investment Program

**Objective:** Support employee volunteers and build local public awareness of Smith-Barney.

**Eligibility:** For- and nonprofit organizations in communities where Smith-Barney employees live and work.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Program ideas should be sent to the branch manager of a Smith-Barney office, or to the program's administration office listed below.

**Information:**

*Ms. Catherine Kaputa, Senior Vice President  
Director of Advertising and Community Affairs  
Smith-Barney, Inc.  
388 Greenwich Street, 17th Floor  
New York, NY 10013*

### Office of Population Affairs (OPA) Resources

**Objective:** Provide practitioners resources relating to sexuality, health, and adolescence. Data sets and flyers that may be useful in the grantwriting process are available from the administrator of OPA resources, Sociometrics Corporation.

**Information:**

*Ms. Jane Park, M.P.H., Director  
Practitioner Support Services  
Sociometrics Corporation  
170 State Street, Suite 260  
Los Altos, CA 24022-2812  
TEL: (650) 949-3282, ext. 236  
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INTERNET: [www.socio.com](http://www.socio.com)*



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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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## Multiple Objectives (continued)

### Rural Information Center (RIC)

**Objective:** Provide information and referral services to local government officials, community organizations, health professionals and organizations, rural electric and telephone cooperatives, libraries, businesses, and rural citizens working to maintain the vitality of America's rural areas.

**Information:**

*United States Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Research Service  
National Agricultural Library  
TEL: (800) 633-7701  
INTERNET: [www.nal.usda.gov/ric](http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric)*

### Rockefeller Family Fund

**Objective:** Support organizations engaged in "action-oriented" educational and charitable activities of national significance that promote citizen education and participation, economic justice for women, the environment, institutional responsiveness, and self-sufficiency.

**Eligibility:** Tax-exempt organizations that are not popularly supported by grant funding such as universities, museums, hospitals, and endowed institutes. Communities that offer a unique approach to addressing national issues are considered for funding. The Fund does not make grants for individuals, scholarships, research programs, internationally based or focused organizations, or social and human service programs.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Send a concise, written proposal containing a description of the organization seeking funds, the need, objectives, strategy, and action-plan for the project, qualifications of the organization to carry out the project, the amount of funding requested, organizational and project budget, most recent financial audit, and certificate of tax-exempt status. An acknowledgement of the proposal is sent within five days of its receipt if the proposal fits the Fund's objectives. Proposals may be sent via USPS or EMAIL. Guidelines are also available in electronic format.

**Information:**

*Rockefeller Family Fund  
437 Madison Avenue, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
TEL: (212) 812-4252  
FAX: (212) 812-4299  
EMAIL: [mmccarthy@rffund.org](mailto:mmccarthy@rffund.org)  
INTERNET: [www.rffund.org](http://www.rffund.org)*

### Gifts-In-Kind International

**Objective:** Provide donated products and services to nonprofit organizations.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Organizational registrants of individual or "umbrella" charitable organizations (for example, United Way) are eligible to receive notifications and news about available donations. Check to know if one of your sponsoring organizations is already registered.

**Information:**

*Gifts-In-Kind International  
PO Box 18002  
Merrifield, VA 22118-0002  
FAX: (703) 549-1481  
INTERNET: [www.giftsinkind.org](http://www.giftsinkind.org)*

### Helen Brach Foundation

**Objective:** Support efforts that prevent cruelty to animals or children, that promote religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational efforts, and that offer public safety testing.

**Award:** Grants that do not exceed 10 percent of a group's operating budget. Funding for multiple years is extraordinary.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit, nongovernmental 501(c)(3) organizations. Organizations that devote a substantial portion of their activities to influence legislation or to campaign for public office candidates are not eligible; nor are organizations or programs that operate outside the continental US.

**Deadlines:** None. Grant funding is approved by the Foundation's directors annually in the month of March.

**Application:** Complete and send seven copies of a brief application form. One copy of supporting materials is sent with the copies of the application form. These materials include proof of tax-exempt status, proposal, budget, staff qualifications, financial statements for the last fiscal year, list of principal officers and directors, list of the three highest paid persons affiliated with the organization, and the signature of an official of the applicant organization.

