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Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency is currently accepting proposals for its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants program. The program provides funds to empower communities to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. EPA anticipates awarding an estimated 11 RLF grants for approximately \$16.8 million. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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Community Development Financial Institutions Program

The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program provides monetary awards for economic development, affordable housing and community development financial service projects. Awards are made in the form of equity investments, deposits, or grants, and must be matched, dollar for dollar, by the applicants with funds of the same type from non-federal sources. Applicants may request a maximum \$2 million awards under this program. Any organization or entity wishing to apply for funding must be certified as a CDFI by the Department of Treasury. Separate certification applications must be submitted by **October 1, 2008** to be considered for funding during FY 2009. The full application deadline is **October 29, 2008**. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

Rail Line Relocation & Improvement Grants

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) recently announced the availability of funding for Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Projects. Under this program, a State or locality is eligible for a grant from FRA for any construction project that improves the route or structure of a rail line, involves a lateral or vertical relocation of any portion of the rail line or is carried out for the purpose of mitigating the adverse effects of rail traffic on safety, motor vehicle traffic flow, community quality of life, or economic development.

For FY 2008, Congress appropriated \$20,040,000 in Federal funds for the Rail Line Relocation and Improvement program, with \$5,250,000 directed to nine (9) non-competitive projects. FRA issued a notice to begin accepting applications for a competitive selection process for the remaining program funds. State or other eligible entities are required to pay at least 10 percent of the cost of the project. Those seeking funding may also look to financial contributions from private entities benefiting from the rail line relocation or improvement project.

Applications must be submitted by **November 28, 2008**. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



NOAA Community Marine Debris Program

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration currently requests applicants for its



FY 2009 Community-based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Program. This grant program provides for locally driven marine debris prevention and removal projects that will benefit coastal habitat and waterways. Up to \$2 million is expected to be available under this program. The NOAA Restoration Center anticipates distributing between 10 and 25 awards that range from \$15,000 to \$250,000, under this solicitation. All state and local governments are eligible to apply for funding. The current closing date for all applications is **October 31, 2008**. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

Rural Health Care Service Outreach

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) currently requests applications for its Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program. This program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. The emphasis of the grant program is on service delivery through collaboration, requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners.

Funding preference will be given to those applicants where the service area is located in officially designated health professional shortage areas or medically underserved communities. Preference will also be given to projects that focus on primary care, and wellness and prevention strategies. It is expected that \$11 million will be made available in the form of roughly 88 separate grant awards. There is no cost-sharing requirement. All public and non-profit entities are eligible to apply for funding. The application deadline is **October 16, 2008**. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service currently seeks applications for its Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program provides funding for the development and maintenance of facilities for transient non-trailerable recreational vessels.



Specifically, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program provides funding to construct, renovate, and maintain either publicly or privately owned boating infrastructure tie-up facilities for transient, non-trailerable recreational vessels. Facilities must provide public access to the federally funded facilities.

Although only State agencies can apply for and receive grants under this program, the program does encourage partnering with local governments. The cost share for this program is 75 percent Federal/ 25 percent State share. All application materials are due **October 31, 2008**. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

In each issue of the *Federal Grants Alert*, Marlowe & Company alerts our clients to a broad range of federal grant opportunities and related funding announcements. Information is provided in summary form along with links to sources of additional information. Please pay particular attention to application deadlines, as several may be quickly approaching.

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