**Information:**

*Helen Brach Foundation  
55 W Wacker Drive, Suite 701  
Chicago, IL 60601  
TEL: (312) 372-4417*

## Multiple Objectives (continued)

### ConAgra Foundation

**Objective:** Improve the quality of life in communities where employees work and live by contributing to education, health and human services, arts and culture, and civic and community betterment.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that have been in existence for at least one year that address specific community needs, and are ultimately seeking self- or broad-based community support. Individuals, fund-raising and advertising efforts, clubs, fraternal, social, sports, or religious organizations, elementary and secondary educational institutions, and travel are not supported.

**Awards:** Awards are limited to three years in duration and should not total more than 10 percent of the organization's budget.

**Deadlines:** Proposals must be received by the last working day of July, October, January, or April. Decisions are generally made and communicated by the last weeks of February, May, August, and November.

**Application:** Written requests for funding should be sent to the address listed below. Telephone and FAX requests are not accepted. ConAgra operating companies sometimes match ConAgra Foundation contributions; ask the operating company about its matching funds policy. Requests for funds should include:

- √ A statement of the organization's objectives;
- √ A description of the objectives and uses of grant monies;
- √ A statement of how the grant will improve the quality of life in the community;
- √ Employee involvement in the project, if any;
- √ A history of organizational achievements;
- √ A list of officers and directors;
- √ Proof of tax-exempt status;
- √ Financial statements;
- √ A list, with amounts, of major funders of the organization and of the proposed project; and,
- √ A budget for the proposed project.

**Information:**

*The ConAgra Foundation, CC-303  
c/o ConAgra Corporate Relations  
One ConAgra Drive  
Omaha, NE 68102-5001  
INTERNET: [www.conagra.com](http://www.conagra.com)*

### Threshold Foundation

**Objective:** Build a more just, caring, and sustainable world by supporting innovative work in the areas of "peace, person, and planet," social justice, international human rights, and artistic expression that is not usually funded by mainstream sources.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) or lobbying 501(c)(4) organizations.

**Award:** Awards range between \$1,000 and \$50,000. The average award is \$12,500.

**Deadlines:** Letters of inquiry are due November 15. Invited full proposals are due January 15. Proposals are reviewed in February. Grant decisions are made in June. Funds are disbursed in July.

**Application:** While most grant applications are solicited by Threshold members, unsolicited letters of inquiry are reviewed and considered. Letters of inquiry should be two pages in length explaining the organization, problem to be addressed, strategy to address the problem, sum of the total operating budget, amount of funding being requested, and how the funds would be used.

**Information:**

*Threshold Foundation  
PO Box 29903  
San Francisco, CA 94129-0903*

### Rite Aid Community Giving

**Objective:** Donate to local charitable programs in the areas of health, civic and social services, education, and the arts with a special emphasis on program funding that benefits women and families, minorities, and senior citizens.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in communities served by Rite Aid drugstores. Religious organizations or programs, individuals, sporting events, organizations that have received Rite Aid or United Way funding during the past 12 months, and travel expenses are not eligible for support.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Requesters should allow four to six weeks for processing of grant requests. Decisions are communicated in writing. Funding requests must be submitted in writing to the address below and should indicate:

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- √ The name and address of the requesting organization;
- √ Information about the history, purpose, and leadership of the organization;
- √ The contact person for the project;
- √ The amount of funding requested;
- √ The purpose of the contribution;
- √ A list of other corporate contributors; and,
- √ A description of the marketing and promotion plans.

**Information:**

*Manager of Community Relations  
Rite Aid Corporation  
PO Box 3165  
Harrisburg, PA 17105*

**Distance Learning and Telemedicine**

U S D A R u r a l U t i l i t i e s S e r v i c e G r a n t s a n d L o a n s

**Objective:** Encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents.

**Eligibility:** Incorporated organizations, partnerships, consortia, and political subdivisions operating rural community facilities.

**Award:** The maximum grant award is \$350,000. The maximum loan amount is \$10,000,000.

**Deadlines:** Applications for grants must be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, July 9, 1999. Applications for FY 1999 loans or combination loans and grants may

be submitted at any time until September 30, 1999, and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Application:** Application guidelines are available electronically via the Internet. Applications can also be obtained by contacting the appropriate state field representative listed by geographical area below. State field representatives are also available to answer questions. Applications should be sent to the Washington address.

**Information:**

*Attn: Director, Advanced Services Division  
Telecommunications Program  
Rural Utilities Service  
Telecommunications Program  
US Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
STOP 1550  
Washington, DC 20250-1550*

*Mr. Allen D. DeForest, Field Representative  
Northern and Central Illinois  
7127 W Ison Road  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
TEL and FAX: (812) 825-3727*

*Mr. William H. Welch, III, Field Representative  
Southern Illinois  
611 Hancock Road  
Campbellsville, KY 42718  
TEL: (502) 789-0039*

*INTERNET: [www.usda.gov/rus/dlt/dltregs.htm](http://www.usda.gov/rus/dlt/dltregs.htm)*

## Preservation

**Elm Research Institute**

**Objective:** Restore the proliferation of American elm trees through education, care, and preservation efforts by organizing sponsorship and membership programs.

**Eligibility:** Interested individuals and organizations.

**Information:**

*Elm Research Institute  
Elm Street  
Westmoreland, NH 03467  
TEL: (603) 358-6198  
FAX: (603) 358-6305  
INTERNET: [www.forelms.org/default.htm](http://www.forelms.org/default.htm)*

**The Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation**

**Objective:** Advocate historic preservation and establish historic markers in Central Illinois. For a nominal fee, provide information about organizing historic preservation efforts in communities.

**Eligibility:** Interested individuals, communities, or organizations.

**Information:**

*Mr. Leslie Kenyon  
Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation  
PO Box 495  
Peoria, IL 61651  
TEL: (309) 674-7121*

## Preservation (continued)

### Heritage Preservation Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)

**Objective:** Provide non-competitive one-time grant awards of matching funds to museums for development of planning and fundraising strategies.

**Eligibility:** Museums with small- to medium-sized collections and sites that can be surveyed in two days.

**Award:** A general assessment or survey by professional museum conservators is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Assessments will be completed during 2000.

**Deadlines:** Applications must be postmarked no later than December 1, 1999.

**Application:** Applications will be sent to museums who request to be added to the CAP mailing list. Institutions can make this request by mail, telephone, FAX, or EMAIL. Sample applications are available by request or from the INTERNET site.

**Information:**

*Ms. Kristen Overbeck, Coordinator  
Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)  
Heritage Preservation  
1730 K Street NW, Suite 566  
Washington, DC 20006-3836  
TEL: (202) 634-1422  
FAX: (202) 634-1435  
EMAIL: koverbeck@heritagepreservation.org  
INTERNET: www.heritagepreservation.org/programs/capover.htm*

## Loans and Technical Assistance

### The Illinois Facilities Fund

**Objective:** Help nonprofit organizations to solve facility and finance issues by providing loans and consultation.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations that provide human service and community support programs that are unable to obtain or afford traditional financing.

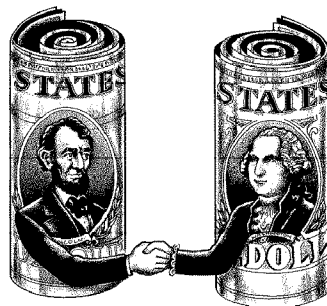
**Award:** \$10,000 to \$500,000 loan amounts that vary according to need and loan product selected.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Contact a loan officer at the Fund for information.

**Information:**

*Loan Program  
The Illinois Facilities Fund  
300 W Adams Street  
Chicago, IL 60606  
TEL: (312) 629-0060  
FAX: (312) 629-0065*



### USDA Rural Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans

**Objective:** Help create jobs and stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing for rural organizations.

**Eligibility:** Any legal entity located in a rural area. Discuss eligibility criteria with the field representative assigned to the county in which you are seeking funds.

**Award:** Guarantee for up to 80 percent of loan funds made by a local lender for up to \$25 million.

**Deadlines:** Applications are accepted continuously until funds are no longer available. The funding cycle is from October 1 through September 30. Funds are currently available.

**Application:** Local lenders may have applications on file. Applications can be accessed via Internet at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bsoftw.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bsoftw.htm)

**Information:** Local contacts are assigned by county. For the name of the contact person in your area call:

*Mr. Gerald A. Townsend, Director  
Community and Business Program  
Illini Plaza, Suite 103  
1817 South Neil Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
TEL: (217) 398-5412, ext. 243  
FAX: (217) 398-5337  
EMAIL: gtownsen@rdasun2.rurdev.usda.gov*

## Public Safety

### National Children's Alliance

**Objective:** Minimize re-victimization of children who have been abused and neglected using a multi-disciplinary team approach by assisting in the start-up and expansion of child advocacy centers.

**Eligibility:** Multi-disciplinary teams consisting of at least one representative from law enforcement, mental health, prosecution, child protective services, and medical services.

**Award:** Between \$5,000 and \$35,000. Award amounts vary based on the stage of development and membership standing in the Alliance. The Alliance will explain membership and development criteria upon inquiry.

**Deadlines:** Request for proposals will be issued in August. Applications are due in September. Decisions are made in October or November.

**Application:** Contact the Alliance for information about membership and development information.

**Information:**

Ms. Sue Hendrickson, Grants Coordinator  
National Children's Alliance  
1319 F Street NW, Suite 1001  
Washington, DC 20004-1106  
TEL: (800) 239-9950  
FAX: (202) 639-0511  
INTERNET: [www.nca-online.com](http://www.nca-online.com)

### FREE Traffic Safety Materials from the AAA Foundation

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety offers free educational brochures to individuals. Brochures can be ordered on-line or by telephone. Available brochures include:

- *Road Rage: How to Avoid Aggressive Driving*
- *The Older and Wiser Driver*
- *Wake Up!*
- *Sleep and Aging*

**Information:**

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety  
Order Fulfillment Center  
PO Box 8257  
Fredericksburg, VA 22404  
TEL: (800) 305-SAFE [7233]  
FAX: (540) 372-4405

### United State Fire Administration Publications

**Objective:** Provide information resources to fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and other emergency professionals. Over 200 publications are available. Some of the titles that may be of interest to *Grant News* readers include:

*After the Fire! Returning to Normal*

*Fire Service Resource Guide*

*Recruitment and Retention in the Volunteer Fire Service*

*Rural Fire Problem in the United States*

**Eligibility:** Any individual or organization can order publications.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Information:** Customers can order on-line, by telephone, or by mail.

*Publications Center*

*United States Fire Administration*

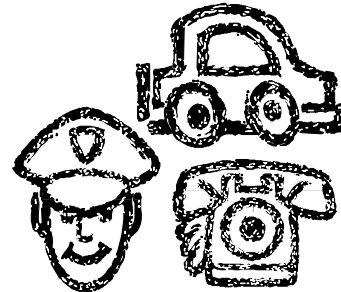
*16825 S Seton Avenue*

*Emmitsburg, MD 21727*

*TEL: (301) 447-1660, 24-hour ordering line*

*FAX: (301) 447-1189, Publications Center line*

*INTERNET: [www.usfa.fema.gov/usfapubs/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/usfapubs/)*



### FREE Publication from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

#### *Ensuring Public Safety and Justice in Rural America*

**Information:** Download the *Ensuring Public Safety and Justice in Rural America* report from the Internet at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Reports/98Guides/rural/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Reports/98Guides/rural/)

## Education

### National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Education Development & Demonstration

**Objective:** Support teachers and educational institutions at all levels in exemplary efforts to engage students in sustained, thoughtful study of the humanities. Materials and curriculum development, and dissemination of humanities topics are supported. Two types of grants are offered. See 1) and 2) below.

**Eligibility:** Any U.S., nonprofit, tax-exempt organization or institution dedicated to improving humanities education.

**Deadlines:** Applications must be received by October 15, 1999 for projects beginning May 2000.

**Application:** Applications are judged based on intellectual and project design quality, and potential for significant results. Samples of funded projects are available. Applications include a cover sheet, table of contents, summary, and detailed description of the project. Applications are available via Internet.

**Information:**

*Education Development and Demonstration Program  
Division of Research and Education  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 318  
Washington, DC 20506  
TEL: (202) 606-8380  
EMAIL: [education@neh.gov](mailto:education@neh.gov)  
INTERNET: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)*

#### 1) Humanities Focus Grants

**Objective:** Enable a group of teachers, faculty members, or other educators to work together to explore an important humanities topic and to consider plans for action for their institution.

**Award:** Awards range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for 12 to 18 month projects. Funds may be used to pay for guest scholars and visiting consultants, investigation of model programs, books and other materials, logistical support, and released time. Cost-sharing is not required.

#### 2) National Education Projects

**Objective:** Support materials development, curricular development and demonstration, and dissemination of humanities projects with national importance.

**Award:** Awards seldom exceed \$250,000. Projects may be designed for up to three years' duration. Funds are available for stipends for participation in study workshops, released time, administrative costs, materials, travel, and honoraria. Cost-sharing of at least 15 percent is required.

### NEH Schools for a New Millennium

**Objective:** Engage educators in a sustained study of core humanities subjects; help teachers explore and master innovative uses of technology; implement a school-wide plan of professional development; enlist support and active collaboration of the wider community; support schools that will serve as national models of excellence.

**Eligibility:** Any U.S., nonprofit, tax-exempt organization or institution dedicated to improving humanities education.

**Award:** Grants will be awarded for a maximum of \$200,000 over a period of up to three years.

**Deadlines:** Applications must be received by October 1, 1999 for projects beginning May 1, 2000.

**Application:** Applications are judged on intellectual quality, design, and potential for results. Samples of funded projects are available. Applicants are encouraged to consult with a Program Officer as soon as possible, but no later than August 1999. The submission of draft applications is encouraged. Drafts are due September 1, 1999.

**Information:**

*Schools for a New Millennium  
Division of Education Programs  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 318  
Washington, DC 20506  
TEL: (202) 606-8380  
EMAIL: [education@neh.gov](mailto:education@neh.gov)  
INTERNET: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)*

### NEH Consultation Grants

**Objective:** Enable organizations whose projects are in the early stages of development to confer with scholars and/or experienced public humanities programmers to help bring scholarship and ideas to the public.

**Eligibility:** Organizations with current or pending nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.

**Award:** The maximum amount of a Consultation Grant is \$10,000. It is anticipated that between 30 and 40 awards will be granted per year. The grant period can be for three to 12 months, depending on the time needed to accomplish the proposed activities. Preference is given to institutions that have not previously received a grant from the Division of Public Programs. Awards can be used to cover all reasonable costs associated with consultation activities.

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## Education (continued)

**Deadlines:** September 13, 1999 for projects beginning January 1, 2000.

**Information:**

*National Endowment for the Humanities  
Division of Public Programs  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20506  
TEL: (202) 606-8267  
EMAIL: publicpgms@neh.gov  
INTERNET: www.neh.gov*

### International Telecomputing Consortium Affordable Access, Rural On-line (AARON)

**Objective:** Assist leaders of rural school communities to resolve telecommunications problems.

**Information:**

*www.itc.org/aaron/*

### Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc.

**Objective:** Give scholarships based on character, personal merit, and ethnic and economic background.

**Eligibility:** High school seniors residing in a participating bottler's territory pursuing an academic degree from an accredited university. There are about 525 bottlers located in Illinois.

**Award:** Fifty scholarships of \$20,000 each and 100 scholarships of \$4,000 each are given nationally.

**Deadlines:** October 31st annually.

**Application:** Contact your local Coca-Cola distributor or the Foundation.

**Information:**

*Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc.  
PO Box 1615  
Atlanta, GA 30301-1615*

## Youth

### Travelers Foundation

**Objective:** Support the needs of children through general grant-making, and contribution to local and volunteer initiatives for early childhood care and education, high school education, and arts and culture.

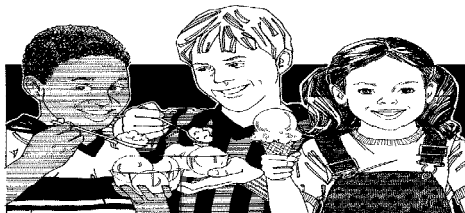
**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in geographical areas where Travelers Group companies operate. Requests from individuals, political, religious, labor, and trade, or marketing organizations, and agencies whose sole purpose is social or recreational are not eligible for support. Fundraising, advertising, special events, professional publications, and general operating costs are not funded.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Applications for general grants should be sent to the Foundation's headquarters. Local and volunteer initiatives should be directed to branch managers. Write to the Foundation for application guidelines.

**Information:**

*Ms. Dee Topol, President, or  
Ms. Patricia R. Byrne, Grants Manager  
The Travelers Foundation  
388 Greenwich Street, 38th floor  
New York, NY 10013*



### America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth

**Objective:** Improve access to resources for the positive development of youth.

**Eligibility:** Communities, schools, and colleges willing to set goals, designate a coordinator, organize a team, seek local support, and keep track of information.

**Award:** Support and guidance to build activities for the successful development of children.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Information:**

*America's Promise  
909 N Washington Street, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314-1556  
TEL: (703) 684-4500  
FAX: (703) 535-3900  
EMAIL: commit@americaspromise.org  
INTERNET: www.americaspromise.org*

## Health

### Helene Fuld Health Trust: Curriculum and Faculty Development in Community-based Care

**Objective:** Support collaborations between nursing education or nursing-related programs and community-based health care providers for the development of internships, preceptorships, and clinical learning experiences; faculty involvement in active clinical practices in community-based settings; and related curriculum development efforts.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that benefit nursing students. All levels of accredited nursing schools are eligible. Collaborative projects must be administered by a nonprofit organization. Individuals and organizations located outside of the U.S. are not eligible to apply.

**Award:** There is no minimum or maximum grant size. Grant awards typically range between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for one to two year grant periods.

**Deadlines:** Early November is the approximate time when letters of interest are due. Requests for proposals are mailed to pre-selected organizations in January. Proposals are due by early March. Grant decisions are announced in mid-June. For specific dates, monitor the Internet site or stay in contact with the grants manager.

**Application:** Letters of interest should describe: the purpose and goals of the organization; how the organization is qualified to reach the goals of the project; the issues or problems the project will address with a specific plan for achieving and evaluating the plan; and, detailed budget information. Letters of interest should be accompanied by a completed Applicant Data Form. Evaluation criteria are listed on the the Fund's Internet site.

**Information:**

*Ms. Jina Paik, Grants Manager  
The Helene Fuld Health Trust  
50 East 42nd Street, 19th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
TEL: (212) 681-1237  
FAX: (212) 681-1335  
EMAIL: [jpaik@fuldtrust.org](mailto:jpaik@fuldtrust.org)  
INTERNET: [www.fuldtrust.org](http://www.fuldtrust.org)*

### Rural Health Resources Internet Site

Links to rural health resources are located at the Internet address: [www.siu.edu/~crhssd/rhres.htm](http://www.siu.edu/~crhssd/rhres.htm)

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The National Rural Health Services Research Database, the Rural Family Doctor Newsletter, and the National and Illinois Rural Health Associations can be accessed through the site which is maintained by Southern Illinois University's Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development.

### Rural Health Care Division

#### Universal Service Administrative Company

**Objective:** Give bill credits to make up the difference between rural and urban telecommunication services rates for eligible health care providers.

**Eligibility:** Public or nonprofit health care providers located in rural areas.

**Award:** There are no maximum or minimum awards. Awards are dependent on the difference between the telecommunications' rates of rural and urban areas.

**Deadlines:** Applications are continuously accepted. Grants are provided until funds are depleted. The funding cycle is from July 1 through June 30.

**Application:** Call and request an application or download an application from the Internet site. The eligibility application is Form 465.

**Information:**

*Rural Health Care Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
7420 Fullerton Road, Suite 104  
Springfield, VA 22153  
TEL: (800) 229-5476  
INTERNET: [www.rhc.universalservice.org](http://www.rhc.universalservice.org)*

### Allen Foundation, Inc.

**Objective:** Support human nutrition education, training, and research programs.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations.

**Deadlines:** None.

**Application:** Request applications by writing to the address below. Application forms must accompany proposals.

**Information:**

*Mr. Dale Baum, Secretary  
The Allen Foundation, Inc.  
PO Box 1606  
Midland, MI 48641-1606  
TEL: (517) 832-5678  
FAX: (517) 832-8842  
EMAIL: [d-baum@tamu.edu](mailto:d-baum@tamu.edu)  
INTERNET: [www.tamu.edu/baum/allen.html](http://www.tamu.edu/baum/allen.html)*

## Environment

### **Environmental Support Center: Training and Organizational Assistance Program**

**Objective:** Improve the environment by strengthening local, state, and regional organizations working on environmental issues by helping board, staff, and volunteer leaders in these organizations develop new skills by subsidizing organizational assistance. Organizational assistance can include training and consultation in planning, organizing, board development, fundraising, communications, financial management, diversity, computer skills, and leadership.

**Eligibility:** Local, state, and regional nonprofit organizations that devote a portion of resources to environmental issues. Individuals, government entities, for-profit businesses, national or international organizations, and short-term or ad hoc organizations are not eligible. Preference is given to organizations that: advocate, organize, litigate, or empower citizens to work on environmental issues; serve low-income groups and/or people of color; and have limited resources.

#### **1) Individual Assistance Subsidy for one organization**

**Award:** A 20% match is required for grants that are funded at a maximum amount of \$2,000 per organization per calendar year.

**Deadlines:** The 15th of each month.

#### **2) Group Training Subsidy for more than one organization**

**Award:** Between \$100 and \$500 per eligible participant group. Cost-sharing will improve the chances of receiving support.

**Deadlines:** The 1st of each month.

#### **3) Coalition Building Subsidy for member organizations working collaboratively**

**Award:** \$3,500 per calendar year.

**Deadlines:** The 1st of each month.

**Application:** Applications must be received by 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, on the deadline date (weekend and holidays included) to be considered in that month's cycle. Requests should be made to allow at least four weeks for the application process. Trainers or consultants should participate in the application writing process, or may serve as the contact person for efforts involving more than one organization. Applications may be reproduced

on a computer or accessed via the Internet. Applications sent by FAX or EMAIL are accepted as long as originals are postmarked on the same day. Applicants will be notified within four weeks of the application deadline.

#### **Information:**

*Environmental Support Center*

*Training and Organizational Assistance Program*

*4420 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 2*

*Washington, DC 20008-2301*

*TEL: (202) 966-9834*

*FAX: (202) 966-4398*

*EMAIL: dbrouse@envsc.org*

*INTERNET: www.envsc.org*

### **Project XL:**

#### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

**Objective:** Demonstrate environmental results superior to EPA requirements through the design and implementation of community-based programs.

**Eligibility:** Local units of government with support from the appropriate state environmental program.

**Award:** Flexibility in the administration of EPA regulations, policy, and procedures.

**Deadlines:** Projects are accepted and considered continuously.

**Application:** Interested parties should contact the Federal Region 5 representative to discuss the EPA compliance issue and possible community-based solution.

#### **Information:**

*Ms. Linda Martin*

*Region 5 EPA XL*

*TEL: (312) 353-9486*

*FAX: (312) 353-5374*

*INTERNET: www.epa.gov/ProjectXL/*

### **The Sierra Club Foundation**

**Objective:** Offer fund administration services for tax-exempt charitable, scientific, artistic, and educational purposes to Sierra Club Chapters and to other environmental endeavors.

#### **Information:**

*The Sierra Club Foundation*

*220 Sansome Street, Suite 1100*

*San Francisco, CA 94104*

*TEL: (415) 291-1800*

*INTERNET: www.sierraclub.org/affiliated/foundation.html*

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entries into your two columns as you read through the proposal.

You can subdivide costs and benefits into categories: direct or indirect, and/or fixed or variable. Keep your calculations as simple as possible without missing the detail that may be needed for future reference should you decide to pursue writing the proposal.

You will have to be "artistic" when making entries for costs and benefits that have no obvious dollar value. One such entry should be for "opportunity" costs. Unless you have special talents beyond my human experience, you can not write a grant proposal and do something else at the same time. You are missing the opportunity of pursuing something while working on another "thing." This is just one of the hidden costs of grantwriting. You will think of other costs and benefits as you continue with the grantseeking process.

Other factors to consider before and during the grant-seeking process are: 1) the proposed program's contribution to the organization's overall mission and goals;

2) competition for funding; and 3) implementation costs not covered by the proposal budget such as staff recruitment and space allocation.

While grants are the "bread-and-butter" of many organizations, proposal writing should be pursued with thoughtful consideration of both the costs and benefits of grantwriting and the impending implementation of grant funding.

### ***Correction and Credit . . .***

The Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Transportation Study listed on Page 2, column 2 of the April 1999 *Grant News* is a function of the **Champaign County Regional Planning Commission** at the address listed for the Study.

We thank the **McLean County Regional Planning Commission** for providing a list of planning agencies in Illinois. The McLean County RPC is located at:  
*211 W Jefferson Street  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
TEL: (309) 828-4331*